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Ho-Chunk Nation Breaks Ground on Long-Awaited Cultural Resource Center

Ardith Van Riper, Editor
Black River Falls, Wisc. – On May 28, the Ho-Chunk Nation gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Cultural Resource Center, a space dedicated to preserving and honoring the rich culture, history, and community for generations to come. The facility represents a significant investment that has been in the works for fifteen-plus years.

Within the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch, the Heritage Preservation Department includes the Cultural Resources Division, which serves as a preservation advocate and vital resource for the Ho-Chunk Nation's government, tribal members, and the public.

Building on these responsibilities, the Cultural Resources Division provides professional preservation services by representing the Nation in Section 106 and NAGPRA matters, conducting tribally sensitive archaeological work, providing public educational outreach, and ensuring cultural oversight. The division also conducts research, manages archiving, and supports the development of accurate information specific to the Ho-Chunk people.

In ongoing initiatives, the division
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Erin Rave Makes History as First Hoocak Woman on Black River Falls City Council

Kailli Berg

Erin Rave has spent years serving her community, both professionally and through public service.

A Business Application Specialist for the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ward 1 Alderperson for the City of Black River Falls, Rave made history when she became the first Hoocak woman to serve on the Black River Falls City Council in the city's 160-year history.

In a conversation with Hocak Worak, Rave discussed her background, what inspired her to seek elected office and her hopes for the future of Black River Falls.

This interview is edited for brevity and clarity.

Can you tell readers a little about yourself and your background?

I moved to Black River Falls in 2001 from Lac Courte Oreilles, where I was
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Rock Greendeer becomes Journeyman

by Lynette LeGarde, HCG-Beloit Senior Manager-Public Relations

It is never too late to go back to school and go after your goals. That is exactly what Rock Greendeer did at the age of fifty-three in 2019. He enrolled in the Carpenters Training Institute Wisconsin located in Mosinee, Wisconsin. While at the institute he completed four years of schooling and secured employment with Miron Construction as an apprentice. Greendeer graduated in May of this year as a carpenter journeyman. He has been working for Miron Construction as an apprentice for the last year and a half at Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit. He has been working on setting concrete and pouring forms. He has also completed roof blocking on the parking structure.

Greendeer is currently the

only Ho-Chunk tribal member working on this project with the Miron Construction team. He mentioned that every time he gets up in the morning, he thinks about how he is making the tribe better. That is his motivation for this project.

Greendeer said, "I wish more young men or women would get in the trades. They would be amazed at all that comes with it. The benefits right now are amazing for me . . . I'm sixty. I like the idea whenever I decide to retire, which I don't plan on retiring. I can take care of myself, my wife and my relations. I like the idea of setting a good example for the younger guys and the young ladies."

According to Payscale.com the national average for a Journeyman carpenter is \$35.26 hourly. The range is \$24.43-\$55.98 per hour.

On Friday, May 29, 2026, Ho-Chunk Gaming

Beloit Executive Manager Steven Abangan and Miron Construction General Site Superintendent Rick Seely presented Rock Greendeer with logooed items from Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit in recognition of the accomplishment from carpentry apprentice to journeyman.

Steve Abangan said, "It takes much hard work over a long period to achieve what Rock has. I am very impressed with his dedication, hard work, and mostly his pride building KeeCak into something we can all be proud of. I hope others are inspired by his story to take a similar path."

Rick Seely said, "As we began to kick off the Beloit Gaming facility, Rock reached out, showing his excitement and desire to be an integral part of the construction team. Once Rock was on the job, it was apparent to see his pride and dedication not only




to this beautiful project, but also for the opportunity for him to advance his career from Carpenter Apprentice to Journeyman Carpenter. With hard work and dedication to the apprenticeship, Rock has made the recent transition to Journeyman Carpenter. Congratulations Rock and look forward to seeing the

outstanding project progress with your help and passion."

Greendeer plans to complete the Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Construction project to completion. The Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Casino will open in the fall of 2026, and the hotel and conference center will be completed in the fall of 2027.

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Book Review: If the Dead Belong Here by Carson Faust

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr.

Carson Faust's *If the Dead Belong Here* is more than a mystery novel. It is a powerful reflection on the lasting impacts of historical trauma and the importance of healing within Indigenous families and communities. Through a story weaving family history, spiritual connections, and the search for a missing child, Faust reminds readers that the past is never truly gone. Instead, it lives within us, shaping our identities, relationships, and communities.

At the center of the novel is the Taylor family, whose lives change forever with the disappearance of six-year-old Laurel Taylor. As family members search for answers, they confront generations of grief, loss, and unresolved trauma. While the story contains elements of suspense and the supernatural, its true strength lies in its portrayal of how Indigenous people carry both pain and resilience across generations.

What makes *If the Dead Belong Here* especially meaningful for Ho-Chunk readers is its emphasis

on community healing. The novel recognizes wounds left by colonization, displacement, and cultural disruption but does not leave readers in despair. Instead, Faust shows that healing begins when families acknowledge difficult truths, reconnect with cultural teachings, and draw strength from their ancestors. Spiritual traditions throughout the novel remind us that Indigenous ways of knowing continue to offer guidance and comfort in times of hardship.

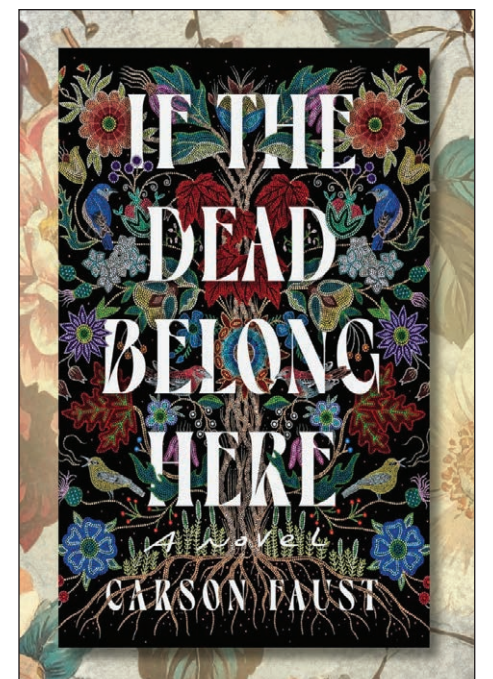
Faust's storytelling reflects a belief shared by many Native communities: that our ancestors remain connected to us and that remembering them is an important part of healing. The novel illustrates how stories, traditions, and family connections can help bridge the gap between past and present. In doing so, it offers a message of hope—that while trauma may be inherited, so too are strength, resilience, and the capacity for healing.

At a time when many Indigenous communities continue to address the effects of historical and intergenerational trauma, *If the Dead Belong Here* reminds us of

the power of storytelling. Stories have long helped Ho-Chunk people preserve history, pass on teachings, and support healing. Faust's novel continues that tradition by encouraging readers to reflect on their family histories and how communities can heal together.

If the Dead Belong Here is a compelling and thoughtful novel that will resonate with Ho-Chunk readers and anyone interested in understanding the importance of memory, culture, and community. The Ho-Chunk Community

Library offers more than 7,000 books and resources, with a particular emphasis on works by Indigenous authors. We are open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm, and also by appointment.



Ho-Chunk Entrepreneur Launches New International Indigenous Music Directory

Ho-Chunk entrepreneur and national radio host Larry Knudsen, known to listeners across Turtle Island as Larry K, has officially launched the new Indigenous in Music Directory, a first-of-its-kind online platform dedicated to connecting and promoting Indigenous artists, musicians, bands, media professionals, and music industry leaders throughout the United States, Canada, and beyond.

The launch comes as Indigenous in Music with Larry K celebrates 20 years of broadcasting Indigenous music and culture across North America. Heard on more than 200 radio stations and streaming platforms, the program has become one of the leading voices supporting Indigenous musicians and storytellers throughout Turtle Island.

Each week, the nationally syndicated radio program features exclusive interviews with Indigenous musicians, entertainers, community leaders, and changemakers, while showcasing the latest Indigenous music from across the globe. The show continues to provide a powerful platform for Native voices, culture, and contemporary Indigenous music.

Knudsen, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and founder of the nationally syndicated radio program, says the new directory was created to strengthen visibility and opportunities for Indigenous creatives while

building stronger connections across Native communities worldwide.

