The Healing to Wellness Court is the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary’s newly installed Drug Treatment Court, which is designed to treat participants for alcohol and drug abuse instead of harsh jail and/or prison sentences for non-violent crimes. On December 28, 2011, Ho-Chunk Nation Interim Chief Judge Amanda Rockman joined Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Lister on the Jackson County Treatment Court in the first dual session. Jackson County has had its Treatment Court since 2008. The two courts have been working together since summer 2011. The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Act is currently out for 45 day review with changes to provide for the Healing to Wellness Court. The proposed changes are as follows:

A Healing to Wellness Court consisting of a Treatment Team made up of a Tribal Court Judge, a prosecutor, a public defender/advocate, a Treatment Team coordinator, a researcher, a law enforcement officer, a representative of substance abuse treatment providers, a representative of the Legislature, a representative of probation, a representative of social services, a representative of Traditional Court, a representative of restorative justice that takes into account the traditions, culture, and customs of the Nation.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Drug Treatment Court first appeared in 1989 at Kings County (Brooklyn), New York. DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson said, “Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Punishment program demonstrates the tremendous success we can have helping addicts heal and in reducing the demand for drugs in this country. Under a system of accountability and compassion, this program is rebuilding lives and families and strengthening New York’s communities.”

The Healing to Wellness Court will have a judge hear each participant’s case from the beginning, traces progress and lapses, order random drug testing, and monitor attendance to treatment sessions. Participants will be accountable to follow the clearly defined rules and choose their own path to recovery. Failing to meet the minimum requirements set forth by the court will result in immediate sanctions. Treatment team members follow the National Drug Treatment Court policies, models, and trainings. Participants work their way through four phases and up to fifteen weeks in each phase. Depending on their adherence, participants can petition to advance through weeks or be held at weeks for an extended time.

The Healing to Wellness Court team is Judge Amanda Rockman, Margaret Falcon, Stephanie Lozano, Ruth Garvin, Roxanne Whitegull, Bill Gardner, Chief of Police Dan Libke, Caralee Murphy, and Nicole Homer. Rockman and Falcon are from the Tribal Court, Lozano and Garvin from Social Services, Whitegull and Gardner are serving as public defenders/advocates, Libke and Murphy are law enforcement, and Homer is the special prosecutor.

The Jackson County Treatment Court is Judge Thomas Lister, Captain Mike Ring, D.A. Gerald Fox, Bill Poss (Defense Attorney), Nick Lee (Counselor), Heidi Helm (Dept. of Corrections), Judy Luttio (Coordinator). At the first dual session, the Jackson County Treatment team assured each participant in their court that “at least three clients are waiting in line to replace them” and “it’s a privilege to be in here (the treatment court).” During the session, each participant updates on their week, and results of their assignment(s), followed by comments from the treatment team. Some participants were ordered to deal with health concerns, set goals, find an apartment, take a test, or make appointments. Participants keep a calendar and notebooks to stay organized and accountable for assignments.

Participants receive frank talks about their actions and issues. Jackson County D.A. Gerald Fox said, “if you go to prison, you won’t get meaningful treatment (for drugs and alcohol abuse).” Sanctions can be nights or weeks in jail, doubling meeting requirements, or various other tasks based on the offense. A graduate of the Kings County Drug Court, who earned her GED, driver’s license, and office manager training, said, “I thank you for giving me the tools I needed to learn how to live life on life’s terms. You taught me how to be a human being. I never knew I was capable of being.”
Housing and Urban Development visit Chicago

Submitted by Ci Nak Hira Kara
On December 10, 2011, Tribal leaders met with the Regional Administrator of HUD - Antonio Riley, Senior Advisor Office of Native American Program - Brian Gillen, and Office of Community Planning and Development Director - Ray Willis; which led to program funding through the community development block grant that is available for branch offices in Minnesota, Illinois, and the city of Madison.

HUD’s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business.

Milwaukee native, Antonio Riley, currently serves for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for six states in the Midwestern region including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, “Riley will serve as HUD’s liaison to mayors, city elected representatives, state and local officials, congressional delegations, stakeholders and customers. He will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities, as well as evaluating their efficiency and effectiveness.” Riley is one of 10 Regional Administrators in the United States. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said, “Antonio is an experienced, dedicated public servant who has been intimately involved in economic development and housing issues in the low to moderate income communities for years. His skill set and the fact that his most recent focus was to develop new strategies that increase jobs, make homeownership sustainable and affordable, renew and invigorate depressed neighborhoods, make him the perfect pick for this region at this time.”

Prior to his new role, Antonio Riley served as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). Under Riley’s leadership, WHEDA focused its energies to capture the inherent relationship between housing and economic development by developing new strategies that increase jobs, making homeownership affordable, and renewing and invigorating depressed neighborhoods. The meeting was very helpful in that the goal is to maximize federal funds with the Nation’s assets. If there were a goal to attain it would be to allow greater program innovation at the tribal level to remain as high priority as ever.

As the meeting continued there was additional dialogue of HUD restarting a Native Urban Housing committee; more to follow with future meetings.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
To the Ho-Chunk People:

As the new calendar year begins, a new and refreshed energy runs throughout the workplace. Many received a much needed family time over the holidays with their greatest supporters. For those that worked through the holidays to generate revenue or so others could take time off, your good deed does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Jon Greendeer

The Office of the President kept a lively course to assist, as Riley can, those over the holidays who were going through some unfortunate hardships. It’s a time when those enlisted to work in the office gain the best understanding of the business, facility, and property.

Many Executive Branch personnel have brought us to a more comfortable understanding of the former Southland Project and as we gather and consolidate more information, we feel the Legislature will be equipped to make an informed decision as to what their new intention will be with our interests in Illinois.

To say the workers have gone above and beyond their duties to secure and assess the tribal property would be the greatest understatement of 2011. Maintenance, Security, Accountants, Auditors, and yes, even Departmental Executives rolled their sleeves up and did a most fantastic job for the people. They worked knowing that tribal members have every right to know what’s going on with our property and what our future intentions will be.

For the countless hours that many have contributed in the transition, Thank you.

In the service of the People,
Jon Greendeer
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Department of Personnel
PUBLIC NOTICE

WHO: ALL Ho-Chunk Nation Employees
What: Open Enrollment
When: January – 2012
Where: Various Ho-Chunk facility locations
Why: This is the only time you can make changes (to your health, life, short term disability, and vision.)
Reminder: This is the only time you can make changes is January 2013. Next vision change is 2014.

