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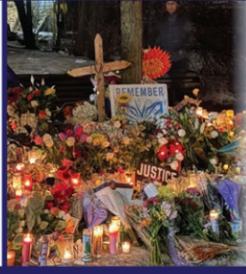
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Elena Terry Bringing Tall Grass Restaurant to Downtown Madison

Kaili Berg

Ho-Chunk chef and advocate Elena Terry is preparing to open a new restaurant, Tall Grass, inside the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art later this year.

The cafe-style space on State Street will bring together local ingredients, Indigenous food values, and opportunities for community learning and employment.

Terry recently spoke with the *Hocak Worak* about the journey to opening the restaurant, the vision behind Tall Grass, and what it means to create an Indigenous-led space in downtown Madison.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Can you tell me what inspired you to open a restaurant inside the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art?

They actually approached me about it. Before that, I had been in negotiations with the Ho-Chunk Nation for over two years, but we couldn't come to an agreement on things that were really important to me, like permanent employment for participants in my Wild Berries

program, focusing on Indigenous producers, and responsible sourcing.

Those were things I didn't want to compromise on. This work has been my life for a long time, and I didn't want to dilute that just to open a restaurant. After talking with our board of directors, we decided to rescind those negotiations.

At that point, we really needed a brick-and-mortar space. We had put everything on hold trying to work something out, and in the end we were left with nothing. I wanted to make sure that all the progress I had made with my nonprofit and personal mission wouldn't be dissolved just to have a restaurant.

When MMoCA approached me, it was completely different. Everything I had been asking for in negotiations before, they already assumed would be part of the partnership. It was the first time I walked into a space and felt truly supported, not just as a person of color, but as a woman in this industry.

How would you describe the



vision for the restaurant in your own words?

I was awarded the Taproot Fellowship in 2025 through the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA). It's a national fellowship for traditional artists, and I was nominated as a chef, something that had never happened before. It acknowledged culinary arts as a real art form and me as a traditional knowledge keeper. We fight for visibility all the time in this industry, and that meant a lot.

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Elena Terry, Executive Chef of MMoCA's new restaurant Tall Grass, speaks with MMoCA's Gabriele Haberland Director, Paul Baker Prindle in the space that will become Tall Grass.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department Employee Spotlight: Diane Rave

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department is proud to shine the spotlight on Diane Rave, our dedicated Financial Aid Administrator for the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division.

Diane plays a vital role in supporting our students as they navigate the financial side of their educational journeys. With patience, knowledge, and a great sense of humor, she helps make complex financial aid processes feel a little less overwhelming — and a lot more manageable. Whether she's answering questions, tracking down details, or guiding students step-by-step, Diane is always focused on student success.

What truly sets Diane apart is her genuine care for our Ho-Chunk Students. She understands that education changes lives, families, and communities, and she brings that understanding into her work every single day. Her commitment helps ensure that Ho-Chunk students can focus on learning, growing, and achieving their goals.

Outside of work, Diane is known for

her warm personality, quick wit, and willingness to lend a helping hand.

Thank you, Diane, for all you do to support our students and strengthen the future of the Ho-Chunk Nation!



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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

Representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation Attend the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment for Reunification and Exchange Traditional Games

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The Ho-Chunk Nation was honored to visit our relatives of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians. We were grateful to accept their invitation to attend the Otoe-Missouria January 17 Winter Encampment in Newkirk, OK and to arrive a day early to exchange our traditional games.

We were warmly welcomed

with a delicious meal, meaningful words shared between both tribes, and the exchange of gifts and games. The games played were moccasin, kasu, indian dice game, and hand games. The Winter Encampment included gourd dance and soldier dance, and we were proud to have one of our own, DJ Scott, serve as Head Male Dancer—another special way for the Ho-Chunk Nation to be represented.

While some have attended in the past, for many of us this was a

new experience. Through shared stories and games, we were reminded of how much we have in common. Knowing that we were once one people at one time in our history made this gathering a powerful reunification. We hope the ties we continue to build grow stronger and are cherished for generations to come.

We thank the Otoe-Missouria Tribe for the wonderful hospitality during our short visit. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.



**Ho-Chunk Nation
Chicago Branch
Office**

*2 day notice for elders *7 days for all others

Tribal Member Transports Available

**For more info call:
Tammy or Dorothy
715-284-7894**

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Volunteer Training

Guided by scientists, tribal leaders, conservationists, and educators, participants will study the region's natural history—from its ancient glacial origins to its modern living ecosystems. This training offers more than scientific understanding—it invites you to deepen your connection to the natural world.

We'll consider how Leopold's land ethic broadens our sense of community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, reminding us that "when we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

We'll also examine the Ho-Chunk Nation's relationship with the land and a way of life that sustains a thriving Mq(Earth) for all future generations.

Training Schedule

- February 20–21: Sand Valley Golf Resort: Explore the legacy of Glacial Lake Wisconsin and the dynamic landscape shaped by shifting sands.
- May 22–23: Ho-Chunk Nation, Black River Falls: Learn from Indigenous leaders about the Ho-Chunk Nation's enduring relationship with the land.
- July 17–18: UW–Stevens Point: Engage with one of the state's leading centers for environmental education and research.
- October 16–17: Aldo Leopold Center and The Shack, Baraboo: Experience the place where Leopold's land ethic continues to guide conservation practice.

Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$300 Registration FREE for 2 Ho-Chunk Registrants - Contact Tina Brown at 715-896-7192 or email Tina.Brown@ho-chunk.com for more info

This training is a collaboration between:
The Aldo Leopold Foundation and the Master Naturalist Program
Host Ho-Chunk Nation
Instructors: Tina Brown, Jean Mansavage, Jennifer Sterling

Wisconsin Master Naturalist is a program of

Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Highlighting Books at The Ho-Chunk Community Library

Murder on Red River is the First Novel in the Cash Blackbear Mystery Series

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr.
 The Ho-Chunk Community Library houses a collection of over 7,000 books and resources, with a significant emphasis on works by Indigenous authors. Among these is *Murder on Red River*, the inaugural novel in the Cash Blackbear mystery series.

The narrative unfolds in the Red River Valley, along the Minnesota-North Dakota border, and is set in the 1970s amid the Vietnam War. The protagonist, Renee "Cash" Blackbear, is a 19-year-old Ojibwa woman who was raised in foster care following a tragic car accident. The Ojibwa people have historically encountered numerous challenges, particularly regarding land rights. The Red Lake Reservation, one of the largest Ojibwa communities, is noted for its resilience and commitment to

cultural preservation, serving as a significant backdrop for the novel. Sheriff Wheaton, who witnessed the removal of three-year-old Cash from her family, subsequently becomes her guardian after she transitions between many different white foster families.

Cash works as a truck driver for local farms during the day and is a pool shark in the evenings. The plot intensifies when Cash learns of a local farmer's suspicious death, which attracts the attention of both local and federal authorities. Upon discovering that the victim was from the Red Lake Reservation, Cash collaborates with Sheriff Wheaton to investigate the case, placing herself at considerable risk.

The novel addresses complex themes such as alcoholism, racism, and the sociopolitical context preceding the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).