“For nearly 20 years, Indigenous in Music has shared the voices and songs of our people across the airwaves,” said Knudsen. “Now we are taking the next step by creating a place where Indigenous artists and music professionals can be discovered, supported, and celebrated all in one location.”

The new directory features artist profiles, bands, radio programs, record labels, venues, music services, entertainment professionals, and Indigenous-owned businesses connected to the music industry. Members can showcase their work, share media links, promote events, and expand their reach to new audiences around the globe.

The Indigenous in Music Directory is now live and welcoming new members from across Turtle Island and around the world.

Community members are also invited to sign up for the free Indigenous in Music Newsletter to stay informed on new artists, interviews, music releases, events, and opportunities happening throughout Indian Country and beyond.

To learn more, become a member, or subscribe to the newsletter, visit www.IndigenousinMusicDirectory.com.

For more information about the radio program, visit www.IndigenousinMusic.com.



Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be June 19th which will be published on June 26th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Provides Welcome Remarks at the Dane County State of the County Address

Kaili Berg

Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President and District 3 Legislator Lambert Cleveland Jr. welcomed attendees to Dane County’s annual State of the County Address on May 26.

The State of the County Address serves as an opportunity for Dane County officials to reflect on accomplishments, discuss ongoing initiatives and outline priorities for the future.

Cleveland opened his remarks by welcoming attendees and acknowledging the Ho-Chunk Nation’s long history in Teejop, the Ho-Chunk name for the Madison area. He said Nation leaders are focused on preserving that history while planning for the future.

“Our nation is well known for its ancestral presence here in Teejop,” Cleveland said. “But my colleagues and I are focused on building a strong path forward while also honoring and preserving the past.”

Cleveland said Dane County has been an important partner for the Nation. As a legislator whose district covers 36 counties in Wisconsin and five counties in Illinois, he said he works with many local governments and praised Dane County’s approach to public service.

He thanked county employees for their work and recognized County Executive, Melissa Agard, for her role in securing the Hjerlied property in the Town of Dunn, a site that holds cultural and historical significance for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Cleveland called the acquisition one of



Dane County Executive Melissa Agard with Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Lambert Cleveland Jr.

the Nation’s most important preservation efforts in recent decades, comparing it to the creation of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve and the restoration of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant property.

“We are deeply grateful for your leadership on this issue, Melissa,” Cleveland said.

Cleveland said the Nation hopes to continue working with Dane County on future projects and emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong relationship between the two governments.

“We value the relationship between Dane County and the Ho-Chunk Nation and we look forward to continuing this work together in a good way,” Cleveland said.

DNR Hosting Listening Session To Gather Feedback About PFAS Law Program Development

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced a public listening session to gather feedback from individuals and communities about the agency’s PFAS law program development.

2025 Wisconsin Act 200 and 2025 Wisconsin Act 201 authorize the DNR to develop programs to understand the prevalence of PFAS throughout Wisconsin and then address it. The DNR has flexibility for how the programs are implemented but state law defines the type of activities that may be funded. Some of these activities include:

- Addressing contamination in public water systems
 - Sampling drinking water at schools and daycares
 - Sampling high-capacity irrigation wells
 - Sampling of biosolids, sludge and other wastewater
 - Landfill leachate treatment systems for municipally owned landfills
 - Investigation, interim actions, immediate actions and remedial actions in the community
 - Technical assistance to local units of government
- The DNR is hosting a public listening session virtually on June 19, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to gather

feedback about implementation of the programs authorized by these laws. Registration is required to attend this listening session. Those who are unable to attend or prefer to share feedback in writing can use this form.

It’s critical for the DNR to hear your thoughts now so they can be considered during program development and implementation.

Some potential topics of feedback could include:

- How the DNR allocates funding for different uses or to different types of applicants.
 - The process to apply for funding, such as what has
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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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Visit from Representatives of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Focuses on Transportation Infrastructure and the Tribal Transportation Program

On June 2, the Ho-Chunk Nation was pleased to welcome representatives from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska for a visit focused on transportation infrastructure and the Tribal Transportation Program.

Guests met with Ho-Chunk Nation legislators and staff at the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Agency in Tomah and toured transportation

projects and community developments across Ho-Chunk communities.

Pinagigi to the Transportation Agency staff for hosting the visit and sharing their knowledge and expertise. Visits like these provide valuable opportunities for Tribal Nations to learn from one another.



Representatives from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Ho-Chunk Nation leadership, and staff from the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Agency gather at the Transportation Agency in Tomah at the start of a meeting focused on transportation infrastructure and the Tribal Transportation Program.



L to R: Susie Baker, District 3 Council Member, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Kyle Taylor, Tribal Council Treasurer, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Angie Starkel, Vice Chairwoman, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Kyle White Eagle, Representative, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature; Candace Schmidt, Tribal Chairwoman, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; and Lambert Cleveland Jr., Vice President, Ho-Chunk Nation.

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Join us for an evening of LEARNING • CONNECTION • ACTION
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival will honor the legacy of Harry Whitehorse June 19-27

By Omar Waheed
Reprint from Madison365

The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival returns for its second run as it looks to honor the legacy of its titular artist.

The festival honors the legacy of Harry Whitehorse, a Ho-Chunk Indigenous artist who died in 2017. It was founded by Whitehorse's wife, Deb, and his mentee Gene Delcourt as the two wanted to keep his name alive. The festival invites artists from around the world for a week to craft wood sculptures that will later be donated all over Monona.

"It does bring a lot of attention to Harry's work. I was always nervous because you just weren't hearing his name anymore," Delcourt said. "I want his art to live on, because he was one of my big inspirations."

Whitehorse was a longtime artist born in 1927 near the Indian Mission in Black River Falls. His journey as an artist began at an early age as an apprentice to his uncle George Seymour, a silversmith, carver and artist.

He served in World War II where he used the opportunity to see art museums around the world. Whitehorse's art disciplines have been in metals; cars, especially from the shop he owned, Chief Auto Body, painting, and one of his most notable ventures in woodworking.

His wood carvings of birds are known for their meticulous process, where Whitehorse would carve out every single feather.

Delcourt met Whitehorse when he was in graduate school. He wanted to carve wood, but no one at the

University of Wisconsin's art department was really focused on that area at the time. He was encouraged to reach out to Whitehorse, who would mentor Delcourt.

Delcourt had the idea to bring a wood carving festival to the area for around 30 years. In 2022, he attended a symposium in Germany and discussed the idea with his wife on the flight home. They figured, if they don't do it now, then they probably never would.

At the same time, Delcourt had a growing concern over keeping Whitehorse's legacy alive. He reached out to Deb, and the two then spoke with then Monona City Council member and now Mayor Nancy Moore.

"He's got so many public sculptures across Madison, so when Gene came up with this idea, it was a lightbulb that went off and said, 'Wow. That's the answer,'" Deb said. "I think the first one was successful, and hopefully that momentum carries us to an even greater success."

This festival is different from others Delcourt has attended around the world. Delcourt and Deb "didn't want to pull any punches" and packed the week with activities.

Instead of having artists rent canopies to stay in, they wanted to be true to Whitehorse and Ho-Chunk culture. Wigwags are made for artists instead.

Food is another big effort. The two wanted the entire festival to feel like a community, so meals are eaten as a big group around the greater area.

The artists also get a taste of Madison's vibrant arts scene with tours of public works across greater Madison and a bus ride to see many of Whitehorse's




The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival (Photo courtesy of Aaron Krish)

works.

"It's really unique, and for many, especially the artists coming from Europe, Indian things are very, very intriguing," Delcourt said. "They love seeing that and getting to meet Native people, and to work with some."

The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival will be held June 19-27 at San Damiano Park, 4123 Monona Dr. It will be held all day, every day. No registration is required; it is free to attend.

Delcourt encourages people to stop by each day throughout the festival for at least a little bit to see how the sculptures progress.



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Deb Haaland celebrates primary win in New Mexico

'We need more women in power. We've had a lot of time with men in power'

By Kalle Benallie
Reprint from ICT
ALBUQUERQUE — In a centuries-old town, Deb Haaland celebrated her nomination as the Democratic candidate for governor of New Mexico against Sam Bregman. If she wins in November against Republican Gregory Hull, she will become the first Native American woman to be governor in the United States.