If you have any questions please call the Nation’s Insurance Department at 800-232-0086 and speak to an Insurance Benefits Specialist.

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Meetings After Five

Submitted by Kathleen Clemons, HCN Exercise Physiologist
The Diabetes Education and Support Group (DESG) of the Partners of Black River Memorial Hospital in Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room #1 at 5:30 p.m. Listed below are the dates, topics and presenters:
March 19 – Diabetes and Exercise – Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist, CDE
June 19 – Why Am I So Angry? – Ben Boardman, MD
September 17 – Diabetes Burnout – Kathy Braaten, RD, CDE and Kathleen Clemons
November 12 – Carbohydrate Counting for the Holidays, Kathy Braaten, RD, CDE

The DESG regular monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room #2 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The first four topical areas for this year are:
January - Why Testing Your Blood Sugar is Important
February- Pay Attention to Your Mental Wellness
March - Artificial Sweeteners: What You Need to Know
April - How to Get the Most from Office Visits
“Thmission of the DESG is to bring people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and their family and friends together to share experiences and learn to live healthy lives,” stated Margie Fait, DESG President.
Anyone is welcome to attend these informative sessions.

Soup

Submitted by Kathy Braaten, RD, CD, CDE
Did you know January is National Soup Month? Cold snowy days are perfect for a hot bowl of soup! Plus, soup is actually a nice treat to eat at the holidays. Here is the scoop on some soups you can make to enjoy! Some soups are easy ways to eat more beans, which are also high in fiber. Cooked dry beans are excellent protein sources and therefore can substitute for meat. You can use a small amount of meat along with the beans, or skip it altogether and let the beans be the protein.

Soup

• Soups are great budget-stretchers! Beans and whole grains are inexpensive, and you can often use whatever vegetables you have handy: canned, fresh, or frozen. A small amount of meat, if you use it at all, can also be stretched a long way!
• Soup helps fill you up so you eat less. Research shows that foods with a high water content tend to fill us up, and soup is a great example. Make soup the main part of your meal, along with a salad, or start your meal with a bowl of vegetable soup to take the edge off your hunger and help with weight loss.
• To keep your soup meal well balanced, choose broth-based soups instead of creamy or cheesy soups. Buy soups that already contain plenty of veggies, or add more of your own vegetables to canned soups, and cook to the desired tenderness. If sodium is a concern for you, be sure to look for reduced sodium or low sodium canned soups. If you make your own soups you will have much more control over the sodium content. Use reduced sodium packaged broth or try low-sodium bouillon cubes.

15 Minute Mexican Minestrone

1 can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup chunky salsa
1 cup frozen corn kernels (if using canned, rinse and drain)
1 can (15 oz.) chicken broth (Or 2 cups water with 2 chicken bouillon cubes) (try lower sodium versions)
1/4 cup macaroni or whole wheat pasta
1 cup red and/or green bell pepper, diced
1 cup sliced zucchini or yellow squash, fresh or frozen
Combine all ingredients in a large pan or microwave container. If making on the stove, bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer and cook until pasta is tender – about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally. If making in the microwave, cook on full power until macaroni is tender – about 12 - 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Optional: garnish with nonfat plain yogurt and chopped cilantro. Makes 4 servings of 1/2-1/2 cups each; for 230 calories, 1 g fat, 41 g carbohydrate, 330 mg sodium.

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Submitted by Hal Lingis and Mrs. Gertrude White
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Introduction

I fully realize that I’m only going to get one shot to get and hold your attention, so this is the ‘shock and awe’ version of what would normally be a boring piece of health and nutrition literature, for most people.

Here’s the national food supply story you’re not going to get from traditional sources; which is to say from politicians or agricultural industrialists or food processors or marketers. It’s a battle to the death on numerous fronts with the consumer public getting harmed by an insatiable drive to achieve maximum profit for Wall Street investors; most of whom are headquartered outside of this country.

Reasonable caution has been abandoned in the promotion and marketing of the nation’s food supply, and has silently been replaced with nothing short of a national conspiracy to engage in criminal activity under color of law. Nothing short of State sponsored Biological Terrorism.

What we’re dealing with here is not some academic rhetoric but practice and policy that endangers the very sustainability of human life. While most people know there are serious problems with public health, what is not known is that the watchdogs of this public food and health system are asleep in their taxpayer kernels.

It remains to be shown that any of these people, especially the USDA, FDA and the CDC are acting in the best interests of the American people. It’s also the story of why Indian people, the most severe victim of this criminal activity, if they are to survive, must take it upon themselves to heal their own communities—no one else is interested beyond some small public relations issue.

Try to keep in mind that this article is not just some finger pointing at authority figures for the fun of it; but rather the result of great effort to discover, that which is true, and that which is a lie.

Neither is it intended to be a work of science destined for reproduction in some peer-reviewed journal; which is to say that if at some point a peer group should exist I would be happy to present it. At the moment it is safe to call it a serious work of social/political commentary, a whistle blowers diary, with grievous implications.

What can be said is that collectively many years of good research, by knowledgeable and experienced people, have gone into what you are about to read.

Every issue of any importance in this article has been checked and rechecked and suffers no conclusion that can’t be verified with independent research.

As you discover concepts that differentiate authenticity from madness, clarity from deception; and facts from mythology, it is my optimism that you too will determine that truth is immune to politics, economics and spiritual belief.

A national economy where the two biggest dollar generators are human disease and international killing speaks a great deal about technological progress being manipulated by political motivations, at the expense of our humanity.

Now I’d like you to read on, try to keep this in mind: per capita, contagious diseases or pathogenic bacteria have never accounted for more than 1% of human deaths in the 19th and 20th centuries. While a conservative estimate is that for one warlike reason or other, have killed 145 million other people in the twentieth century alone—clearly, man is the most dangerous creature on the face of the earth.

In the year 1898, the science-based mechanisms that are killing tens of millions of people today were not even contained within the English language.

Today, there is but one disease in the United States, organ failure—not with several thousand sub groupings of supportive vocabulary. Organ failure results in obesity, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and immune system suppression. Organ failure is caused by toxic chemicals contained within food and the environment, and is the daughter of the gnom’sgrim reaper.

If nothing changes in the existing food chain, 50% of the American population will die of either cancer or heart disease long before they collect social security.