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

WILLS CARAVAN TOUR 2026

Legal Action of Wisconsin is proud to continue to host the Indian Law Office's Annual Wills Caravan, formerly hosted by Judicare Legal Aid, in March and April of 2026. We will be providing **FREE** basic estate planning services to Tribal Elders during three separate tours:

SOUTHERN TOUR

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit
 W8825 Decorah Road, P.O. Box 430
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
When: April 1, 2026
 9:00am - 5:00pm

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit
 E8863 Winneshiek Drive
 Baraboo, WI 53913
When: April 2, 2026
 9:00am - 5:00pm

HOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

- 1** Call or email Beth Shampo to request the required forms.
 Phone: (715) 847-4526
 Email: bshampo@legalaction.org
- 2** Complete & return the required forms - signed & dated - no later than **March 13, 2026**.
 Please note: Appointments will only be scheduled once your paperwork is submitted.
- 3** Beth Shampo will contact you via email or phone to schedule your appointment.

Appointments are in high demand. We recommend that you submit all required forms as soon as you can to secure a spot.

Services provided in collaboration with Columbia, Marquette, and University of Wisconsin law school students, and Northcentral Technical College paralegal students.

for more information visit legalaction.org

Zahay Calabrese Named Head Man Dancer for 2026 National Powwow

Kaili Berg

Zahay Calabrese of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Bear Clan and will serve as Head Man Dancer for the National Powwow, July 9-12, 2026, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana.

His Ho-Chunk name translates to "Horse Thief." Calabrese dances both Grass Dance and the Ho-Chunk Woodland style and is known for his connection to traditional lifeways, spending time hunting and fishing throughout the year.

He invites dancers, families, and community members to join him and fellow head dancers in the arena this July.



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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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Sherman Funmaker Releases Debut Poetry Collection Bear Tracks

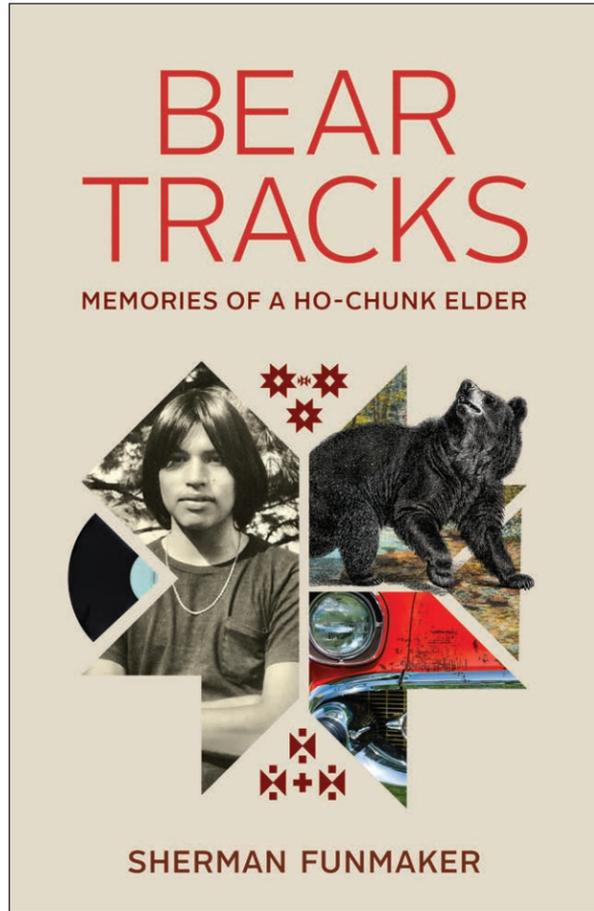
Kaili Berg
Ho-Chunk elder Sherman Funmaker is sharing stories from his life in a new poetry collection, *Bear Tracks: Memories of a Ho-Chunk Elder*, released February 10, 2026.

The book brings together poems and short essays that reflect on family, identity, loss, humor, and growing up Ho-Chunk. Funmaker, a Bear Clan elder and the grandson of Ho-Chunk storyteller Xehachiwinga (Mountain Wolf Woman), uses writing to process memory and connection to loved ones.

“For me, writing is a form of therapy,” Funmaker said. “I write thoughts down and send them out to the universe. I miss the ones I loved, and when I write about them it feels good to put these stories onto paper. It allows me to visit them when I need to.”

The 112-page collection includes family photographs from different generations, along with a reader’s guide at the end of the book meant to encourage conversation and reflection.

Funmaker, who is from Baraboo and now



lives in Wisconsin Dells, is known in the community not only as a writer, but also as a musician, designer, and mentor. After graduating from UW-Baraboo, he began working with local writers and artists and has led storytelling workshops for both youth and adults. He also runs Funmaker Custom Clothing.

A book launch event

will be held Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at The Village Booksmith in Baraboo, where Funmaker will give a talk about the collection and sign copies.

Bear Tracks: Memories of a Ho-Chunk Elder is available in paperback and e-book formats through bookstores and online retailers.

Ho-Chunk Nation
Dept. of Housing

Q&A
BLACK RIVER FALLS

District 1 Community Center
7261 Warrior Ave.
Black River Falls, WI 54615

4:30pm
-
5:30pm

March 2, 2026

Questions?
Contact Kaleena Emery at
Kaleenaemery@ho-chunk.com



Alzheimer’s Advocacy Day in Madison

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s Memory Care Coordinator, Pamela Gearing along with representatives from Jackson County ADRC and Interfaith Caregivers participated in Alzheimer’s Advocacy Day in Madison on February 3. Pictured are Pamela Gearing, Darby Rush, Shawn Callisto and Aaron Czappa. Governor Tony Evers and his wife Kathy Evers were also in attendance.

The main objective this year is to pass a bill to create mandatory training on dementia for Community Based Residential Facilities (CBRFs) who promote memory care in their facilities. Memory care is special and staff need to know how to appropriately care for those individuals. This group was able to speak with Senator Patrick Testin’s Senior Aide, expressing the need for this legislation.



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Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Representatives and Public Relations Staff Attend NATOW Gala to Support Native-led Tourism Across Wisconsin

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Ho-Chunk Nation Representatives Lambert Cleveland Jr., Sandra Whitewing, Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, and Stephanie Begay attended the NATOW Gala to support Native-led tourism and community partnership work across Wisconsin.

NATOW (Native American Tourism of Wisconsin) continues to highlight the strength

of Native-led tourism across Wisconsin, and we appreciated sharing the evening alongside Ho-Chunk Gaming and Executive Branch PR staff.

A special moment of the night was recognizing Kirby Metoxen for his long-standing leadership and years of dedication to elevating Native tourism work across the state. And we're looking forward to what's ahead with Paul Smith stepping into the Executive Director role with NATOW.

Pīnagigi to NATOW for bringing partners together in a good way.



From left to right: Shane Yellow Thunder (Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Public Relations Officer), Rep. Sandra Whitewing, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Vice President Lambert Cleveland Jr., Missy Redcloud (Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa), Rep. Stephanie Begay, Jordan Dominguez (Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison), Rosalind Cleveland (Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President — Public Relations Officer), Melissa Porter (Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls), Jessica White Wing Clark (Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg).



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SUNDAY, MARCH 8
12PM - 4PM

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PSA FROM HCN HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Dauids Reintroduces Bill to Strengthen Support for Native Entrepreneurs

Kaili Berg

Ho-Chunk U.S. Representative Sharice Davids (D-Kansas) has reintroduced bipartisan legislation aimed at improving federal support for Native-owned businesses.

The Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act would strengthen the Small Business Administration's Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA), which works with tribal communities

and Native business owners across the country.

Dauids introduced the bill alongside Representatives Eli Crane (R-Arizona), Jake Ellzey (R-Texas), and Kelly Morrison (D-Minnesota).