"We're showing everyone that a better New Mexico is possible," Haaland said, who is Laguna Pueblo. "New Mexicans want a leader who will stand up for

working people and who is ready to take on Donald Trump. I proudly accept your nomination as the Democratic nominee of the great state of New Mexico."

Nearly 200 people attended Haaland's watch party in Old Town Plaza. They walked around, enjoyed a cocktail at a local bar, and sipped on agua frescas from a food truck during the summer evening. Multiple signs were scattered around that read: "Governor 2026 Deb Haaland New Mexico."

Before Haaland arrived on the stage to talk about her campaign and acceptance
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Democratic Primary winner Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, at the center of Albuquerque's Old Town speaking to a crowd of 200 people on June 2, 2026. (Kalle Benallie/ICT)



A yellow sign for Deb Haaland's governor race that was placed on the grass at Old Town in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 2, 2026. (Kalle Benallie/ICT)

2026 Family Healing Camp Pre-Registration OPEN



Online Registration: Scan QR Code or
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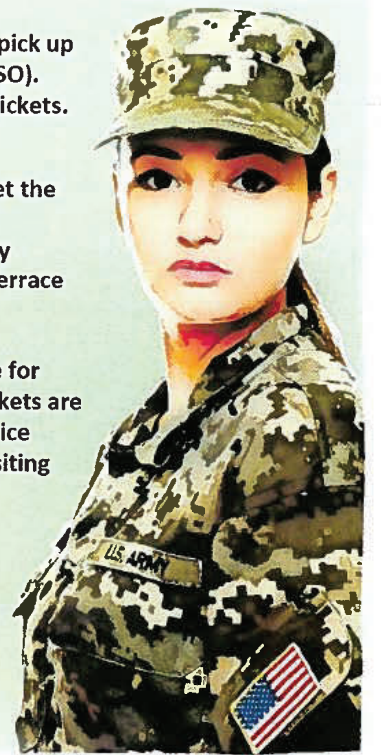
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Tickets available May 26 - July 2

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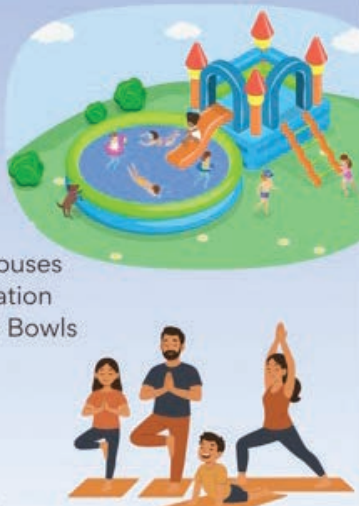


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June 12-14
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June 27
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July 24
German Fest Military Appreciation Day \$5 admission for everyone

July 24-26
German Fest free admission active military/veterans all weekend +1 all weekend

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Wisconsin State Fair free admission before 4PM military/veteran +3; daily discounted admission for veteran is \$13.00

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Irish Fest free admission military/veteran +1, stop by the Onóir Lookout

August 21
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August 22-23
Mexican Fiesta free admission Noon-1PM military/veteran only

2026

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DD Form 214
NGB 22/23
Membership card for
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worked well in the past or created barriers to applying for funding.

- What technical assistance or support is most needed.
- How the DNR can share information about funding opportunities to the greatest number of potential applicants.
- The types of materials and information you would need from the DNR to understand these programs and potentially apply for funding.

Updates about implementation of these laws are available on the DNR's website and you can also sign up to receive updates through email.

Information About PFAS
PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals that have been used for decades in various products, such as non-stick cookware, fast food wrappers, stain-resistant sprays and certain types of firefighting foams. These contaminants have made their way into the environment in a variety

of ways, including spills of PFAS-containing materials, discharges of PFAS-containing wastewater to treatment plants and the use of certain types of firefighting foams.

PFAS do not break down in the environment and have been discovered at concentrations of concern in groundwater, surface water and drinking water. These chemicals are known to accumulate in the human body, posing several risks to human health including certain cancers, liver damage and decreased fertility.

Information about PFAS can also be found on the DNR's PFAS webpage and on the Wisconsin DHS website.

Event Details
What: Virtual Public Listening Session
When: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 19, 2026

Where: Virtual. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DjqDDxezRU-5FOGtr1_RqQ#/ registration

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2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

What is the PIT

The PIT Count is a one-day snapshot of the people experiencing homelessness in our communities.

What you will do

Volunteers go into the community unsheltered areas (such as streets, parks, and encampments)—to help identify individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Volunteers respectfully engage with people, explain the purpose of the count, and ask them a brief set of survey questions to collect information on demographics, living situation, and immediate needs.

Locations (Ho-Chunk Tribal Lands)

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Wednesday, July 22–23, 2026

Available Shifts 11 pm–1 am and 4 am–6 am

If you would like to be a volunteer please reach out to Lynnette Henry, Coordinated Entry Lead Specialist at (715) 284-2622 or lynnette.henry@ho-chunk.com or scan QR code.



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TRIBAL VETERANS DAY

— AT THE HIGHGROUND —

★ JUNE 25, 2026 ★



1:00 PM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AND SOCIAL



2:00 PM
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*Honoring our past.
Respecting our service.
Building our future.*



The Highground Veterans Memorial Park
W7031 Ridge Rd. Neillsville, WI 54456
Phone: 715-743-4224
Email: museum@thehighground.org
A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization



Wittenberg ENERGY FAIR

Building a Sustainable Future – Together



DATE
JUNE 29, 2026



TIME
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



LOCATION
Siga Funmaker Community Center
W17634 Radke Rd,
Wittenberg, WI 54499

Join us for an evening of
LEARNING • CONNECTION • OPPORTUNITY

FEATURING



TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Explore career opportunities and resources that build a stronger future.



EDUCATION DEPT.
Learn about educational programs and support for lifelong success.



RED CLOUD RENEWABLE
Our goal is to bring forward not just information, but real pathways that community members can connect with and build on.



Meal WILL BE PROVIDED!



Door Prizes!
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Everyone is Welcome!

Let's work together toward a sustainable, healthy, and prosperous future for our community.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  Regina Funmaker (715) 284-9343 Ext: 11348

or email:  regina.funmaker@ho-chunk.com



Wisconsin Dells ENERGY FAIR

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE Future-Together

Join us for an evening of
LEARNING • CONNECTION • ACTION
as we work together toward a clean, sustainable future for our community.



DATE
7/1/26



TIME
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



LOCATION
House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913

FEATURING



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TOGETHER, STRONGER TODAY. CLEANER TOMORROW.

 LEARN

 CONNECT

 COLLABORATE

 CREATE CHANGE

All are welcome!




Student of the Month June 2026 Aralynn Stewart



1st Grade - Wyeville Elementary
Parents: Jessica Holland & Lucas Stewart


Aralynn is an enthusiastic and caring student who brings a positive attitude to school every day. She enjoys learning new things and is always willing to put forth her best effort, even when faced with challenges. This year, her hard work and perseverance were recognized with a 4th Quarter Mathematics Award for her outstanding growth and achievement. Aralynn is respectful, kind, and a supportive friend to her classmates. She continues to practice and build her skills at home, showing a strong commitment to her education. In her free time, Aralynn enjoys swimming, playing basketball, spending time outdoors, working on crafts, and exploring her love of math.



Student of the Month June 2026 Winona Stevens

Pijhimaąnijiga (Walking Good)

Graduate Professional
University of Washington - Tacoma
Parents: Justine Whitegull-Archer & James Fortner Jr.



Winona Stevens, Pijhimaąnijiga, is graduating with a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership. Her passion for advocacy and community service has led her to support the rights of Native people involved in the justice system and contribute to the development of Native American Reentry Services. Following graduation, she plans to apply her doctoral research to improve prison and reentry programs, strengthen Indigenous urban support systems, and help shape corrections policies and legislation. Beyond her academic and professional work, Winona is a proud Gaga to Xander, Aiyana, and Divine. She enjoys sewing, crocheting, and spending time with her two Rottweilers, Gaius and Ono. After graduation, she is excited to learn carting with her dogs and spend time catching up on her favorite sci-fi movies and K-Dramas.