If I do a reasonably good job here of informing you about the deadly hazards of the national food supply, the next time you walk into a super market, you’re world will have changed from a babe in the woods to a skeptical and cautious consumer. Fundamentally, food is a traditional medicine; and like any medicine, equally as helpful as it can be deadly. Putting food in one’s mouth is a very personal thing, and people have a natural right to expect that such food is safe, healthy and nutritious—it isn’t, it’s poison.

The thing we are living longer being attributed to modern agriculture and medical care is a myth. Human cells have the evolutionary capacity to replace themselves 50 times and that’s—it how fast and how often these cells have to replace themselves is a complex chemical and physiological choice and appropriate nutrition.

Years ago people died in their fifties, and today their organs are dead by age twenty and the crave of legalized drug dependencies allows them to drag around this dead body for centuries. Over 50 million people have walking physical and mental disabilities recognized by Social Security, and 50% of the general population is chronic users of prescription drugs—mostly painkillers. Obesity is such a problem, with 60% of the population fat and half of those being obese, that public transportation and automobiles are being redesigned. It won’t be very long before we see bloated people living alongside public roadways, and it will be such a common sight that none will even stop to see if they are ok.

Eating toxic food products produced with modern agriculture practically requires the use of a morning after pill by every man, woman and child in the country.

We’re all getting molested and abused by registered food predators. China has the right idea here, businessmen and women who participate in fraud and theft and drug use or distribution are executed in mobile lethal injection vans—kind of like criminal EMT’s, about 25,000 ‘social corrections’ are made per year. Think that would work here or what?

Historical Data of Legalized Killing Events in the United States

To better understand this institutionalized indifference toward the sanctity of human life vs. the profit motive, here is a brief history of what we are truly up against.

Example: DDT damages genetics; and damaged genes cause cancer—this is how the chemistry of cancer works. While other toxic chemicals can avoid genes and burn peptide bonds and proteins directly, with the same effect. The Governments story was and is—DDT has never killed anything, and its’ some toxic chemical that modern cigarettes have never killed anyone and millions of lives were saved by its’ worldwide use. To repeat and maintain this sick story for modern herbicides and pesticides. Here’s the faulty logic: it’s the same as saying guns don’t kill people, bullets do! It’s hard for me to imagine the public buying into this, but they do.

• In the 100 years when tobacco and government were buddies, about 75 million people died.

Today’s tobacco is not the product that was marketed with the great health dangers in this country from about 1495-1920. Least we forget, tobacco put this new world on the map as an economic powerhouse. Nearly everyone in the world chewed, sniffed, ate snus or smoked, and serious diseases associated with these habits are a new thing.

Use of tobacco products years ago was recommended to kill intestinal worms, a big thing at the time, and is still used as an approved organic pesticide. Today nicotine for medical use has been replaced with benzoyl peroxide, something that can kill you in 10 to 15 seconds, with chemical relatives being used in bug sprays—if you read the label and still use it in your house and yard, you don’t understand the English language.

In the 1920’s the manufacture of cigarettes changed for the worse: tobacco leaf was put into large digester tanks, forming a foul liquid to which over the years 125 chemicals have been added, then bleached and chlorinated paper is dunked into this solution and then shredded to look and feel like tobacco. It isn’t.

These so called cigarettes burn extra hot and make a person feel like they have a mouthful of arsenic, and deposit wood fiber ash in the throat and lungs.

Use of the ingredients are kerosene, to keep them lit; high fructose corn syrup, to replace fat; aspirin, formaldehyde, DDT, and H3 nitrates (ammonia) taking center stage—only a few cigarette brands are actually leaf tobacco.

Casual observation indicates that modern cigarettes have been specifically designed to destroy people slowly, with lung cancer and it’s 32,000 deaths a year being a mild affect—more people are killed in car wrecks and the whole ‘tobacco is bad, see what we’re doing about it’ is a money making public distraction, with sugar laced breakfast cereal killing 1000 times more people than tobacco and car wrecks and cheated on spouses combined —the USDA sponsored, advertised and promoted the
The reason I’ve spent so much time on this one is because DDT single handedly allowed ten thousand acre corporate farms to be formed by wall street investors planting a single crop, a practice that destroyed the whole idea of sustainable agriculture, allowed for the introduction of UFUs (unidentified food objects) into the food chain, and destroyed the economies of small and family farms. In Wisconsin alone 31,655 farms have declined to just over 6,100, while 32,000 cow farms with exclusive contracts with Wal-Mart are cropping up all over the place.

• Asbestos, PCB’s, and Dioxin, amounted to about 30 per cent of this disease, untold genetic and DNA damage to future generations (numerous cancers and almost all asthma, ADHD, and toxic shock due to cellular penetration can be linked to these toxins) Many towns located next to these production facilities have been wiped off the map (Love Canal comes to mind) with their inhabitants poisoned and genetically damaged, with cancer, birth defects, and brain damage, and deaths, and in some cases, in place next in line, home of Monsanto’s Roundup herbicide.

• All the herbicides (roundup 2-4-5-Dt is agent orange) and pesticides (nerve gas) kill about one million per year and genetically damage another 25,000,000—not the reason genetic and DNA damage by agent orange was denied by the US military for 30 years was because if any investigation was begun it would soon be discovered that it was being applied to nearly every field in the United States—to avoid this discovery, a new disease was invented, PTSD (last year, 1.7 million people were diagnosed with cancer and 522,000 died horrible deaths; in the 40 years prior, we killed so few cancers that people didn’t even know what the word meant) and synthetic sugar (high fructose corn syrup and aspartame) kills and or maims another 322,000 per year—aspartame (equal), 25 times sweeter than beef or cane sugar, is a medically proven neural toxin causing seizures and synaptic disruption (this product makes us fatter and dumber) and is used almost exclusively in soft drinks with each person drinking 600 cans per year.

• Note: that the fact that (aspartame) is low calorie is just another part of the fat lie, because any calories, if the body can’t process them it turns to fat. 600 cans of soda is 112 pounds of body fat and 25 times sweeter really means that acceleration of chemical processes associated with sugar are increased 25 times—are you hungry? How about 25 times hungry?

This product creates exactly the same metabolic damage to the human body as does chronic alcoholism (which is a form of sugar addiction), while most people would think twice about putting a soda in their hands, and high fructose corn syrup damages liver enzymes and turns on the hunger response in the brain.

One or the other sweetening product is in 95% of human and pet food sold today, from kibbles to salad dressing they make us hungry, even though we’ve just eaten, the only reason it’s put in is they know exactly what they’re doing.