Native-owned small businesses play an important role in many tribal economies, but access to federal business programs and funding has often been limited. The ONAA currently helps connect Native entrepreneurs with SBA resources, but

the office does not have permanent authorization or dedicated funding, which limits staffing and long-term planning.

Dauids' bill would formally establish the office in federal law and create an Assistant Administrator position within the SBA to oversee Native entrepreneurship programs. The legislation would also expand the office's ability to provide grants, technical assistance, and training.

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Cloud Village Announces Availability of Affordable 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments in Baraboo, WI

Baraboo, WI — Cloud Village, a thoughtfully designed residential community in Baraboo, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce the availability of its spacious and modern 1, 2, and 3-bedroom apartments.

Proudly built by the Ho-Chunk Nation, Cloud Village reflects a deep commitment to quality housing, community connection, and long-term sustainability.

On Tuesday, February 10th, Cloud Village will be hosting an event to

apply for an apartment. If you are interested in setting up an application appointment, please call 608-963-1238.

Situated in a peaceful, scenic part of Baraboo, Cloud Village blends contemporary living with cultural pride. The community was developed with residents in mind, offering abundant amenities, comfortable floor plans, and a welcoming environment for families, professionals, and community members of all ages.

Each home features modern finishes, energy-efficient appliances, ample natural light, and open-concept living spaces. Utilities, heated, underground parking, and additional storage are available at no cost to the residents.

Cloud Village offers a wide range of community amenities for residents to enjoy, crafted to enhance quality of life, including:

- Basketball Court
- Pickleball Court

- Playground
 - Large Community Room
- Cloud Village is currently accepting applications for all floor plans. Those interested in joining this growing residential community. Cloud Village is an affordable housing community; income restrictions apply.

For leasing information, tours, or questions:
Phone: 608-963-1238
Email: cloudvillage@horizondbm.com



Student of the Month February 2026

Alizabeth Goodbear



**University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
Bachelor's Degree**
Parents: Jamie & Sara Goodbear

Alizabeth earned a place on the Dean's List with High Honors at UW-Stevens Point! She is a dedicated double major in Psychology and Human Development and a proud member of the Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement. Alizabeth plans to continue her academic journey by pursuing a PhD in Psychology, with the goal of opening her own practice to support veterans and their families. A proud graduate of Black River Falls High School, Alizabeth's hard work, compassion, and commitment to service truly set her apart.



Open House

Tuesday, February 10th 9am-2pm

E11142 Funmaker Rd. | Baraboo



One-, Two-, and Three-Bedroom Apartments Now Available

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Apartments feature in-unit laundry, modern finishes, and a patio or balcony. Community offers abundant amenities, including a basketball and pickleball court, a community room, and a playground.
Income Restrictions Apply

Schedule an appointment today.
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cloudvillage@horizondbm.com




Student of The Month February 2026

Dexter Paasch

"Rujamaani" - Walking Fog



Harding Senior High School - 12th Grade
Parents: Carli Carrimon & Benjamin Paasch

Dexter is a dedicated leader and advocate, serving as Third in Command of his high school NJROTC unit as a Senior Chief Petty Officer, where he mentors nearly 100 cadets. He is also a Staff Cadet with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, traveling to Pineville, Louisiana to train new recruits in leadership and discipline.

Passionate about making a difference, Dexter helped pass Minnesota state legislation requiring education on overdose prevention and fentanyl awareness. He also works to support Indigenous advocacy and student resources, ensuring future indigenous students have greater opportunities.

Dexter is a \$3,000 Optimist Scholarship recipient and has been accepted to the University of St. Thomas. Dexter plans to earn a Juris Doctor and serve as a Marine Corps JAG Officer, combining law, leadership, and service.



Student of the Month February 2026

Evelyn Perkins



Black River Falls Middle School - 8th Grade
Parents: Nate & Genevieve Longtail

Evelyn is a positive and kind-hearted student who leads with quiet confidence. She enjoys beading as a creative hobby and spending time with her friends. Evelyn is always eager to participate and brings a great attitude to everything she does, making her a joy to be around and a wonderful role model.



**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**



February 4, 2026

Due to shipping schedules and low inventory the following changes are being made:

- Wisconsin Dells Distribution is canceled for February 12, 2026; Distribution will be moved to Tuesday February 24, 2026 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM.
- Reedsburg and Wisconsin Dells Home Deliveries are canceled for February 13, 2026 and will be moved to Monday February 23, 2026.
- Tomah Distribution scheduled for February 19, 2026 is canceled and moved to February 12, 2026 and is home deliveries only.
- La Crosse Pickups scheduled for Friday February 20, 2026 are canceled and moved to Friday February 27, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 715-284-7461.

Upcoming Ho-Chunk Closures

Feb-Apr

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| FEBRUARY 18 | Both pharmacies closed for All Staff 9:00am-10:00am |
| MARCH 18 | HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:30am-10:00am |
| MARCH 19 | Both pharmacies closed for Ho-Chunk Nation Founders Day |
| MARCH 25 | HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30pm-1:30pm |
| APRIL 3 | Both pharmacies closed for Good Friday |
| APRIL 6 | Both pharmacies closed in observance of Easter Sunday |
| APRIL 15 | HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:30am-10:00am |
| APRIL 22 | HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30pm-1:30pm |
| APRIL 29 | Both pharmacies closed for 5th Wednesday Divisional All Staff |

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ACCEPTING NEW PARTICIPANTS!

WIC at HCN
is available!

TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

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715-284-9851 EXT 35335

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NEXT CIRCLE
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**A CHRONIC PAIN
HEALING CIRCLE**



Chronic pain affects more than the body — it can touch the heart, mind, spirit, and relationships. In this group, we come together to share stories, learn new ways of caring for ourselves, and reconnect with what helps us feel whole when pain breaks us to pieces. Through mindfulness, movement, and collective support, we'll honor our bodies' wisdom and explore pathways toward balance and peace.

NEXT CIRCLE
IS VIRTUAL

CIRCLE IS WEEKLY
FOR 11 WEEKS

To screen and register with the Behavioral Health Division, call 715-284-9851 x35014

**Community Health
Foot Clinics**



FEBRUARY 2026

Black River Falls - 2/2, 2/19, 2/25
Community Health Office
W9850 Airport Road
(715) 896-1343

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
A Registered Nurse will clip/file your nails, and dremel if necessary. For ingrown toenail removal, please contact podiatry.

Tomah - 2/10
Tribal Aging Unit
358 Eos Road
(608) 372-5202

Madison - 2/17
Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy
(608) 277-9964

La Crosse - 2/17
Three Rivers House
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

Nekoosa - 2/26
Nekoosa Health Office
1021 County Road G
(715) 886-5444

Baraboo - 2/17
House Of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Road
(608) 355-1240 x35509

Wittenberg - 2/26
Siga Funmaker Center
W17634 Radke Road
(715) 701-2069

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

EAT YOUR VEGGIES!

Community Supported Agriculture Shares
(A weekly or bi-weekly bag of fresh vegetables during the summer growing season.)

2026 CSA Sign ups are NOW OPEN!

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026.

CONTACT:

Lorraine Hopinkah - HCN Community Health
csa@ho-chunk.com or 715-284-9851 ext. 35337
to obtain an application and/or make payment by phone.

Please allow at least 72 hours for a response due the high volume of requests. All requests will be answered in the order received.



HO CHUNK NATION
HEALTH & WELLNESS DIVISION



“Mending Broken Hearts” Workshop

Healing from Unresolved Grief, Loss & Intergenerational Trauma

Workshop Dates and Times

**March 2nd through March 6th, 2026
10:00 AM- 3:30 PM**

Participants must attend all 5 days of the workshop.
Workshop is limited to 20 participants, please register in advance to attend.