Student of the Month June 2026 ChyloCree Belisle



12th Grade - Black River Falls High School
Parents: Lael & Tracee Hall

ChyloCree has been a high honor roll student throughout high school while balancing academics, athletics, and leadership activities. She has been a Varsity Basketball player for 2 years and a Varsity Softball player for 3 years, showing dedication, teamwork, and commitment both on and off the field. Chylo is also an active member of the Wasik Wacek Club. After graduation, she plans to attend UW-Green Bay to major in Psychology and continue working toward her future goals.

MAA HINA'U WIIRA June HARVEST OF THE MONTH Mąąhijc Milkweed




Roasted Milkweed Pods with Garlic Yogurt

About Milkweed

- Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) is a tall, sun-loving native plant found across the eastern U.S. and Canada, often seen in fields, roadsides, and prairies.
- It gets its name from the milky sap that leaks from broken stems and leaves.
- It is a critical host plant for monarch butterflies and many other pollinators as well.
- The plant produces large seed pods filled with silky seeds that float in the wind. One plant can produce up to 100 seeds per pod.
- Many parts of the milkweed plant can be eaten after it is cooked, including the buds, flowers, young leaves and unripe pods (less than 2 inches).
- Harvesting shoots does not kill the plant. They continue to grow new shoots that produce buds, flowers, pods and seeds.

For more info:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/asclepias_syriaca.shtml
www.bio.brandeis.edu/fieldbio/edible_plants/milkweed

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



Ingredients:

- 12 oz (about 3 cups) young milkweed pods (1-1½ inches long)
- 3 tbsp sunflower oil (or other oil available)
- 2 tsp ground sumac (can substitute lemon juice or zest, or paprika if desired)
- ¼ tsp salt
- For the dip:
- ¼ cup yogurt
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Pinch of salt

Steps:

- Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add the milkweed pods and simmer for 2-3 minutes, gently pushing them under with a slotted spoon.
- Transfer pods to a bowl of cold water. Once cool, pat dry with a clean towel.
- Place pods in a bowl. Drizzle with oil and toss with sumac and salt.
- Preheat oven to 400°F. Spread pods on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Roast for 30-35 minutes, until browned and crisp on the outside.

Make the dip:

- Mix yogurt with crushed garlic and a pinch of salt.
- Serve the roasted pods hot or at room temperature with the garlic dip on the side.

Recipe inspired by: <https://www.gardenista.com/posts/milkweed-pods-native-vegetable/>

**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

HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIV.
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>
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HO-CHUNK HOUSE OF WELLNESS

Medication questions? Ask a pharmacist in person!

Multiple questions? CMRs available!

Comprehensive Medication Review

- Pharmacist goes over all of your medications with you
- Identifies any issues
- Answers questions or concerns

What can I bring with me?

- A medication list or pill bottles, including:
 - Prescriptions
 - Over-the-counter medications
 - Vitamins/supplements
 - Inhalers, blood sugar testing supplies, and other devices
- Written-down questions and/or concerns
- Health tracking data, such as:
 - Blood pressure logs
 - Blood glucose logs
 - A1c or other lab values

When/Where?

Tribal Aging Units
Wednesdays
10:30am - 1:30pm
No Appointment Needed!

- 6/10/26 - Black River Falls
- 6/17/26 - Tomah
- 7/1/26 - Nekoosa
- 7/14/26 - Wittenberg***
- 7/15/26 - Tomah (Elder Picnic)
- 8/5/26 - WI Dells
- 8/12/26 - Black River Falls
- 8/19/26 - Tomah
- 9/2/26 - Nekoosa
- 9/9/26 - Wittenberg
- 9/16/26 - WI Dells

***Tuesday, not Wednesday
Future dates TBD

Contact Us 608-355-5177

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Pharmacy

JUNE 2026

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 OPEN BRF	2 OPEN BRF	3 OPEN BRF	4 OPEN BRF	5 CLOSED MONTHLY SHIPMENT
8 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	9 OPEN BRF	10 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10 AM- 1:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH- ALEX	11 REEDSBURG HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF	12 WI DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
15 OPEN BRF	16 OPEN BRF	17 TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N- 1:00 PM	18 OPEN BRF	19 LA CROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF
22 OPEN BRF	23 OPEN BRF	24 NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM Nutrition Booth - Alex	25 OPEN BRF	26 OPEN BRF
29 OPEN BRF LAST PICK-UP DAY NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	30 CLOSED INVENTORY			

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS




TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE

HHCDA will be **closed to the public** beginning Saturday, June 13, through the anticipated completion date of June 27 while driveway construction is underway.

Tenant services remain available by appointment.

HHCDATenantServices@ho-chunk.com
 (608) 374-1245

Please contact us to schedule an appointment.

We appreciate your patience as we complete these improvements and will continue to provide updates on access, parking, and traffic changes.



Please use caution when visiting and follow posted signs to help keep everyone safe.

A Community Thank You
 This project is made possible through the generous support and partnership of Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority (HTA), Brett Blackdeer, and the HTA Team. Your partnership helps us better serve Ho-Chunk families.

Thank you for your patience and care as we complete this work. Please watch for crews and stay safe.
 - Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA)
 A HUD-funded, nonprofit housing organization serving the Ho-Chunk Nation



HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SUMMER 2026 BLOCK PARTIES

"A Summer of Mental Wellness"

10am-3pm


- JUNE 10- WITTENBERG
@ Siga Funmaker Community Center
- JUNE 24 - TOMAH
@ Ho-Chunk Cinema Parking lot
- JULY 8 - BARABOO
@ South YellowThunder Rd
Pavillion behind House of Wellness
- JULY 22 - NEKOOSA
@ Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa
- JULY 29 - MADISON
@ Teejop Hocira Community Center
- AUGUST 12 - BLACK RIVER FALLS
@ Sandpellow Baseball Field


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, Jamie.Decorah@ho-chunk.com, Ronelle.McKernan@ho-chunk.com




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2026 GRADUATE SHOWCASE





Congrats!



The *Hocak Worak* will spotlight our 2026 College, High School, and Head Start graduates.

Families will need to email the following before **June 19** for their graduate to appear in the showcase:

1. Photo
2. Name of Graduate
3. Hoocak Name (optional)
4. Guardians' Names
5. Place Graduating From
6. College Degree Name
7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activities

NEWSLETTER@ho-chunk.com

You can't go back
 & change the beginning,
 but you can start
 where you are
 & change the ending.

C.S. Lewis




ATTENTION Ho-Chunk Nation Members

The Annual General Council Meeting is on
September 19, 2026.

The deadline to submit a proposed resolution is
July 21, 2026.

A fillable resolution form is available on the
 Ho-Chunk Nation website under the
 Office of General Council tab.



Submit proposed resolutions to:
Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com

Glen Eric Greengrass

April 28, 1961 – June 2, 2026

Glen Eric Greengrass
April 28, 1961 – June 2, 2026
Walked on, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, age 65 years. Loving dad of Glen Jones, Olivia Jones, Ronnie Jones and Walter Jones. Dear Cooka of Nazario, Kevin, Nova, Eddie, Oscar, Alex, L.J., and the late Anthony. Brother of Colleen, Angie and Suzette. Also survived by nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Visitation at the Funeral Home on Friday, June 5, 2026, 9:00 am - 12 Noon. Funeral Ceremony at 12 Noon officiated by Eric Logan. Interment to follow at Forest Home Cemetery.



Marlys Raguel Whiteagle

July 27, 1953 – May 26, 2026



Marlys Whiteagle, age 72 of Madison, WI, walked on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. Devotions will be held at Teejop Hochira, the Ho-Chunk Madison Community Building (4724 Tradewinds Parkway, Madison, WI 53718), on Thursday, May 28th, starting at 5:00 pm for the meal and at 7:00 pm for the service. The commitment service is at 11:00 am on Friday, May 29th, at the Madison Community Building, followed by the burial at 1:00 pm at Roselawn Memorial Garden, (401 Femrite Drive, Monona, WI).