Additionally, when heated, aspartate turns into a form of formaldehyde, used in embalming dead people and not really much good for living things

This government-sponsored butchery has a broad spectrum approach, for example, a required treatment by the FDA (for insurance purposes), chemotherapy (with a positive response rate of 809, one out of a thousand) along with its’ parent cancer, is a component in an organized process that kills 522,000 per year.

One treatment pack costs $60,000 and the round of treatment is 12 packs, and treatment is usual three rounds; even if the chemo cured your cancer (it never has), the chemo destroys and disintegrates the brain and internal organs—why do they do this? Chemo absolutely guarantees that you are a dead person, meaning that even if your cancer went into remission on its own you’re still dead from chemo and your family is bankrupt.

There are some promising alternative treatments in the works, but to get into these controlled federal studies, the FDA says you get chemo and radiation first, and if that treatment does not work (the knew it kills you), then you can try some alternative treatment—it’s or our choice.

(Special notice here) the FDA has spent 60 million tax dollars over 14 years to put a Houston Texas doctor in jail (he’s still free and practicing) who uses a non toxic gene therapy with a 27% cure rate for terminal cancer patients—this doctor invented the process and holds the patents, manufactures his own chemo, and he’s not even making any money and not some pharmaceutical company and charges little more than production costs.

Over these years the FDA has willingly allowed over 12 new products to go to market while they maintain trumped up charges on a phony legal basis against patent holders. See the video, it’ll bring you to both tears and joy: in one of his many court trials, a FDA prosecutor who is now the director of the FDA says, that his treatment works is irrelevant, he’s not following accepted practice, and he is not following accepted practice is to let people die. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Be1lUzNz6g4

Where is the medical community during all this, as no one has stepped up to the plate in his defense? Not a single straight forward doctor in the whole damn country, although all have taken an oath to do no harm.

Using this on-going incident as a model, it’s not hard to predict there won’t be much of an answer for anything soon—lots of approved drugs, but no cures. If you put 1,400 million dollars on this the company makes an annual profit of 840 billion dollar business. When is the last time you heard a billion dollar lawyer say, ‘I’m not going to give you any drugs, because if you don’t suivir this specialized organic bio-dynamic diet (meat and raw dairy), lay off of gene altering synthetic sweeteners and organ and brain killing sugar, you’re going to die a prolonged and painful death, better sooner than later?’

Personally, I think doctors should be required by law to limit their practice to the elimination and cure of infectious diseases. Almost everything else they do is a cover-up for a toxic national food system.

The gruesome and indefensible part, evidence from internal corporate memos shows these government agencies knew of the dangers before any of these toxic products were used on farms and people, but sold them anyway, and continue to do so with new ones.

Of the last 8,000 applications to the EPA for the use of agriculture and food chemicals, not one chemical was actually tested for animal or human toxicity nor was an environmental impact study done (application fees to the EPA are 350 dollars per each product and are usually approved within 60 days for each product and you are a registered supplier).

Although a very small sample of the above trials of deliberate public food poisoning exist within an army of thousands. If what government regulators say they are doing to protect the consumer and they really are actually doing to protect their corporate clients, and the corporate clients up as collateral damage.

The mechanics of the way this system is designed, the deliberate public food poisoning, regulation or lack of regulation at all, is hinged on the highly publicized media where employees of chemical and pharma companies are appointed to positions of Government agencies, which are supposed to be regulating these same companies, and then after doing their damage float back to their corporate offices. It’s the way Washington does business.

This system is so perfected, that chemical, agricultural and pharmaceutical and war industries no longer have to worry about money lobbying government officials, as they are government officials. The present director of the FDA came from Elan Pharmaceuticals, Runnemede based Searle Industries; Chaney from Brown & Root; the Bush attorney, Oil, International Banking and the Carlyle Group (by invitation only investors). The list goes on and on, up to their ‘public service’ they go back, the rock they crawled out from under.

In this way, although overwhelming scientific research exists, all decisions involving food and drugs are political, are driven by profit motives, and have nothing to do with any of the best interests of the American population. Humans appear to be harvested like livestock by the toxic food industries, with yearly health ‘care’ costs exceeding 840 billion dollars a year.

Granted, if you don’t know what is truly going on, it’s difficult to criticize someone for good intentions that fail; only these so called good intentions were and are being designed to fail. For example, Government agrees with us that there are some important designs bigger expenses to get to B (our best interest), but somehow we are not in the position of O or D for (their best interest).

Something to think about here: if someone reaches out to you to give you a helping hand, and kills you in the process, are you morally obligated to thank them with your dying breath? Would you feel any different about that than if someone had given you a fact that from the beginning they didn’t care if you lived or died?

Read more in issue 2 of the Hocak Worak on the Historical Data of Legalized Killing Events in the United States.
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Mary Jo B. Hunter administers the Oath of Office to Jo Deen Lowe.

Jo Deen Lowe sworn in as Chief Judge

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On January 9, 2012, Jo Deen Lowe was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. This makes her the Ho-Chunk Nation’s first female Chief Judge and the fourth Chief Judge in the court’s history.

Lowe is filling the seat of former Chief Judge Todd Matha, who resigned from his position on April 30, 2011. Matha was elected to the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court in July 2011. Since the court inception, in 1995, others appointed to the Chief Judge position are Mark Butterfield and William Bossman.

Associate Judge Amanda Rockman served as the court’s first “Interim” Chief Judge from May 2011 to January 2012. The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution “grants the Legislature the power to appoint the Chief Judge and any Associate Judges of the Trial Court.” The Ho-Chunk Nation’s Judicial Act reads: If the Legislature fails to fill any vacancy on the Trial Court within ninety (90) days of its occurrence, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall have the authority and the duty to appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

The Chief Judge position was in the Ho-Chunk Nation Job posting from May 2011 into January 2012.

Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe is the daughter of Chloris Lowe Sr. and Anita Lowe, the granddaughter of the late Martin and Mable (Davis) Lowe of the Indian Mission, and the late Will and Bessie (White) Nemitz of Alma Center. Her Ho-Chunk name is Ahugipawlinga. She graduated from New Lisbon High School, Winona State University (B.S. Paralegal Studies in 1981), and University of Wisconsin Law School (1985). Her biography read: She has served the Ho-Chunk Nation as a staff attorney, having worked with the Constitutional revision and gaming litigation support, then subsequently served as the Nation’s first Attorney General. Additionally she has previously been elected to the Nation’s Supreme Court as an Associate Justice. Her legal career has also taken her to the Menominee tribe where she served as a tribal prosecutor, to the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin where she worked on transactional business matters, membership and housing issues and served as legal counsel to that Nation’s investment board. She has also work for Wisconsin Judicare’s Indian Law unit representing tribes and tribal interests in the days prior to the advent of gaming in Wisconsin, and played a role in assisting with the training of lay advocates for tribal courts. Jo Deen is a former District Attorney for Jackson County appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin. Most recently she served as the Deputy Attorney General for the Forest County Potawatomi Community where she secured a tribal courts development grant to fully fund a prosecutor position for three years to allow for a consistent in-house legal advisor for the Indian Child Welfare and Child Support offices. Ms. Low has served the State Bar Board of Governors for many years and was a member of its Access to Justice Committee, which secured funding from the State to expand the access of lower-income residents to legal counsel. She lives near Tomah, Wisconsin. She has two brothers, Chloris Jr. of New Lisbon, Wisconsin and William (Rebecca) of Reedsburg, Wisconsin and she enjoys gardening, golf, and spending time with her family.

Lance Long, Buffalo clan member, served as the emcee for the Oath of Office Ceremony. Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 presented the colors, as the Little Thunder singers rendered a welcome and Ho-Chunk flag song. Chloris Lowe Sr. gave an invocation prayer. President Greendeer gave the opening remarks and congratulated Lowe. As he read her biography, he said, “She enjoys gardening, golf, and spending time with family. And I hope she likes spending time at work.” Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Jo B. Hunter administered the oath of office. The Chief Justice had a slip of the tongue when she asked Lowe to “raise your right hard.” Chief Judge Lowe gave remarks; she said she looks forward “to working with old friends, working for her people, and being close to family.”
The 2011 NFC North regular season is over

Submitted by Ho-Chunk tribal member Jim Lincoln

My crystal football once again correctly foretold the outcome of the regular season’s end for the NFC Northern division teams. Who could have predicted all the stories that unfolded before us each weekend? All the high hopes of conference titles and division championships of last September are coming to fruition for only 8 teams are left in the chase of the Lombardi trophy. I will tell my version of the 2011 tale for each team of the NFC North.

Vikings- Interim Head Coach Leslie Frasier finished the 2010 season with high hopes and left fans feeling of good things to come, but let’s see what happened. As I recall 3 wins & 13 non wins equal a (1) alone in the cellar of the NFC north. And (2) I said the Vike’s would try many at the premier position in all of football; McNabb clanked his last pass to the ground as a football; McNabb clanked his offensive coordinator’s play calling and is rarely seen offensive coordinator’s play calling and is rarely seen. Kyle Vanden Bosch just looked aggressive, nasty and wild with those red eye contacts he wore each game. Ndamukong Suh started the play after QB Cutler is sacked for the 23rd time in this season, he was injured, Toby Gerhart coxicted his thumb off. Even Cutler coddled his thumb as he watched Caleb Heine and Josh McCown lead the team through a 6 game losing streak to finish the season at 8-8. Windy city fans openly begged the General Manager to go after the newly released Chicago native Donovan McNabb and make him a Bear, apparently the real “Papa Bear” wanted that too because long time GM, Jerry Angelo was relieved of his duties, the argumentative offensive coordinator Mike Martz and his quarterback coach Shane Day departed stating “philosophical differences” in how the offense should operate as the reason. Well at least head coach Lovie Smith is now down to 2 ex-head coaches helping him on that team. It looks like a re-building season next year for windy city fans.

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Packers- Started the 2011 season with 7 wins and 3 losses which kept Bear fans talking smack right up to the team allowing the 110th sack of quarterback Jay Cutler in three seasons. Was this why Jay openly argued with the offensive coordinator’s play calling and is rarely seen with a smile on his face? But during the play after QB Cutler is sacked for the 23rd time in this season, he jammed his thumb trying to tackle the defender he threw an interception to. Cutler coddled his thumb as he watched Caleb Heine and Josh McCown lead the team through a 6 game losing streak to finish the season at 8-8. Windy city fans openly begged the General Manager to go after the newly released Chicago native Donovan McNabb and make him a Bear, apparently the real “Papa Bear” wanted that too because long time GM, Jerry Angelo was relieved of his duties, the argumentative offensive coordinator Mike Martz and his quarterback coach Shane Day departed stating “philosophical differences” in how the offense should operate as the reason. Well at least head coach Lovie Smith is now down to 2 ex-head coaches helping him on that team. It looks like a re-building season next year for windy city fans. And yes Da-Bears finish out of the playoffs and next to the bottom as predicted.

Lions- The prediction was they would make a run in the playoffs but the pride of Detroit took a different road in getting to the big dance than the other playoff teams. It involved a lot of smack talking backed up by very aggressive behavior and actions. Kyle Vanden Bosch just looked aggressive, nasty and wild with those red eye contacts he wore each game day; Ndamukong Suh started his “bad boy” tactics in the pre-season by “nadm” near twisting an opposing quarterback’s head off. Even the head coach appeared to have “gone wild” just after a post game hand shake. The pride definitely earned the distinction of being the most penalized and fined team during the 2011 regular season. We watched flags fly for normal things like helmet hits, numerous face masks, but things got crazy with the chop blocking, a foot to the crotch, and head slamming topped off with a foot stomping. Ndamukong just should have said he was “sub-ry” instead of that goofy comment he made. Anyway, a run in the playoffs would have meant beating the Saints so I was only part right on that one.

Packers- Oh baby! Top seeded team in the NFL playoffs. Sure looks like this prediction is in line too, and that was many of this teams records and NFL records now because they will be getting watches but none will play because they will be getting ready for the pinnacle of games. The big game that all 32 teams strive for each season this year will be played in Indianapolis on February 5th. Many offensive team records and NFL records now have new names on them. You know the names; the whole country knows those names. Yes this 2011 team is special because long time GM, Jerry Angelo was relieved of his duties, the argumentative offensive coordinator Mike Martz and his quarterback coach Shane Day departed stating “philosophical differences” in how the offense should operate as the reason. Well at least head coach Lovie Smith is now down to 2 ex-head coaches helping him on that team. It looks like a re-building season next year for windy city fans. And yes Da-Bears finish out of the playoffs and next to the bottom as predicted.