N975 Dyer St. Wisconsin Dells, WI. 53965

- Limited transportation available.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Feel free to bring your own tools for healing (cedar, sage, etc.)
- Future workshops in other areas.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health division is facilitating this workshop for tribal members, offering culturally based ways of healing from unresolved feelings of loss and grief created by intergenerational and historical trauma.



Division of Behavioral Health



Department of Health

SCAN TO REGISTER, OR VISIT:
<https://hcn-bh.typeform.com/MBH2026March>



Facilitators:
Menissa Powless
&
Travis Cloud



SAVE THE DATE

CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture) Share

Application released:
February 10th, 2025 for the
2026 growing season.

Please watch the HCN Health Facebook page, Worak, and HCN e-mail for contact information once the application releases.

The application will not be released early, no exceptions.

Also, please do not contact the farms directly, they will refer you back to us.



CELEBRATE YOUR Sober Anniversary LIKE A Birthday EVERY YEAR

PSA from HCN Healing to Wellness Court





**Ho-Chunk Nation
Department of Health**



DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES: *A sober celebration*

RSVP!

4/18/2026 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITE EAGLE RD
BARABOO, WI 53913



Scan the QR Code to RSVP for adult Sober Prom! RSVP's help us in our planning efforts. You can also nominate King and Queen, voting will take place at Prom and winners announced at 8pm.

For more information Ronelle.McKernan@Ho-Chunk.com 715-896-2570

February 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 |
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| 2 OPEN BRF | 3 OPEN BRF | 4 OPEN BRF | 5 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM-12:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - HATHY | 6 OPEN BRF |
| 9 OPEN BRF | 10 OPEN BRF | 11 OPEN BRF | 12 TOMAH HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF | 13 OPEN BRF |
| 16 OPEN BRF | 17 OPEN BRF | 18 OPEN BRF | 19 OPEN BRF | 20 BRF CLOSED |
| 23 REDFORING & WIS DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF | 24 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX 10AM-130PM | 25 OPEN BRF LAST PICKUP DAY | 26 NFKOOSA DISTRIBUTION NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX 12N-1:00PM | 27 CLOSED INVENTORY LA CROSSE PICKUPS |

CLOSED ON THURSDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS

Are you a Medicaid Purchase Plan recipient?

Did you receive a packet of information to reapply?

Did you miss your application deadline?

Did you lose eligibility for Non-Payment of Premium?

MAPP eligibility will end for members who have not paid their December 2025 premium.

You can renew online through Access at:

<https://access.wi.gov/>

by phone or in person at your local agency

or by calling your



Ph: 715-284-7749



About Maple Syrup

- Collected from sugar maple trees in early spring, maple sap is boiled down to create syrup, concentrating its natural sugars and complex flavors.
- Indigenous peoples were the first to tap maple trees and produce syrup, developing sustainable harvesting methods that are still used today.
- Canada produces about 71% of the world's maple syrup, with most coming from Quebec. Smaller producers also operate in the U.S., especially in the Northeast and Midwest.
- Maple syrup contains minerals and antioxidants, and causes a slightly lower spike in blood sugar compared to refined sugar or corn syrup. Unlike white sugar or corn syrup, maple syrup contains minerals like calcium, potassium, and zinc, plus plant-based antioxidants with anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties.
- Sap is about 97–98% water, so it takes around 40 liters of sap to produce just one liter of maple syrup. This makes it a labor-intensive process.



For more info:
1) <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9603788/#sec1-jerph-19-13684>

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



Maple-Sage Roasted Vegetables

Ingredients:

- 4 cups winter squash (butternut, acorn), peeled and cubed
- 4 medium parsnips, peeled and cubed
- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage, minced (or 2 teaspoons dried sage)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons vinegar



Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F and grease or line two baking sheets.
2. Toss squash, parsnips, and sweet potatoes with oil, sage, and salt in a large bowl.
3. Spread evenly on the baking sheets and roast for 20 minutes.
4. Mix maple syrup and vinegar. Drizzle over vegetables, toss gently, and roast 10 more minutes until tender and caramelized.
5. Serve warm, garnish with extra sage or toasted seeds if desired.

Recipe inspired by: <https://hungermountain.coop/ngc-recipe/maple-sage-roasted-vegetables/tuin>

For more Information Contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

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

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Partners in Parenting:
Specific to parents and grandparents of infant to school-aged children

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

GUEST SPEAKER:

CAITLIN CLIFFORD
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Monday February 16, 2026

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Teejop Hocira - Madison Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
Madison, WI 53718

Event includes free light supper and raffle!
Must attend presentation to receive raffle and incentives

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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When MMoCA approached me, they said they saw my value as an artist. That's one of the big reasons I chose this partnership.

The restaurant will be called Tallgrass, named after the tallgrass prairie ecosystem that ends in this region. We chose it to honor the land and the traditional area. It reflects my work with Wild Berries and our responsibility as stewards of the land.

Can you share some dishes or ingredients people can expect?

Not just yet. We're still

in the equipment and procurement phase. I'm a baker and a trained butcher, so those will be strong focuses. We'll have fresh pastries using ingredients like squash flour and wild rice flour. Indigenous flavors will be present, but it won't be an exclusively decolonized menu. There will also be a bar with specialty cocktails and a strong emphasis on local producers.

Right now, I'm meeting with growers and suppliers to figure out what ingredients I can sustainably source. Once I know what I

can get in reliable quantities, I'll finalize the menu. We'll be changing it seasonally to respect sourcing and sustainability.

Will there be opportunities for youth or community members to train or work there?

Yes, absolutely. I do a lot of work with the James Beard Foundation as a Legacy Network Mentor. I was part of the first cohort, supporting BIPOC culinarians. One of my mentees is the Texas Tribal Bison Project, which is a food chain supplier. Through a stage (internship) program

sponsored by Heinz, I'll be able to bring BIPOC chefs to train with me once the restaurant opens.

We'll also be doing rooftop catering at the museum, which allows for permanent but not full-time employment for people in my program. They can work special events like weddings and catering jobs. That was one of my biggest requests, that this space could provide permanent employment opportunities for people I've worked with. This restaurant will be an environment for learning and growth. It's a dream come true to finally

have a home base after years of operating Wild Berries without one.

How has your journey as a chef prepared you for this moment?

I didn't start out as a chef. I worked in tribal politics and advocacy for 12 years. I have a degree in philosophy and political science and served as a tribal legislator briefly. When that wasn't the right path for me, I went back to what I loved, restaurants. I worked three jobs as a single mom, six days a week, and I loved it.

I managed both Famous
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Joyce Ann Penland

May 4, 1940 – January 29, 2026

Joyce Penland, Wiirakara "Guarding Stars", age 85, of Poynette, Wisconsin, walked on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. at Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin with Clayton Winneshiek officiating. Burial will be at Poynette Hillside Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Conway Picha Funeral Home on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Joyce was born May 4, 1940 in Tomah, Wisconsin the daughter of Willis and Eureka (Decorah) Winneshiek.

She is survived by her sons, Curtis (Lynn) Penland Jr., Michael (Roxanne) Penland, Joseph (Renee) Penland; daughters, Debra (Donald) Morgan and Deanna Penland; brothers, Edward (Phyllis) Winneshiek and Anthony

(Connie) Winneshiek, along with 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Everett, daughter Patricia, sister Ida Whitebear and grandson Jacob Morgan.