Marlys was born on July 27, 1953, in Somerville, New Jersey, the daughter of Calvin and Georgina (Greengrass) Whiteagle. Marlys's first love and passion was her family, and she poured all of her love into daughter Miriam, grandsons Manny, Louie, and Joey, and great-

granddaughter Dailana. Her second passion was working for her people in the Ho-Chunk Nation as a whole, through her involvement in boards and committees, as a Ho-Chunk legislator, and more specifically, as an advocate, mentor, friend, and ally. Marlys was proud of her career as a Steamfitter and was an avid inventor, holding many patents and pursuing creative ventures in her quest to do everything better. Marlys loved to travel, whether that be trips to Florida or the Grand Canyon, or planned trips to pan for gold in northern Wisconsin or go to northern Finland to meet the Sami people. She encouraged those around her to always follow their dreams and to bet on themselves. Mostly, she loved life.

She is survived by her wife, Frances Wiedenhoeft; her daughter, Miriam Eden Whiteagle (Carlos Torres); grandsons Manners Rain Whiteagle (Desirae Whiteagle), Louis Sky Torres, and Joel Manape Torres; great-granddaughter Dailana Whiteagle; and sisters Muriel Whiteagle Lee and Melody Whiteagle Fintak. She is preceded in death by her parents, Calvin Whiteagle and Georgina (Greengrass) Whiteagle, and by siblings Marguerite Whiteagle, Timothy Whiteagle, Marliisa Wiederholt, Mara Whiteagle-Roland, Talbot Whiteagle, and Troy Whiteagle.

Mathew Micheal Somers

August 19, 1994 – May 15, 2026



Mathew Micheal Somers, known lovingly to many as "Rain," passed away on May 15, 2026, in Amarillo, Texas, at the age of 31. Born on August 19, 1994, in Beloit, Wisconsin, Mathew lived a life defined by movement, warmth, and an irrepressible spirit that drew people to him wherever he went.

From an early age, Mathew possessed a free-spirited nature that would come to define his journey through life. Outgoing and bubbly, he had a way of lighting up every room he entered. Those who knew

him best cherished his unfiltered honesty, a quality that made his friendships genuine and his presence unforgettable.

He was a true traveler, never content to stay in one place for long, always seeking new horizons and experiences that broadened his understanding of the world. His passions for fashion and animals further revealed the depth of his character, reflecting both his creative eye and his tender heart.

Mathew was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Deana Goodbear. He is survived by his father, Christopher Somers; his brothers, Jacob Somers and Nicholas Somers; and his sister, Cassandra Ware. He is also survived by the many friends and kindred spirits he gathered throughout his travels.

May he now find the peace and boundless freedom he always sought in this life.

A funeral service was held on May 22, 2026, at Buswell Funeral Home in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Mathew was laid to rest at Goodbear Cemetery near Friendship, Wisconsin, returning home to the land of his family. Buswell Funeral Home, Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marjorie Carol (Cloud) Whitman

October 13, 1963 – June 5, 2026

Marjorie Carol Whitman, Hap huuheiga, "Coming of the Day", age 62, of Lyndon Station, WI, walked on peacefully on Friday, June 5, 2026 surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral Service will be held Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells at 12:00 Noon with Dave Whiteagle officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Margie will be laid to rest at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Margie was born October 13, 1963 in Baraboo, WI, to Alvin and Gladys (Blackdeer) Cloud. Margie was a devoted wife, married for 28 years to Wayne Whitman. She made a beautiful life with her husband and two loving children, Kidd and Tina. Margie was a woman of many talents. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, as well as yard work. Marge also enjoyed hunting with her family. Margie was an extremely hard-working woman who wasn't afraid of manual labor; she held various jobs within the Nation's housing as well as the casino. Marge's hard work didn't go unseen. She was awarded "Businesswoman of the Year" twice. Margie had enough room in her heart for all of her family but

kept a special place just for her precious grandchildren; Enyce, Aria, Nara, and Sir Bishop. Margie devoted herself to the people she loved with true compassion.

Margie is survived by her children, Kidd Cloud of Lyndon Station, Tina (Anthony) Barrea of Necedah, and sister Janet McKee (Matt) of Wisconsin Dells, WI. She is preceded by her parents Alvin and Gladys Cloud, husband Wayne Whitman; paternal grandparents Edward and Ruth Cloud, maternal grandparents Wilbur and Emily Blackdeer; brothers, Carson, Orrin, and Edward Cloud; sister Marlene Stand and nephew Jeremy Wilson.



Susette Kae LaMere

October 11, 1949 – June 7, 2026



Susette Kae LaMere, "Aracejga" (Left Handed), age 76, of Tomah, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, June 7, 2026. She was born on October 11, 1949, to Peter LaMere Jr. and Iva Hopinkah. Throughout her life, she served in many roles within the Ho-Chunk Nation, dedicating herself to her people, community, and family with quiet strength and unwavering compassion.

Though small in stature, Susette lived a remarkable life filled with purpose, generosity, and love. She was known for always looking out for others and offering support wherever it was needed. A talented seamstress and gifted artist, her work was recognized and featured at the Madison Museum. She was also a proud holder of Princess titles at numerous Pow Wows and was well known for her love of fashion. Her creativity and entrepreneurial spirit led her to establish her own business, Pale Moon Fashions, where she shared her talent and passion with others.

Susette enjoyed many of life's simple pleasures, including bowling, fishing, and camping. She expressed her love through food, sharing her joy to her family, friends, and coworkers with her cooking and baking.

Faith, community and culture were central to Susette's life. She faithfully served for many years as a Wisconsin and local church officer for the Native American Church, helping guide and strengthen those around her through her devotion and leadership.

Susette was known for her love of family and the care she showed to those around her. She treasured time spent with her children and grandchildren and enjoyed sharing stories, laughter, and memories with those she loved. Soft-spoken yet possessing a powerful presence, Susette was a steadfast source of love, wisdom, and encouragement to her family and friends.

Susette is survived by her children, Marcus Hartwell, Elaina Daugherty, Desirae Robarge, Sulynn LaMere, Casey You, Kelly Westphal, and Latoya Aguilar; and by her beloved grandchildren, Haley, Forest, Orion, Wacozu, and Niyanta. She also leaves behind other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Sage Daugherty; her daughter, Marcy Hartwell; and her sister, Collette (LaMere) Guy.

Commitment Services will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, NOON, at the LaMere homestead, 9590 State Hwy 173, Tomah, WI 54660. Joseph White Eagle Sr. will officiate. Burial will follow in the Blue Wing Cemetery, Tomah. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. A prayer meeting will take place immediately following the visitation out at the LaMere homestead, with a meal beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com

Lana Dobbs July 31, 1963 – June 8, 2026

Lana Louise Dobbs, Cha-mink-ga, age 62 of Port Edwards, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home.

Services will be at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Chak Ha Chee Community Center in Nekoosa. Burial will be at Decorah Cemetery in Black River Falls. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at Chak Ha Chee on Wednesday.

Lana was born July 31, 1963, in La Crosse to William and Cecelia (Starr) Dobbs.

Lana attended Onalaska High, then served in the United States Air Force. She later found a love for baking and crafting. Putting these skills to use, she became an amazing baker and shared her "delectable delights" at Three Bears Resort as executive pastry chef, where she shared the kitchen with her chef son, Matthew. More recently, she worked at Let's Create craft store in Wisconsin Rapids where she formed a second loving family of fellow paper crafters. She spent her summers at Lake Petenwell, and attended many bluegrass festivals in Wisconsin and beyond with her life partner, Jim. Lana also had a madcap flair for celebrating her birthdays with zany antics. More than anything,

she loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

Lana is survived by her life partner, Jim Markland, son Will Tress (Heather Lissner), grandchildren Sage Tress, Aeary Tress, and Joseph Tress, sister Leah Dobbs, and nieces Cecelia Dobbs Link, Ashley Susan Wajdyk, and Zachary Stryker Wajdyk.

Lana is preceded in death by her sons, Joseph Tress and Matthew Tress. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Edgewater Haven Nursing Home for their kindness and care.



Carlyle R. Greendeer October 8, 1982 – May 24, 2026



Carlyle Greendeer, XaatapHoniwawak "Runs Toward the Forest", age 43 of Reedsburg, Wisconsin walked on Sunday, May 24, 2026 at University Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 12:00 noon at Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin with Richard "Duffy" Mann officiating. Burial will be at the Indian Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Conway Picha Funeral Home on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 noon.