Go Pack Go!
Ho-Chunks celebrate New Year’s Eve

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

For many tribal members who were starving for a pow-wow, and just had to get their fix in, it was well taken care of New Years Eve. In mid November, tribal member Robert Blackdeer was asked to help seek funds from the Legislature and was successful. The Legislature approved the committee’s request and they were off in several directions to pull off a pow-wow for everyone to enjoy.

One of the first things noticeable was the change of location. We all know, when we have the New Years Eve Pow-Wow it is usually in the smaller building at the Tomah Fairgrounds. The Committee selected the bigger of the Buildings at the Fairgrounds to accommodate everyone and it would have better heating for the young and the elderly.

With a few minor Head Staff changes, the New Years Eve Pow-Wow was off to a good start with Wisconsin Dells singing the Grand Entry Song as the Joseph J. White American Legion Post #442 brought in the Eagle Staff and Colors around the arena. Sanford LittleEagle travelling all the way from LCO, offered the Flag Song. Arena Director, Gerald Cleveland, went right down the line with Ho-Chunk drums singing the Four Sacred Beings (Bear Song) with the Air Force Song, Wazi Joci with the Army Song, Waza Joci with the Marine Corps Song, and Little Thunder with the Navy Song.

There was much dancing as Ho-Chunk Station sang and gave the crowd some good some good songs during their intertribals. As the night went on there was a giveaway put on by the family of the outgoing New Year’s Eve Sobriety Princess, as the song went on, it was down to Zamantha and Arianna. As they scrubbed away and on the other side the women battled it out. In the beginning they all made it look easy and there were quite a few participating. But, they soon began to walk off and the crowd kept cheering for them. The women last standing were Lisa Stout, Yvonne Snake, and Gaby Rave. On the other side, there was Zamantha Finnmaker, Myshell Mike, Arianna, GreenCrow, and Gaby Brinegar. They were all red-faced, breathing hard, and not smiling anymore!

As the songs went on, it was Penny Ybarra’s frybread, light, fluffy, and all-around scrumptious. The Tomah Youth Services group well assisted Marty and Penny with the meal. The kids and the Ybarra’s did an awesome job and had food serving all night; many were able to receive a large gallon size Ziploc of take home eats filled with ham, soup, or frybread.

Normally at our Ho-Chunk pow-wows, exhibition dancing takes place by category, but the night was just right as M.C. Terry Fuddler announced the intertribals and the next portion of the Contest Dance. For those of you not familiar with the contest dance, this is where the dancer is given a gourd and they dance while shaking the gourd in the time to the drum and song. The ladies went first. They held that gourd up high and jammed as Wisconsin Dells and Bear Heart sang the songs requested. It was really fun to watch and listen to. It brought out some good feelings (for many) listening to the songs and watching the dancers stop in time to the songs.

At the time, the Ybarra’s did an awesome job and had food serving all night; many were able to receive a large gallon size Ziploc of take home eats filled with ham, soup, or frybread. As the night wrapped up, there was the inevitable timing of the stroke of twelve; no one turned into a pumpkin. and Yvonne was declared the Winner of the Iron Woman Scratch Special. Ladies you all looked very beautiful out there. I witnessed many young (future applique dancers), pointing and telling their Gags and Nsans they wanted to dance like the big girls. Such an inspiration for our young girls, who will someday be out there dancing against each other to see whether it is in the style of applique, fancy, or jingle. The ladies of Ho-Chunk pow-wows, exhibition dancing takes place by category, but the night was just right as M.C. Terry Fuddler announced the intertribals and the next portion of the Contest Dance.

The new look of security for the Nation

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

Andrew Lopez, Security Officer for the Department of Administration, was one of the first Security Officers to wear the Department’s new uniform. A few changes that will subtly occur for all Security Officers of the Nation’s Administrative Security are on the way, in terms of assessing the needs of each facility and their department’s current operating procedures. Aesthetically, the uniform reflects the duties of the Bear Clan and honors the Clan symbol of the Bear that sits atop, watching over the Nation on the new Badge that Security will wear. Also, for members to distinguish a Security Officer’s background as only one of the Ho-Chunk tribal members will wear the patch of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Flag proudly on their right chest.

As he has transferred from his Security Officer position at Gaming Black River Falls, Lopez assisted in helping select appropriate attire for the Security staff.

Security Officer Andrew Lopez wearing the new look of Security for the Ho-Chunk Nation.
Moving toward problem solving without English

Tracy Pecore

Editor

On December 15-17, 2011, Ho-Chunk tribal members (comprised of apprentices, teachers, and members of the traditional court) made their way to the Mohican Northstar Casino; not to play their favorite penny machine or to check out the craps table, but to attend the Wisconsin Tribal Language Teacher Training Workshop titled, “Accelerated Second Language Acquisition” (ASLA). The main purpose was to learn a new technique for effective language instruction and acquisition in the classroom which was led by Dr. Stephen Neyoosxet Greymorning. According to the University of Montana Website, Dr. Greymorning holds joint positions in Anthropology and Native American Studies. Professor Greymorning’s research interests include Native American language maintenance and restoration, Indigenous sovereignty issues and contemporary Native American issues. After receiving his Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1992, he served as the Director of the Arapaho Language and Culture Project for the Wyoming Indian Schools. He has also been a faculty member at the University of Montana since 1994. While maintaining academic interests in Native sovereignty issues, his work in developing strategies toward Native language restoration has continued. In this capacity Neyoosxet serves as the Executive Director of Hinono’eitiit Ho’oowu’ (Arapaho Language Lodge) in Wyoming, a position that has been instrumental in his development of a breakthrough method for second language instruction and acquisition called Accelerated Second Language Acquisition (ASLA).

With assistance from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Native American Center’s Director Andrew Gokee, who coordinated and organized the event in collaboration with the CREATE Wisconsin American Indian Student Achievement Network, the training would not have been able to take place. Gokee said, “Dr. Greymorning is in high demand and is not an easy guy to nail down.” With a limited number of participants able to register, some were turned away due to reaching maximum capacity. Luckily, sixteen of our Ho-Chunk tribal members were able to join in and attend.

Upon checking in, all participants were required to sign an agreement that acknowledged Dr. Greymorning as the developer of the ASLA methodology, assuring in writing that participants will agree to respect his copyrighted materials. According to Gokee, Dr. Greymorning developed his unique language instruction methodology over a period of eight years.