State of the Tribes Address Calls for Stronger Government-to-Government Partnership

On February 10, at the Wisconsin State Capitol, Chairwoman Nicole Boyd (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians) delivered the State of the Tribes Address, calling for stronger government-to-government partnership and continued work to protect Wisconsin’s lands and waters.

Ho-Chunk Nation leadership was in attendance. Veterans Martie Simmons

and Dawson McAndrew helped bring in the flags, and Winnebago Sons singer Kurt Greendeer represented the Nation on the drum.

The State of the Tribes Address welcome members of Wisconsin’s 11 federally recognized Tribes and highlights key issues affecting Indigenous communities across the state.



Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer Discusses ICE Activity in WPR Interview

Kaili Berg

Reports of Native American citizens being stopped by federal immigration enforcement in Minnesota are rippling across tribal communities in Wisconsin, including the Ho-Chunk Nation.

In an interview on WPR’s Wisconsin Today, Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer said the stories are “disheartening” and called it “ironic” that Indigenous people are being questioned about their citizenship on their own homelands.

Greendeer said what he’s hearing from Ho-Chunk tribal members isn’t mild worry, it’s fear.

“They’re not concerned, they’re scared,” Greendeer told WPR. “When someone lives like this, they’re not going to be living their best life. This is not a safe America the way ICE has presented themselves.”

Greendeer emphasized that many Native people carry

what he described as “triple citizenship”, as U.S. citizens, state residents, and citizens of their tribal nation. His advice to tribal members traveling into areas with active enforcement is to carry legal identification, stay calm, and know your rights.

“We don’t have to justify who we are to any further extent than what our legal IDs would provide,” Greendeer said.

Asked why Native citizens might be swept into immigration enforcement at all, Greendeer said profiling and a lack of understanding about tribal nations are part of the problem. In his view, Indigenous people can match the “phenotype” agents believe they’re looking for, and some officers may not understand tribal identity or documentation.

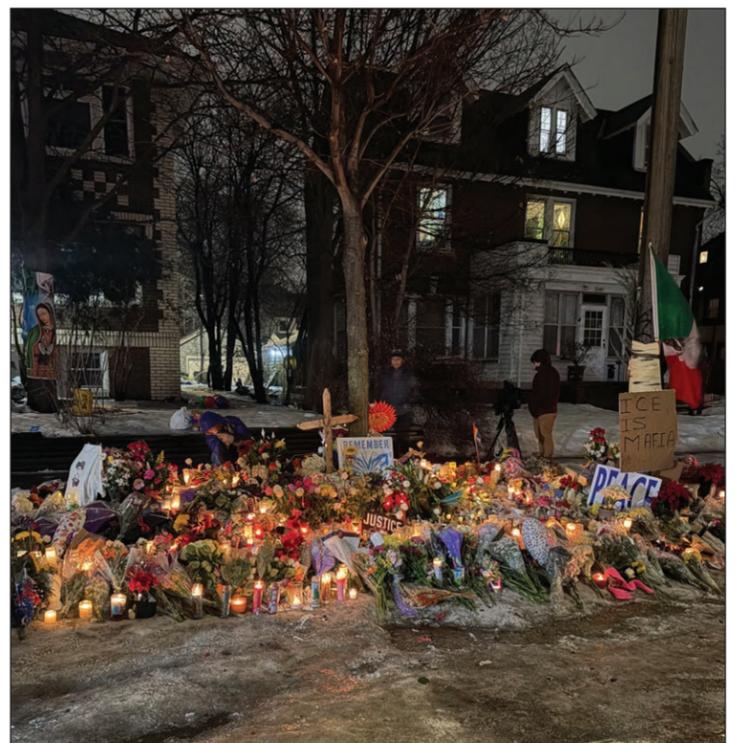
Greendeer said he has not seen federal agencies reaching out to tribal leadership to prevent wrongful stops. He also voiced strong opposition

to cooperation with ICE, describing what he sees as an ideological agenda rather than a narrowly targeted immigration effort.

He also pointed to concerns with local law enforcement partnerships that can expand immigration enforcement.

In Wisconsin, some departments have entered into 287(g) agreements that authorize local officers to assist with immigration enforcement, and Greendeer said tribal governments weren’t consulted before some counties signed on.

Looking ahead, Greendeer said tribal leaders need a clearer, united demand for how the federal government engages with tribes and tribal citizens. He also argued state and local governments have authority and responsibility to protect residents’ safety and rights, and he urged Wisconsin leaders to prepare for how federal enforcement could show up in communities.



“The Indigenous peoples across the United States and South America have seen this very thing happen before,” Greendeer said.

“We know exactly how this ends, and it doesn’t end well for the perpetrators who are infringing on the rights of American citizens.”

SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency And Jaime A. Lopez, Petitioner, v. Jody F. White Eagle, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 25-11

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Jody F. White Eagle

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

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

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The *Initial Child Support Hearing* shall be held at **10 a.m. CST** on the **31st** day of **March, 2026**. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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

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



Legal Notice

RFP

RFP # 2026SFS02
Grants Consulting 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 Invitation for Bid document and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on February 17, 2026**. 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 _____ day of _____, 2026.

Steve Sallaway
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation

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

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and HCN Child and Family, Petitioner, v. Sierra Mckee, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 25-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Garrette T. Montanye

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

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

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The *Initial Child Support Hearing* shall be held at **2:00 p.m. CDT** on the **7th** day of **April, 2026**. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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

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| HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, | | For Official Use |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Marc A.J. Anderson v.R.</u> | | FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT |
| by <u>Justina C. Hindsley</u> | | DEC 19 2025 <u>Maryanne Jell</u> Clerk of Court / Assistant |
| Case No. <u>PR 25-09</u> | | |
| PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: | | |
| 1. A <i>Petition for Probate</i> was filed. | | |
| 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>8-6-08</u> and date of death <u>8-17-25</u> was domiciled in <u>JACKSON</u> County, State of <u>WISCONSIN</u> , with a mailing address of <u>12871 Dewarh Road BRF WI, 54615</u> | | |
| 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>NA</u> | | |
| 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Jodeen B. Lowe</u> on (Date) <u>February 10, 2026</u> at (Time) <u>10:00am</u> | | |
| 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. | | <u>Maryanne Jell</u> Clerk of Court <u>Maryanne Jell</u> Name Printed or Typed <u>12/19/25</u> Date |

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| HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, | | For Official Use |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Terrell August Lightfeather</u> | | FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT |
| Case No. <u>PR 25-05</u> | | JAN 09 2026 <u>Maryanne Jell</u> Clerk of Court / Assistant |
| PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: | | |
| 1. A <i>Petition for Probate</i> was filed. | | |
| 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>11-30-1916</u> and date of death <u>01-04-2025</u> was domiciled in <u>St. Louis</u> County, State of <u>MINNESOTA</u> , with a mailing address of <u>11075 JOHNSON AVE WIDELLS WI 53965</u> | | |
| 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 <u>Michelle Greendier-Rave</u> on (Date) <u>Feb. 26, 2026</u> at (Time) <u>10:00am</u> | | |
| 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. | | <u>Maryanne Jell</u> Clerk of Court <u>Maryanne A. Falcon</u> Name Printed or Typed <u>January 9, 2026</u> Date |

SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency And Carli Roth, Petitioner, v. Corwin Roth Jr, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 25-07

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Corwin M. Roth Jr.

You are hereby informed that you have been named as an interested party in the above-captioned child support action. The publication of this legal notice satisfies the service requirements under the *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5. This case is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and a judgment will be issued.