Carlyle was born October 8, 1982 in Baraboo, Wisconsin the son of Frederick Greendeer and Roberta Funmaker. Carlyle was an all around athlete growing up. From little league baseball to Reedsburg Basketball Boys Club in his younger years. In high school Carlyle was a standout All-Conference Offensive Tackle his senior year. He played basketball all four years, threw discus and shot put for track 3 years. He was a multiple letter winner in 3 sports for the Reedsburg Beavers. He went on to play college basketball for a season UW-Baraboo. He and his brothers

came up with a basketball team Oak Park. They would travel around to participate in various native and open tournaments in their adult years. Carlyle graduated with his associate degree from MATC in Madison.

He found his calling when he was hired as a Language Apprentice for the Language Division for the HooCak Nation. He essentially became a sponge soaking all that he could. In time, his knowledge of the language grew, and he became a Language teacher. Later transferring into various roles throughout the Language Division, and also, Heritage and Preservation. Carlyle in all this time was a loving Jaaji (father), and husband to his kids and Wife. A dependable brother, son, and friend. His wittiness, personality, humor, and smile was could light up a room. He was very reserved when he had to be. His kindness, and loving nature was one of his many good traits. He loved his traditional ways, and always was available to help. He was a devoted Husband, Jaaji (Father), Brother, Son, Teega (Uncle), Friend, and Cooka (grandfather). He will be dearly missed by many, but forgotten by none. We love you Bugzee! Always and forever!

Carlyle is survived by his sons, Jalen Roman, Lincoln Montelongo and Ryan Greendeer; daughter, Randi Greendeer; mother, Roberta Funmaker; brothers, Cameron Stiles Greendeer, Cody Greendeer, Fredrick Greendeer and Nathan Miller; and a sister, Diane Greendeer Mallory. He was preceded in death by his father, Frederick Greendeer and a sister, Carly Autumn Greendeer.

Arlene Shegonee May 26, 1937 – June 4, 2026

Arlene M. Shegonee, "Aahugišinjšini" (ah-hoo-gi-shinnee-shinnee) Gleaming or Shiny Wing age 89, of Sigel, walked peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Services will be at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids. Robert Mann will officiate. Burial will be at Shegonee Cemetery in Arpin. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home on Sunday.

Arlene was born May 26, 1937, in Wisconsin Rapids to William and Lena (Whitepine) Shegonee. She was formerly married to Charles Evans, and together they had three

children.

Ama loved her family especially her great-grandbabies. She enjoyed watching the Brewers and never missed a game. She was always smiling, and when she did, her whole face would light up. Those close to her know that a phone call or voicemail always started with a unique Ama tune.

Arlene is survived by children: Tony (Steph), Tina (Ray), and Terry (Kelly); grandchildren: Westley (Jenny), Charley (Jeff), ToniRae (DJ), and Brooke; great-grandchildren: Ollie, Naomi, Arlo, and Rudy. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Lena; siblings: Lillian, Naomi, Ellsworth, Celeste, William, Samuel, Oliver, Patricia, and Leland.

The family would like to thank Dr. Soskos and his staff, Jessica Geiger, and the staff of St. Croix Hospice. The family would like to give special thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nursing team, Maranna, Patsy, and Mary, and thank you to C-Ann and Wilbert Cleveland, Jeanne and Sydney for all their assistance, and the Warrior Clan.



Constance "Connie" F. Lonetree July 24, 1935 – May 23, 2026

Constance "Connie" Lonetree, age 90 of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, CooNaakeCoowj "Blue Blackbear Woman", walked on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at her residence.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 12:00 noon at Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin with Scott Murkve officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Visitation will be held at Conway Picha Funeral Home on Thursday from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 noon.

Connie was born July 24, 1935 in Tomah, Wisconsin at the Tomah Indian Hospital, the daughter of Francis and Florence (Littlejohn) LaMere. She graduated from Portage High School in 1956 and married Edward Lonetree on April 23, 1963 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She furthered her education and became a licensed practical nurse in 1962, attended the Cook Christian Training School in Phoenix, Arizona followed by enrolling in the registered nurse program in Rochester, Minnesota. She served on the Tribal Board of Elders and was a youth counselor. Connie was an adventurous individual and feared no new venture.



On a lighter note, in her younger years with her three sisters, together they formed a singing group called the LaMere Sisters and performed around the country with their talents. Connie loved family get togethers, pow-wows and other tribal events, supporting the local casino along with enjoying food and fellowship.

Connie is survived by a son, Daryl; sisters, Joanne LaMere, Lenore Sweet and brother, Larry LaMere and by the large extended relatives of the Lonetree's, LaMere's, Littlejohn's, Bighorn's, Decorah's, Littlesam's and Sweet's. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edward; daughter, Lana Lynn; sister, Francile Bighorn; and brothers, Duane and Francis LaMere, Jr.

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is establishing a research library and archival area to support both tribal and external researchers interested in Ho-Chunk history and culture.

Furthermore, it is developing a comprehensive preservation code to safeguard cultural objects, burial sites, and historic or prehistoric sites unique to the Nation.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, John Stacy served as the Master of Ceremonies, while the Little Thunder Singers rendered honor songs.

Continuing the ceremony, the Ho-

Chunk Nation Traditional Chief and Heritage Preservation Director, Clayton Winneshiek, offered an invocation and a ground blessing.

Following these opening moments, the Cultural Resources Division Manager and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Bill Quackenbush, highlighted the events that brought the building site to fruition.

Additionally, Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President and District 3 Legislator, acknowledged the hard work of individuals prior to the groundbreaking ceremony and highlighted the importance of the

Cultural Resource Center project.

The theme of honoring the future continued as Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer remarked on the project's benefit for future generations of the people. He believes this represents the beginning of a way to teach and share traditional cultural values of the Ho-Chunk people.

Representatives from project partners also contributed to the ceremony. Andrew Daniels, Senior Vice President at Miron Construction, recognized the ongoing partnership between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Miron Construction,

highlighting previous collaborative projects. Miron Construction Co., Inc. is a family-owned business based in Neenah, WI.

Alongside construction partners, Senior Architect from ISG, Alyssa Campbell, shared her excitement about working on the project.

Looking ahead, the future Cultural Resource Center will be located at N7259 Branched Antlers Avenue in Black River Falls, WI. The Ho-Chunk Nation anticipates construction on the new center will be complete as early as next year.



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:

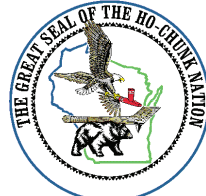
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Shall not be appointed nor serve as a Commissioner of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency

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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

Thank you,
Denise Wright
Executive Director
Department of Housing



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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 | 5:30 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026 | 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, June 15 2026
6:00pm CST

VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Available via WebEx
Wednesday, June 17 2026
6:00pm PST

5/21/2026 - updated



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

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 - Rep. Sandra Whitewing sandra.whitewing@ho-chunk.com (715)-896-9183
 - Aide: Jennifer Adams jennifer.adams@ho-chunk.com (715)-284-9343x11284
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The institutional review board is having a regular meeting on Wednesday June 24th at 4PM. We review any research done on Ho-Chunk properties or with Ho-Chunk people. Our meeting will be virtual to allow access to anyone who is interested. You can connect via the information below.

Join by computer: Meeting link: https://ho-chunk.webex.com/ho-chunk/j.php?MTID=m6cc25bd6da6b067622f03f10a319bfa Meeting number: 2494 425 7346 Meeting password: 7Dm58RvbDnX	Join by phone: +1-415-655-0002 Access code: 24944257346
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Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board



WebEx/Election Board Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Election Board Meeting - 9:00 AM

Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells, WI

The public will be allowed to observe in person or through WebEx

Repost reminder 06/09/2026

Orion Miner Finishes Freshman Season Among Minnesota's Top Golfers

Kaili Berg

What started as a hobby with friends has quickly turned into an athletic achievement for 15-year-old Orion Miner (Huucsep Huukga).

The Ho-Chunk youth recently completed his freshman season at Hinckley-Finlayson High School in Minnesota, finishing ranked 17th among Class A golfers in the state and fourth among all freshmen golfers.

For Miner, golf wasn't a lifelong pursuit. He first picked up the sport after being introduced to it by a friend named Iverson and has been playing competitively for two years.

"I go to the range and hit some balls, and then I go out and play," Miner said about his practice routine. "Every day."