Gokee made mention that some language instructors may have entered into the training a bit skeptical. He explained however, that “seeing is believing”; to really understand the technique and to know it was going to work took patience, and seeing it in action. Acquiring language through this method is not through memorization, this approach “attempts to replicate natural language acquisition through the use of imagery,” explained Gokee. For example, Dr. Greymorning described how a baby learns their first words. They understand words before they can say the words themselves, through association with images. They know that their mom’s face means “mom,” and they associate meaning with mom’s image. The following is a very basic description of the methodology:

ASLA is comprised of 20 Skill Sets, however through the 3 day training, only the first six sets were covered. Each skill set scaffolds off the previous skill set(s) to produce a sequence of experiences which assist the learner to acquire the desired concepts. All concepts are represented by pictures which attaches images to the associated word or phrase. The images form a landscape that in a way replicates that of the natural world. It should also be noted the instructor insist on no repetitive drilling, which might encourage the student to think in English. In time the students begin to acquire additional language concepts while thinking in the target language.

From Day One to Day Three, a total of 180 images were learned in the Arapaho language through this process, which began with four simple pictures. Going back to “seeing is believing”, Ho-Chunk tribal member Cecil Garvin put Dr. Greymorning to the test. While using the same imagery, Garvin tried his hand at utilizing the technique, but this time in Ho-Chunk. Assuming the role of student, Dr. Greymorning was able to demonstrate that his technique works; in a matter of minutes he was understanding and speaking several Ho-Chunk words.

The purpose of the ASLA training is to assist tribal language teachers with producing proficient tribal language speakers. It stands to reason that if we begin to produce more proficient tribal language speakers, we might someday hear our tribal languages used more regularly.

Kerejusep, otherwise known as Eli Youngthunder, commented on the need to increase regular use of the Ho-Chunk language: “As we all know, Indigenous people around the world are losing their culture by means of disrupted use of the native language. Ho-Chunk is no different. With the loss of language comes the loss of culture and identity. The goal is to revitalize and make the language a living language to be used on a daily basis, not a separate entity to be used in isolation.”

Ho-Chunk tribal member and language apprentice, Rita Kingswan said, “the Black River Falls and Tomah High School will be using what we learned this coming semester, and they’ll be trying to use the technique at the Immersion Daycare as well.” She also noted that some [apprentices/teachers in training] that have their own Hocak classes are also going to attempt to use the method.

In closing, Kerejusep said, “the session was helpful and gave us another tool to use on students, family and ourselves. The overarching concept, immersion, I agree with. It is important that we as the teachers use the language more than we do, and this would be good practice. My personal concern was keeping a students’ attention on a daily basis using the same method, however I have not tried so I cannot disagree. As stated above, this is our new way for us to learn and/or teach the language.”

Language apprentices & instructors ponder their instructional creativity (Oneida & Ho Chunk).

Dr. Greymorning walks through the imagery landscape as Andrew Gokee (Ojibwe) tests his newly acquired knowledge of the Arapaho language.
I came across the following information flipping through Indian Country Today and found the following content interesting and wanted to share it with you. The following was originally submitted by Suzan Shown Harjo, Cheyenne/Hodgulgee Muscogee, an award-winning columnist and poet, writer; curator and policy advocate, who has helped Native Peoples to protect sacred places and recover more one million art objects of various tribes. ~ Tracy Pecore, Editor

2011 Hall of Fame and Mantle of Shame

President Barack Obama, seen here meeting with President Barack Obama, seen here meeting with Blackfeet languages, respectively.

FAME: President Barack Obama, for making good on most of his 2008 Native American campaign promises in his first three years. He opened the third White House Tribal Nations Conference on December 2 by reiterating important accomplishments, “That’s what change is,” he said. “It’d be nice to say that the work was done, but we know the truth….”We’ve got a long road ahead. But I believe that one day we’re going to be able to look back on these years and say that this was a turning point. This was the moment when we began to build a strong middle class in Indian country…the moment when we stopped repeating the mistakes of the past and began building a better future for American Indians and native people in old traditions, and welcomes every Native America into the American Dream…You have an Administration that understands the challenges that you face and, most importantly, you have a President who has your back.

FAME: Native Youth & Buffalo Nickel Creative, for “That’s My People,” a PSA starring dedication to the 2011 Intertribal Youth Summit in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Sicangu Lakota Students, for “Our Youth Are More Than That,” a video response to the BIA policy on poverty on the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation, South Dakota, by two classes of students on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, South Dakota. The 1491s, for “Smiling Indians,” “Geronimo E-KIA” and a year of inspiration and laughs by Native filmmakers, performers and writers in Minnesota and Oklahoma.

FAME: Native or not…."

FAME: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, NCAA & Native Student Athletes, for forcing discussions on income inequality, corporate greed, economic disparity between the upper 1 percent of Americans and most of the wealth in the country and the other 99 percent (who don’t) and attacks on public programs and services for those who are vulnerable and the poor in a time when the national poverty rate has never been higher. Native People in Occupy Albany, for instructing that “occupy” was an unfortunate word choice and that occupations have had disastrous consequences for Indigenous Peoples in this hemisphere and worldwide.

FAME: Pentagon Personnel in Charge of Code Names, for reaching back a century to take codenames for enemies and to discontinue using the term “Indian country” to mean enemy territory.

FAME: Language Warriors: Cherokee Nation, for its stellar language programs and for lowering the flags to half staff in honor of the passing of Steve Johns, whose decision it was to digitize Cherokee scholar Seqayah’s syllabary, Richard A. Grounds, Euchee, and Darrell R. Kipp, Blackfeet, for their dedicated immersion work on the Euchee and Blackfeet languages, respectively.

FAME: Language Consortium, for a comprehensive effort across Indian Country focused on improving federal approvals for Native American burial site issues. Over 50 national and local forest listening sessions with tribal government and federal governments have been conducted to inform recommendations for improvement.” Some who made statements in the draft report do not reflect that anyone actually listened. The report has been met with a collective raspberry by those who know the issues.

FAME: U.S. Army Secretary John McHugh, for swift action to remove and discipline those in charge of the Arlington National Cemetery after it was discovered that some remains were buried incorrectly, some graves were not marked correctly and that one grave contained the remains of two bodies buried on top of another. The Army and other military services for continuing to repackage Native remains and to return those killed in action.

FAME: Desecrators, Federal: Air Force and Civilian Personnel at Dover Air Force Base and Elsewhere, for disturbing partially cremated remains of at least 274 American troops in a landfill in Virginia—rather than disposing of them in a dignified manner as the families authorized along with 1,762 unidentified remains (reported by The Washington Post, December 7).