You have twenty (20) days from the last date of service by publication to file an *Answer* to this *Summons* and the *Petition for Child Support*. Failure to respond to this action will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a *Default Judgment* against you. Your *Answer* (response) must be filed with the court at the address given below and must be served on all the opposing parties listed above or their attorney of record.

The Court shall convene an *Initial Child Support Hearing* as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28, no sooner than twenty (20) days from the date of service. The *Initial Child Support Hearing* shall be held at **1:30 p.m. CDT** on the **12th** day of **March, 2026**.

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. Documents may also be filed electronically at courtfilings@ho-chunk.com. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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while strengthening government-to-government consultation between tribes and federal agencies. "Our economy is stronger when small businesses can succeed, and in tribal communities, Native-owned businesses are often the backbone of local economies," Davids said in a statement. "For too long, Native entrepreneurs have faced unnecessary barriers to accessing the tools and resources they need to grow, create jobs, and compete." Supporters of the bill say codifying the Office of Native American Affairs would help ensure Native businesses have consistent representation within the SBA and

better access to federal contracting and development programs. The legislation previously passed in the U.S. House of Representatives with bipartisan support in 2024 and advanced out of committee in the Senate in 2023, but did not become law before the end of the congressional session. Lawmakers are now working to move the bill forward again in the current Congress. Davids has also worked on other efforts related to Native business development, including advocating for fair access to federal contracting opportunities and oversight of small-business relief programs.



HHDA Board of Commissioners December Regular Meeting

December 30th, 2025 12:00 pm

HHDA Main Office

1116 E Monowua St Tomah, WI 54660

Minutes

- Vice Chair Mike Goze (p) Commissioner Kelly LaMere (np)
Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. (p) Commissioner Cheri Byhre (p 12:14)
Commissioner Lucinda Lonetree (p) Commissioner Ben Krause (p/v)
Commissioner Fidel Delarosa (p) Commissioner Rebecca Nambo (p)
Commissioner Missy Red Cloud (np) Commissioner Wilfrid Cleveland (p 12:35)
Commissioner Marlys Whiteagle (p)

Quorum is established at 12:03 pm

Opening Prayer provided by Commissioner Fidel Delarosa

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass to approve the December 30th, 2025 Agenda. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Ben Krause. Motion Carried 6-0-0

Meeting Minute Ratification: October Regular Meeting, November Regular Meeting
Motion by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo to ratify the November Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Fidel Delarosa. Motion Carried 6-0-0

Executive Session:

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass to enter Executive Session. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Ben Krause. Motion Carried 6-0-0

Board enters Executive Session at 12:10 pm
Commissioner Cheri Byhre arrives 12:14 pm
Commissioner Wilfrid Cleveland arrives at 12:35 pm
Board returns from Executive Session at 1:07 pm

Commissioner Ben Krause never logs back on web ex after Executive Session.

Staff Reports:

Finance - (Budget Modifications)

- Housing Management
Moving \$40,905.00 from Utilities Electric (\$15,000.00) and Utilities Gas (\$25,405.00) to Employee Benefits (\$10,000.00), Property Insurance (\$23,510.00), Office Supplies (\$1,200.00), Postage (\$25.00) Dues % Subscriptions (\$200.00), and Software Tech Support (\$5,960.00).
Development
Moving \$5,100.00 from Employee Benefits to Employee Wages.
Tenant Services
Moving \$15,000.00 from Employee Benefits to Software Capitalization.
Administration
Moving \$5,757.00 from Telephone & Internet (\$4,507.00) and Board Travel (\$1,250.00) to Audit Fees (\$4,507.00), Accounting Fees, and Board Conferences (\$1,250.00)
Community Resource & Training Center
Moving \$6,100.00 from Employee Benefits (\$5,000.00) and Vehicle Equipment Capitalized (\$1,100.00) to Employee Wages (\$5,000.00) and Vehicle Insurance & Fuel/Maintenance (\$1,100.00).

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. to approve the Housing Management, Development, Tenants Services, Administration, and CRTC budget modifications. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. to accept the December Finance Report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Grants - (Resolution 12-30-25 A) ROSS Grant

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. to approve Resolution 12-30-25 A application for ROSS Grant. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Motion by Commissioner Cheri Byhre to accept the December Grant Report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Operations -

Motion by Commissioner Cheri Byhre to accept the December Operations Report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Development -

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. to accept the December Development Report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Cheri Byhre. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Executive Director -

Motion by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo to approve the December Executive Director Report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Cheri Byhre. Motion Carried 6-1-0 Commissioner Marlys Whiteagle

Unfinished Business:

- a. Job Description / Organization Chart
b. IHP Policies

Motion by Commissioner Cheri Byhre to table unfinished business. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. Motion Carried 7-0-0

New Business:

- a. Email Issues
b. Unit insulation

Commissioner Whiteagle has concerns over not being able to receive emails from HHDA staff. Board Secretary Kruse explains the Ho-Chunk Nation sent an email out that the issue is not on IT side. Issue is with personal emails.

Commissioner Delarosa ask staff when unit insulation is checked. Executive Director Pettibone will have staff look into the process.

Policies:

Motion by Commissioner Fidel Delarosa to approve the HHDA Rapid Rehousing, Urban Rent, Post-Secondary, and Rental Assistance Policy with the addition of requirement of a W-9 from the Landlord. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo. Motion Carried 7-0-0

HHDA Charter of Incorporation:

Motion by Commissioner Cheri Byhre to send a recommendation to the Ho-Chunk Legislators to amend the HHDA Charter of Incorporation. Recommendation is to remove one Commissioner from Jackson County and adding a Commissioner to represent Brown County. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Fidel Delarosa. Motion Carried 4-3-0 Commissioner Wilfrid Cleveland, Commissioner Rebecca Nambo, Commissioner Lucinda Lonetree

HHDA Chairperson:

Note: Kelly Jo Funmaker submitted her letter of resignation as the HHDA Jackson County Commissioner to the Board and Executive Director.

Motion by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo to Appoint Missy Red Cloud as Chairperson of the HHDA Board of Commissioners. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Fidel Delarosa. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Motion by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo to grant Signature Authority as HHDA Chairperson to Missy Red Cloud. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Fidel Delarosa. Motion Carried 7-0-0

Commissioner Fidel Delarosa leaves the meeting at 4:00 pm

Executive Session:

Motion by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo to enter Executive Session. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Donald Greengrass Sr. Motion Carried 6-0-0

Board enters Executive Session at 4:10 pm
Board returns from Executive Session at 5:11 pm

Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Donald Greengrass to Adjourn. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Nambo. Motion Carried 6-0-0

Meeting is adjourned at 5:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Adam M. Kruse

Adam M. Kruse
HHDA Board Secretary

Next Meeting:

January 22nd, 2026
12:00 pm
HHDA Main Offices
1116 E Monowua St.
Tomah, WI
54660

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sherry Ann Wilson DOD 10/26/25 Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate Case No. PR 25-08

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Brandon Thundercloud DOD 9/25/2022 Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate Case No. PR 26-01

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Dave's locations in Wisconsin Dells and helped with the early development of Sundara Spa's restaurant expansion. That taught me everything about operations, front-of-house, customer service, and large-scale food production. I also spent three months working with Sean Sherman helping open his restaurant. All of those

experiences prepared me for this moment. I feel confident and capable of doing this work now.
What do you hope people say about the restaurant a year after it opens?
I hope people say it's a place where good food and good conversation happen. When you drop the walls of race, politics, and differences and just share a

meal, something changes. I want it to be inclusive, a space that builds community and celebrates art. Art has felt like a luxury lately, but this is exactly the time we need it.
In the mornings, we'll offer pastries, coffee, smoothies, and grab-and-go items. Lunch will include salads and sandwiches made in-house with bread sourced

locally. It will be high-quality but still accessible with a range of prices.
Is there anything else you'd like to add?
It's incredibly humbling to be a Ho-Chunk woman opening a restaurant downtown near the Capitol and the university. That hasn't happened before. I feel the responsibility of it, and it's terrifying

sometimes, but also beautiful. Growth happens when you're uncomfortable. I haven't lost my passion for the kitchen or the healing that happens there.
I didn't have to leave my community to do this work. I didn't have to move to Minneapolis or Chicago. I'm still here, still contributing to my community. That means everything to me.