Whether playing nine or 18 holes, Miner spends much of his free time on the course. His dedication has helped him rise through the ranks of Minnesota high school golf faster than anyone in his family expected.

"It's crazy to think that just a year ago he would come this far," said his uncle, Branden Miner. "He's improved at all aspects of the sport. It's awesome."

Golf has become a family affair for the Miners. Orion's father, Derek Miner, mother, Mavis Lowry, and uncles Branden and Ryan Miner all support his passion for the game. His uncles frequently

golf with him before work, while other family members help with equipment, transportation and tournament travel.

"Our whole family is a golfing family," Branden Miner said. "Now that Orion really kicked into gear, we go out daily with him. If the course is booked, he'll find somewhere else to practice. If he's not golfing, he's chipping balls around the yard."

Miner's grandmother, Lana Lincoln, said she wanted the Ho-Chunk community to recognize his accomplishments and the hard work behind them.

"There are not a lot of Native youth represented in golf," Lincoln said. "I wanted people to know about what Orion is doing."

During the season, Miner earned co-medalist honors at a conference meet and helped Hinckley-Finlayson post one of its strongest team performances. The Jaguars finished sixth out of 12 teams at the Section 4A tournament, competing against some of Minnesota's top golfers.

One of the most memorable moments for family members came while watching Miner compete at Baker National Golf Course during sectional competition.

"It was amazing," Branden Miner said. "The talent those young golfers had, and Orion kept right up with them. He's still so new to the sport and was able to compete right alongside them."

Despite falling short of qualifying for the state tournament, Miner considers reaching sectionals one of his biggest accomplishments so far.

"I was excited," Miner said. Family members say one of the biggest challenges Miner has faced is learning to move past difficult holes and disappointing shots.

"When he feels like he's not shooting as well as he should, he gets down on himself," Lincoln said. "But that's part of the game. You have to learn from it and move forward."

The discipline required to compete has extended beyond the golf course. According to family members, Miner has maintained honor roll status while balancing academics and athletics.

As he prepares to enter his sophomore year, Miner already has his sights set on next season.

"Go all the way and make it to state," Miner said.

He also hopes to continue playing golf beyond high school and eventually compete at the college level.

As summer tournaments approach, including potential junior amateur events, Miner will continue chasing the next goal on his list.

"He's not grinding because somebody is making him. He enjoys it. That's what's carried him this far, his love for the game," Branden Miner said.



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MAY 19, 2026**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland,

Jr.-EX
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-EX
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
Rep. Edward Mullen-EX
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 5, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 5, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Report

The Gaming Commission is online. A written report was submitted.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Gaming Commission Report. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED. Special Finance Commission-May 6, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 6, 2026 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by *Continued on Page 14*

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born and raised by my mother, Lucille Corbine, an enrolled tribal member from there. My father, Jeff Pettibone, is from Black River Falls. I moved here to be closer to and get to know more of my father's side of the family.

I am the wife of Jeriah Rave Sr. We have eight children together and four grandchildren, with more on the way.

I have worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation since 2013 and currently serve as a Business Application Specialist. I was first elected as Ward 1 Alderperson for the City of Black River Falls in 2020. I resigned my seat in 2022, was elected again in 2023 and continue to serve on the council today.

What inspired you to run for city council?

The Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe, has a long-standing history with the Black River Falls area as part of our aboriginal territory. Over time, the Ho-Chunk Nation has built a strong partnership with Jackson County and, more specifically, the City of Black River Falls.

As an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, I took an opportunity that is often overlooked by Native Americans when it comes to holding

public office, especially Native women. Knowing that inspired me to run and serve my community.

What experiences prepared you for this role?

Growing up in Lac Courte Oreilles, my mother and aunts were very involved in tribal politics. Being raised by these brilliant women gave me the foresight to actively listen to the needs and concerns of others and understand the opportunities elected officials have to serve those they represent.

Who are some of the people who encouraged or supported you along the way?

My family and friends have always supported me. My neighbors also encouraged me to run again, and their confidence in me reminded me that I have support throughout the community.

You are the first Hoocak woman to serve on the city council in the city's 160-year history. What does that milestone mean to you personally?

I am honored. I never thought of myself as a history-making individual, so to be known for something like this is an absolutely wonderful feeling. I am proud of myself for taking on

a role I had never held before and sticking with it. I think my mom and dad would be very proud of me.

Why is it important to have women represented at decision-making tables?

Having women in political roles is essential because it helps ensure governance reflects the entire population. That leads to more responsive policymaking and collaborative leadership.

The Ho-Chunk people have a strong presence as residents of Black River Falls, and those I represent are important contributors to this great city.

Do you hope your election encourages greater collaboration between the city and the Ho-Chunk Nation?

Aside from my election to the Black River Falls City Council, the Ho-Chunk Nation, Jackson County and the City of Black River Falls already share a strong partnership.

As an alderperson, I am one member of a council that represents residents from all city wards, and I am proud to be part of that collaborative effort.

What issues are most important to residents right now?

For Black River Falls residents,

some of the top priorities include addressing substance abuse and related crime, expanding affordable housing opportunities, supporting economic development and maintaining infrastructure.

What would you like to accomplish during your time on the council?

Besides representing Ward 1 to the best of my ability, I want to help represent every ward in the city. I want Black River Falls to thrive and for residents to feel safe. That means being available to listen, bringing concerns and topics to the council and helping identify actions that can be taken when needed.

What advice would you give to other women who may be considering public service or running for office?

I would encourage Native American women to start locally, as I did, whether through volunteering, running for student government or joining local boards and committees.

I would encourage them to confidently trust their civic purpose, challenge double standards without apologizing for their passion and lean on family and friends for support.

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Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Government Administration
Commission-May 7, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 7, 2026 Government Administration Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Special Finance Commission-
May 14, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 14, 2026 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Approval of True
Increase to Resolution 06-20-
25 D Adoption of Ho-Chunk
Nation Enterprises Budget
Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
for Capital Expenditures**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 A**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 D Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Capital Expenditures. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Health, Insurance,
Education, Social Services
Commission-May 18, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the May 18, 2026 Health, Insurance, Education, Social Services Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Unfinished Business: No
agenda items.**

New Business:

**Resolution-Confirmation
of Leland Bird as District 1
Jackson County Ho-Chunk
Housing and Community
Development Agency Board
Member**

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle expressed her opposition

of the HHCDA Charter, which includes two Commissioners for Jackson County, and yet there is no representation for one area within District 3. This is the reason for her opposition. Rep. Shelby Visintin shared the same concern.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 B**, Confirmation of Leland Bird as District 1 Jackson County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 4-2(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-1(Rep. Sandra Whitewing)
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Confirmation of
Shane Funmaker as District
3 Dane County Ho-Chunk
Housing and Community
Development Agency Board
Member**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 C**, Confirmation of Shane Funmaker as District 3 Dane County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk
Transportation Authority
City of Beloit, Rock County,
Wisconsin Colley Road and
Willowbrook Road Projects**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin Colley Road and Willowbrook Road Projects. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk
Transportation Authority
Dewhurst Township, Clark
County, Wisconsin Sterling
Avenue Chip Seal Project**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 E**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Dewhurst Township, Clark County, Wisconsin Sterling Avenue Chip Seal Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk
Transportation Authority
Byron Township, Monroe
County, Wisconsin Freedom
Road Improvements Project**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 F**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Byron Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Freedom Road Improvements Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorizing 2026
MOU between the Ho-Chunk
Nation Police Department
and the Native American
Drug and Gang Initiative**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 G**, Authorizing 2026 MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Native American Drug and Gang Initiative. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-In Support of the
Head Start Federal Grant
Application Matching Funds**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-19-26 H**, In Support of the Head Start Federal Grant Application Matching Funds. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

District Meetings:

**D1 Njioxawanj – May 13,
2026**

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President, Department of Justice, Health and Social Services the MOTION by Heath Mrotek to research reviving the DARE Program for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Larry Littlegeorge to have District 1 support the sponsorship in the amount of \$32,000 for the Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer the Department of Administration the MOTION by Doug Greengrass for District 1 to support the Solar Pi Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Paula Mike for District 1 to support the Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto initiative.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Tina Brown to have Legislature donate \$40,000 for the Alano Club to assist with securing a new location. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to Department of Labor Emergency Management and Office of the President the MOTION by Darcy Funmaker to install a siren for severe weather in the Sandpillow and Mission area along with the tribal office building to have procedures and drills for emergency situations. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Nate Longtail to have Legislature provide a detailed account for the reserve per-cap account to the exact dollar and bring to the next district meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer the D1 Legislators the MOTION by Darcy Funmaker to schedule the joint meeting between Black River Falls area and Twin Cities area to discuss District 1 Community Improvement Funds. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

**D1 Maqņico Horuzra – May
14, 2026**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Danielle DeLong for District 1 to support the Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto initiative.