**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

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

WebEx/Election Board Meeting
Saturday, March 7, 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

Report reminder 2/06/2026

**Notice of Filing a Vacancy and Deadline
For Districts 4
Election Board Alternate
Term ending December 2026**

| Districts | Number of Election Board Members | Alternate |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
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TERMS: This term ends December 2026.

NOMINATION: One (1) Alternate to represent for your District and must be voted upon during your District's monthly meeting in March 2026.

The District's meeting minute must include the nomination of your Election Board Alternate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, April 30, 2026

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
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Posted Tuesday, February 3, 2026

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

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

- Roll Call:**
- President Jon Greendeer-P
 - Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
 - Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
 - Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
 - Rep. Paul Fox-VC
 - Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
 - 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: President Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-December 23, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to approve the December 23, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission-December 29, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the December 29, 2025 Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Environmental Protection Agency 2026-2028 Clean Air Act Section 103 Program Funding Application

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 A**, Environmental Protection Agency 2026-2028 Clean Air Act Section 103 Program Funding Application. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing for the Health Department to Enter into Affiliation Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 B**, Authorizing for the Health Department to Enter into Affiliation Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with Walden University

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 C**, Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with Walden University. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Education Division of Higher Education to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 D**, Authorization for the Department of Education Division of Higher Education to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Commission-December 30, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to approve the December 30, 2025 Development Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment for Contribution Toward District 1 Community Center Solar Project

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment for Contribution Toward District 1 Community Center Solar Project to the Finance Commission for

funding resources and additional information. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of Cultural Resources Division Building Capital Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 E**, Approval for Designation and Funding of Cultural Resources Division Building Capital Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-1(Rep. David Greendeer)-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Budget Mod (Department of Business)

Rep. Phyllis Smoke explained the reason for the budget mod is due to a failing water heater at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the budget mod 210.780.122325.D1 in the amount of \$18,000 on an **emergency basis**. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 F**, Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2026. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Marsha Smith to the Election Board as the District 2 La Crosse Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 G**, Confirmation of Marsha Smith to the Election Board as the District 2 La Crosse Member. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Ethel Funmaker to the Election Board as the District 2 La Crosse Alternate

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 H**, Confirmation of Ethel Funmaker to the Election Board as the District 2 La Crosse Alternate. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Madison Pow Wow

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle stated that there will be a pow wow in Madison April 25, 2026. The security deposit needs to be paid.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve funding of \$125,000 out of the Pow wow line item for the April 25, 2026 Madison pow wow, with reconciliation and the check made payable
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to Shane Funmaker on an **emergency basis**. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-0-4(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

July 31, 2025 Finance Commission Meeting Motion (Language Instructors)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to superseded the July 31, 2025 Finance Commission motion regarding the language instructors, and clarify the funding coming from D4 Community Improvement fund. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 3-8(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Sandra Whitewing, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Damian Thundercloud, Rep. Kyle White Eagle, Rep. Edward Mullen)-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to request a legal opinion to compose a neutral amendment, that works for all districts in regards to the restricted funds and for Resolution 02-23-16 H. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 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 10:47 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Damian

Thundercloud to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:13 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room.*

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 I**, Indian Gaming Association Membership for 2026 and release to Open Session. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-3(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS (RE-VISITED):

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-06-26 J**, Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program, and request Legislative Legal and the Legislative Finance team to follow up with Cedar Growth. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room.*

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to add HHCDA to the agenda. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room.*

HHCDA

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to request Legislative Legal draft a resolution for next session adding Green Bay to the HHCDA Charter. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** for the resolution also to include the revisions from the December 9, 2025 Legislative Meeting, excluding the composition of the board. Second concurs. 8-2(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. David Greendeer)-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room.*

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to January 20, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
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BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 20, 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.-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda ADDING under New Business G. Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-06-26 J Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program and H. Village West Operating Account, and under District Meetings L. D3 Tee hoikšek – January 13, 2026. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-January 6, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 6, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Report

A written report was received. The Gaming Commission was not present.

Government Administration Commission-January 8, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 8, 2026 Government Administration Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: *No agenda items.*

New Business:

MAST Impact Week-Rep. Stephanie Begay

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve up to 4 Legislators to attend MAST Impact Week. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit to Apply for the 2026-2028 Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition and Supportive Services Caregiver Grants to American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribes

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 A**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit to Apply for the 2026-2028 Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition and Supportive Services Caregiver Grants to American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribes. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 B**, Authorization to Place the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act (4 HCC § 3) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Charter

Proposed changes to the Charter include adding a Green Bay representative to the Board, changes to the background investigation, the Commissioner's meetings, quorum, and vacancies.

A few Legislators expressed they would prefer having a meeting with HHCDA to discuss changes to the Charter before adoption.

The Executive Director of HHCDA expressed their concerns regarding the representation of the Board, taking redistricting in to consideration. The Executive Director of HHCDA requested this item be tabled and schedule a meeting with the Legislature to discuss the proposed changes to the Charter.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 C**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Charter. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 7-3(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. David Greendeer)-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Assistance and Charitable Request Act (4 HCC § 8) out for Thirty Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 D**, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Assistance and Charitable Request Act (4 HCC § 8) out for Thirty Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Damian Thundercloud out of the room.*

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account to Support Tribal Public and Community Services on Ho-Chunk Nation Lands

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 E**, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account to Support Tribal Public and Community Services on Ho-Chunk Nation Lands. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Damian Thundercloud out of the room.*

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-06-26 J Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 F**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-06-26 J Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with First Nations Community Financial for the 2026 Heating Assistance Program. Second

by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Damian Thundercloud out of the room.*

Village West Operating Account

Attorney Garnett stated that the Village West Operating Account would allow Horizon to get things going at Cloud Village. The working capital reserve is a part of the contract.

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to approve a budget mod in the amount of \$40,000 from Special Projects to the Village West Housing Other Operating Account, **on an emergency basis**. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Damian Thundercloud out of the room.*

District Meetings:

D1 Njioxawanj – January 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin for District 1 Legislators approve the D1CC Solar Panel Project up to the amount of \$589,000. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Ashley Gerdes to deny the request of \$60,000 for the Ho-Chunk Youth Baseball Association (HCYBA). 15-6-3 Motion Carried.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to appropriate \$40,000 to the Ho-Chunk Library. Motion is amended to appropriate \$40,000 to the Ho-Chunk Library and for the District 1 Legislators support the Education Department's budget modification at the next Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Continued on Page 15*

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READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Forrest Funmaker to keep 2 Commissioners for the BRF Area on the HHCDA Board.

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Heritage Preservation the MOTION by Wilfrid Cleveland whoever is in charge of the Legion Building to bring all of Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr.'s artifacts be brought upstairs and display them appropriately. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Maqñico Horuzra – January 15, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Wehah Helgeson to have the Nation establish a phone number and e-mail for tribal members that are detained to be able to contact the Nation on the front page of the Nation's website, strictly used for ICE issues while using current cyber security measures. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Heritage Preservation and Enrollment the MOTION by Cheyenne Yellowbank to have Enrollment provide tribal ids at the Twin Cities Branch Office for a two-day event, a Friday and Saturday. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Danielle DeLong to appropriate \$40,000 to Ho-Chunk Library and for the District 1 Legislators support the Education Department's budget modification at the next Finance Commission meeting. 17-0-0 Motion Carried.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Libby Fairchild for District 1 Legislators approve the DICC Solar Panel Project up to the amount of \$589,000. 17-0-0 Motion Carried.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Legislative Branch, Office of the President and the Attorney General the MOTION by Wendy Helgamo to have the Nation confer, alert and strategize with tribal organizations that the Nation are members of and make ICE issues a high priority with COLT, NARF, NCAI, MAST and other national organizations to assist with civil unions to protect tribal sovereignty. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Mike Goze to approve \$10,000 from the Community Improvement Fund for the Indigenous Protectors Movement on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Office of the

President for a plan for the month of March, and refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to allocate \$25,000 for food security for tribal members affected by SNAP benefit suspensions and to reinstate President Greendeer's supplement program for tribal members that will lose their SNAP benefits. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hinyukwas – January 12, 2026

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Tracy Littlejohn for the Legislative Aide to send an email notification when the Rental Code is put out for 45-day comment. 10-0-0 Motion Carried.

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Enrollment the MOTION by Tracy Littlejohn for Enrollment to provide information to TAU when a tribal member reaches elder age. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Legal to draft a memo and send the Cedar Growth regarding the MOTION by Ethel Funmaker for Cedar Growth not to share personal information with any third-party agencies through the Heating Assistance Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Donald Greengrass to donate \$5,000 to Native American Veterans Assistance (NAVA). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho'unj Xunujik – January 13, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal the MOTION by Myra Jo Price for Cedar Growth not to share personal information with third parties. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay stated she abstained as her mother was the second to the area meeting motion.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Myra Jo Price to review previous area motions to pertaining to HHCDA and request a response from HHCDA. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Priscilla Cleveland for HHCDA Board of Commissioners meetings be available virtually. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Roberta

Decorah for Legislature to review most current organizational chart for HHCDA and it aligns with the budget. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay stated she abstained as her mother made the area meeting motion.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Steve Eades for a HCN Legislator attend HHCDA Board of Commissioner meetings. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Myra Jo Price for the HCN Legislature to attend Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) training as their fiduciary responsibility. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxajkejal/Hogucejal/Nizhakisuc – January 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to refer to the D2 Reps. the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano for District 2 Representatives to vote against D4 Legislators travel to California for tribal member outreach. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-1(Rep. Edward Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Weeta Montelongo to support Lucinda Lonetree to stay on the HHCDA Board of Commissioners to represent Sauk County. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Cindy Tack to budget for each area meeting \$250 for in-person drawings each month as follows for a total of \$36,000 annually. District 1 BRF & St. Paul \$500x12=\$6,000; District 2 La Crosse, Tomah & Indian Heights \$750x12=\$9,000; District 3 Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Wittenberg & Wisconsin Rapids \$1,250x12=\$15,000; District 4 Chicago \$250x12=\$3,000 for a total of \$36,000 and to be addressed as soon as possible. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Heritage Preservation and Enrollment the MOTION by Barb Funmaker for Enrollment to be mobile to each one of our tribal communities and a virtual process to assist our tribal members with Tribal ID cards immediately. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišik – January 7, 2026

No motions.

D3 Pac cinq – January 12, 2026

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to Twelve Clans, Inc. the MOTION by Shelby Wulf for 12 Clans to have their meeting the day of General Council before quorum is met. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to Twelve Clans, Inc. the MOTION by Lanette Walker for a 12 Clans member to attend the February Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – January 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that Legislature get economic assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for those that are in need of assistance and send to the Branch Offices to reconcile. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Enrollment the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle for the President to extend ID service until 8 PM. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel and the Attorney General the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to reinstate General Council Agency with obligation to the constitution, page 4, section 3. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel and the Attorney General the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to eliminate the Establishment Act. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-3(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. Sandra Whitewing, Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle stated that the Establishment Act referenced in the area meeting motion is the Office of General Council Establishment Act.*

D3 Cexhaci – January 15, 2026

No motions.

D4 Guušgonak – January 12, 2026

No motions.

D4 Virtual Meeting – January 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Edward Mullen to refer to the Personnel Department the MOTION by Reta Littlegeorge

to clarify descendants getting job preference verification. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Reta Littlegeorge to utilize the D4 restricted funds for D4 Legislators and Aide for \$1,000 each to travel to D4. The funds will need to be utilized before June with reconciliation. 6-0-0 Motion Carried.

D3 Tee hoikšek – January 13, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Twelve Clans, Inc. the MOTION by Tina Hindsley to request 12 Clans to have their Annual Shareholders meeting in conjunction with the Ho-Chunk Nation Annual General Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 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. Sandra Whitewing. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:41 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. David Greendeer is not online.*

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-20-26 G**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 03-20-18H regarding Legislative Office Credit Card Usage Policy for Elected Officials and Employees and authorize release of the resolution to Open Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to February 3, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. David Greendeer is not online.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

3RD ANNUAL

HO-CHUNK NATION

Saturday

MARCH 14

2026

FOUNDERS DAY

POWOW

La Crosse Center

300 HARBORVIEW PLAZA
LA CROSSE, WI 54601

Grand Entries: 1PM & 7PM

Head Staff

- Emcee:** Matt Mann & Silas Cleveland
- Arena Director:** Kunu Dave
- Drum Judge:** Hoki Clairmont
- Head Woman Judge:** Calista Stumblingbear
- Head Male Judge:** DJ Scott

Drum Contest

VISITING DRUMS

- 1st - \$8,000
- 2nd - \$6,000
- 3rd - \$4,000
- 4th - \$3,000

HO-CHUNK DRUMS

- 1st - \$8,000
- 2nd - \$6,000
- 3rd - \$4,000
- 4th - \$3,000

Dance Contest

WOMEN'S ADULT

- APPLIQUE
- TRADITIONAL
- JINGLE
- FANCY

AGES: 18-54

- 1st - \$800
- 2nd - \$600
- 3rd - \$400
- 4th - \$200

MEN'S ADULT

- WOODLAND
- TRADITIONAL
- GRASS
- FANCY

AGES: 18-54

- 1st - \$800
- 2nd - \$600
- 3rd - \$400
- 4th - \$200

TEEN GIRLS

- TRADITIONAL
- JINGLE
- FANCY

AGES: 13-17

- 1st - \$500
- 2nd - \$400
- 3rd - \$300
- 4th - \$200

TEEN BOYS

- TRADITIONAL
- GRASS
- FANCY

AGES: 13-17

- 1st - \$500
- 2nd - \$400
- 3rd - \$300
- 4th - \$200

Day Pay

TINY TOTS
(6 & UNDER)

JR GIRLS & BOYS
(AGES 7-12)

GOLDEN AGE
(AGES 55+)



Specials

MORE SPECIALS TO COME!

BOYS FANCY DANCE SPECIAL

Ages 17 & Under

- 1st - \$500 2nd - \$400
- 3rd - \$300 4th - \$200

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