D2 Hjnuķwas– May 11, 2026

No motions.
**D2 Ho'ųņi Xųņųņik – May
12, 2026**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Melanie Stacy for D2 Legislators write a more thorough monthly report for D2 constituents.

**D2 Hoxajkeja/Hogucejal
Njzhakisųc – May 13, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the youth request in the amount \$6,536.00 on emergency basis from youth assistance regarding the area meeting MOTION by Robert Funmaker to approve \$6,536.00 funding request from Youth Assistance Fund on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. SECOND IS WITHDRAWN. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 3-4(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Sandra Whitewing)-0
MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the next Finance Commission Meeting the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to approve \$6,536.00 funding request from Youth Assistance Fund on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Administration the MOTION by Robert Funmaker for the current fences at the Neeshla Powwow grounds to be replaced with a chain-link fence. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Administration the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to start the RFP process for Neeshla Powwow grounds. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to D2 Reps. the MOTION by Robert Funmaker for D2 Representatives to

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as the Democratic nominee, Deborah Idar, from Texas, who was with her grandson and visiting a friend said she decided to go to the event as she was in the area and has supported Haaland since her Secretary of the Department of Interior position.

Haaland made history nationally as one of the first Native American women to be in Congress, along with Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk. Haaland placed her in the history books again when she became Interior Secretary and was the first Native American person and woman to lead a cabinet-level agency.

"I think she's an awesome person and just came out here to support her and hope to see her tonight," Idar, Mexicana, said. "We need more women in power. We've had a lot of time with men in power. I think a woman brings in a different kind of perspective, understanding of the earth, Indigenous people, especially being an Indigenous person herself."

Esmeralda Barrera, descendant of

Comanche and Apache in Texas, was at the event for several hours before Haaland came out because she and Idar realized she was going to speak later.

Barrera agrees with some of Haaland's platforms like land conservation and her commitment to the community. Barrera has been a New Mexico resident for more than 40 years.

"This land was stolen land so then it needs to come back to the people, that's what I feel. I mean that's karma, that's what needs to happen and a lot more women involved too — changing things back to better than what they are," Barrera said about Haaland possibly becoming the first Indigenous woman to be governor of New Mexico.

The event began with several performances from Pueblo Laguna singers and hoop dancers. A few New Mexico government leaders spoke in support of Haaland at the center of Old Town at the gazebo.

New Mexico state Rep. Derrick Lente, Sandia Pueblo and Isleta Pueblo, talked about his time with Haaland in

law school.

"How times have changed in a way where we are now witnessing history in the making," Lente said. "And it's because of all of you here tonight."

Javier Martinez, speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives, also spoke.

"Far too long people like us have not been invited to the table. Even though we built the damn thing. Well, guess what? Ladies and gentlemen, guess what? We're not only at the table now, but we're bringing all of you with us to the table," Martinez said.

He ended his speech chanting Haaland's name a few times before exiting the stage.

"Que Viva Deb Haaland! Que Viva Deb Haaland! Que Viva Deb Haaland!" Martinez shouted.

Then the time for Haaland came.

Her sisters introduced her before she walked down the gated barriers and was greeted with cheers, chants and a mariachi band to celebrate her win.

Haaland stated the issues she supports such as affordable healthcare, education, safe communities, better wages and renewable energy.

"I know that for a fact, New Mexicans aren't strangers to hard work. We know long hours and long days, but the system is rigged against working people," Haaland said. "So I will work to lower costs while making certain New Mexicans have good paying jobs, so that you can pay rent and buy groceries, and even fill up your car, to get to work in spite of Donald Trump's inflated gas prices."

She added that as governor she will focus on the New Mexico community first.

"We can't afford someone who will be Donald Trump's puppet in the governor's office, and that's what's at stake in this election," Haaland said.

"But I want to be clear, the general election is about more than what we stand to lose."

New Mexicans will place their vote in the general election on Nov. 3.

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vote for tribal members to be prioritized. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to support the continuing Higher Education funding for all college students and to increase the allocation funding due to the increase cost of education. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to TAU and Legislature the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for \$25,000 lifetime benefit be audited and report back next month. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCDA for a background and Legislative Legal to draft a resolution for next session regarding the area meeting **MOTION** by Jim Delarosa to confirm Weeta Montelongo as the Sauk County Board Commissioner for HHCDA Board of Commissioners. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCDA Board of Commissioners and HHCDA Board Secretary the **MOTION** by Cindy Tack for all HHCDA Board of Commissioners meeting links to shared and posted. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Attorney

General and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to dispute the legality of HHCDA Executive Director issuing directives to HHCDA Board of Commissioners. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišik – May 6, 2026

No motions.

D3 Pac cinqk – May 11, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Randy Poelma and LDT the **MOTION** by Shelby Wulf to approve the Wittenberg Snowmobile Club to cross Ho-Chunk property for the 2026-2027 season. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker to include Wittenberg and Green Bay in the General Council Resolution in-person assistance visits. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Chanelle Roth to approve the \$600 donation request for the Tribal Storm softball team. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve on emergency basis the **MOTION** by Chanelle Roth to approve \$3,500 for

the Youth Day NACNA (Native American Church of North America Convention), with funding coming from Youth Assistance. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – May 12, 2026

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Mary Lopez to nominate Mary Lopez for the Housing Board of Directors.

D3 Tejop – May 13, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Lashina Hoye to swap the elder room and the branch office manager's room. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – May 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Heritage Preservation and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Ona Garvin that a Heritage Preservation board of directors be established following standard procedures in accordance with Article 6 Section 2B. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority the **MOTION** by Ona Garvin to get speed bumps in the Village. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Guuşgonqk – May 11,

2026

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve \$600 from Charitable Contributions for the St. Kateri Center regarding the area meeting **MOTION** by Ben Krause to approve the cost presented honorarium request, to be funded by Charitable Contribution. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve \$500 from D4 Community Improvement Funds for the Native American Junior Nationals tournament in Mesa, AZ with check made out to Samantha Hawk with reconciliation in regards to the area meeting **MOTION** by Ben Krause to fund up to \$500 for all Native Nations basketball tournament costs. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Joann Maney for the area meeting meal funds to be divided and dispersed amongst those in attendance, instead of having a meal at the area meeting.

D4 Virtual Meeting – May 13, 2026

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Legislature, Department of Business and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Rachel Cloud for the Nation to provide gas subsidies for tribal members in the form of monthly stipend to assist with inflated gas prices. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 7-0-0

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. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:04 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer 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. Stephanie Begay. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:26 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 9, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI MAY 28, 2026

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P

Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC,
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Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-EX
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: President Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JUNE 2, 2026

Call to Order: Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-EX
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business A. MAST Summer Meeting 2026, South Bend, Indiana. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

MAST Summer Meeting 2026, South Bend, Indiana

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve travel to the MAST Summer Meeting 2026 in South Bend, Indiana, June 24-25, 2026 for any interested Representative. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters,

Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

MOTION by Rep. 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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Rep.

Session at 10:11 a.m.

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

Adjournment:

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

The Emergency Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:04 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

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

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE



CPL. MITCHELL REDCLOUD JR. DAY

JULY 4, 2026

7AM - 6PM

ALL VETERANS AND PUBLIC INVITED
PARADE | SOCIAL DANCE | GAMES

RedCloud Raiders Triathlon

New This Year!

More Information
Coming Soon

Ho-Chunk Nation
District 1 Community Center
N7261 Warrior Ave Black River Falls, WI

17 Mi. Triathlon: Bike • Canoe • Run

Drinks & Lunch Provided

Cpl. Mitchell RedCloud Jr.
Korean War Recipient of the
Congressional Medal of Honor
Display will be on site.



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