FAME: Desecrators, Tribal: Poarch Band of Creek Indians, for building a casino on top of Hickory Ground (in Wetumpka, Alabama), a sacred place and the last capitol of the Muscogee Creek Nation, have found no problem with the establishment of Hickory Ground in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) they still return to Hickory Ground and hold it sacred in both memory and practice…the Hickory Ground is now being desecrated and severely damaged by commercial operations and large expanses of asphalt paving that cover the land and its sacred places of any people, whether Native or not.”

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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

WTCAC Student Internship Program

Submitted by Jerry Thompson – WTCAC Program Manager

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) and the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Districts (WTCD) would like to announce the Summer Internship Program for the academic year 2012-2013. The program will be open to Native American students pursing degrees in Natural Resources, Biological Sciences, Agriculture, or Agricultural Business, Rural Development, Business Administration, Finance, Economics, or Management degrees. These students will be USDA Earth Team Volunteers, with potential stipend. The positions will be filled with an enrolled member, then the student will be employed as Tribal Interns.

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Wisconsin STUDENT INTERNSHIP

• Location: Rhinelander, WI

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Ho-Chunk Nation Constitutional Reform Task Force: Forging forward

Marion White Eagle Staff Writer

Four years ago, the Ho-Chunk Legislation adopted the creation of the Constitution Reform Task Force with Resolution 6-20-07 A “to conduct a comprehensive review of the areas of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Constitution that are identified as requiring change, modification, or amendment.” The Task Force held its first meeting on July 26, 2008 at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Since that time, the group has met monthly, when their budget allowed for it, to review the constitution. Forrest Funmaker, a HCRTF member from Black River Falls, said, “We’re budgeting out prior to the year’s end” and preventing the Task Force from conducting public hearings on those issues identified as requiring reform.

On January 7, 2012, the HCRTF held its monthly meeting at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Convention Center. The HCRTF consists of 11 members; those present were Forrest Funmaker-Black River Falls, Christine Jendrisik-Madison, Jeannine Helfner-Milwaukee, Vicki Brownwagget-Baraboo, Gloria Visintin-Wittenburg, Myrna Browneagle-Baraboo, Gloria Heffner-Milwaukee, Vicki Jendrisik-Madison, Jeanine Black River Falls, Christine Forrest Funmaker—Berlin, and Alicia Miner-St. Paul/Minneapolis. Green Bay and Tomah are currently unrepresented due to resignations. Paul Krause, HCRTF Chair, was excused from attendance. The Task Force has named three top priorities: Traditional Court, Disenrollment, and Referendum Voting. Funmaker presented the Task Forces’ concern to the Traditional Court regarding their “recognition” in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The Traditional Court is made up of clan leaders/elders who apply the Ho-Chunk Nations unwritten/common law. The Traditional Court provides testimony on land issues and assist the trial and supreme courts in matters of tradition and customs. Recently, in regards to the Badger Ammunition Plant land, the Traditional Court told Funmaker, “we aren’t respected anyway, by Legislature, or the President.”

The Task Force meeting discussion on the inclusion of the Traditional Court into the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution was favorable. Jendrisik said of our constitution, “there’s nothing Ho-Chunk in here. We have the Preamble in Hoocah.” Visintin said the Ho-Chunk Nation ought to “conduct business in our language. It is the greatest measure of who we are. (With our current constitution) We are governed, burdened, flawed.” Funmaker said, (cultural speaking)“The Traditional Court has the chance to be a powerful organization.” Disenrollment would not require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council if the DNA result did not qualify applicants for enrollment. Currently, to remove a member from the tribal rolls, members must submit DNA, go through tribal courts, and, lastly, receive two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council to be officially removed. This would eliminate the need to be removed at General Council if the DNA did not qualify the applicant/member.

The HCRTF will be approaching the Election Board on matters of Referendum Voting. The first question offered by the Task Force came from Alicia Miner. She said, (if we have Referendum voting) “What’s the use of having a General Council meeting?” She continued, “as it is, most (tribal members) don’t vote and need encouragement (like the $100.00 at General Council).” Funmaker said Referendum voting would be preferable because “we (the Ho-Chunk Nation areas) are all spread out.” Jendrisik said, “(as tribal members) we have numerous ways to be heard (and Referendum Voting will increase our chances of being heard).” Visintin summarized Proxy voting to avoid “the tremendous travel expense”, which is commonly used by corporations.

Funmaker also added that the Administration Committee of the Legislature notified him that they are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have General Council votes on Resolutions be carried over to count as Secretarial Election votes. HCRTF members are elected by majority vote of tribal members at District Meetings and serve continuously until the Task Force completes the constitutional reform process and submit constitutional changes for Referendum voting. The Administration Committee of the Legislature notified him that they are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have General Council votes on Resolutions be carried over to count as Secretarial Election votes. HCRTF members are elected by majority vote of tribal members at District Meetings and serve continuously until the Task Force completes the constitutional reform process and submit constitutional changes for Referendum voting. The Administration Committee of the Legislature notified him that they are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have General Council votes on Resolutions be carried over to count as Secretarial Election votes. HCRTF members are elected by majority vote of tribal members at District Meetings and serve continuously until the Task Force completes the constitutional reform process and submit constitutional changes for Referendum voting. The Administration Committee of the Legislature notified him that they are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have General Council votes on Resolutions be carried over to count as Secretarial Election votes. HCRTF members are elected by majority vote of tribal members at District Meetings and serve continuously until the Task Force completes the constitutional reform process and submit constitutional changes for Referendum voting. The Administration Committee of the Legislature notified him that they are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to have General Council votes on Resolutions be carried over to count as Secretarial Election votes.

The HCRTF will meet on January 28th, February 25th, March 24th, April 28th, May 19th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 10th, and December 8th, so mark your calendars if you want to attend. HCRTF members receive two books as source material: American Indian Constitutional Reform & the Rebuilding of Native Nations by Eric D. Lemont, and For Indigenous Eyes Only: A Decolonization Handbook by Wiyatowin Angela Wilson & Michael Yellow Bird.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

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The six partners that cooperate to successfully manage the NGLVC are the Friends of the Center Alliance, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. The U.S. Forest Service is the lead agency for the partnership.

- Interns at the NGLVC will have opportunities to work with professionals from all six partners. Interns at the NGLVC in the past have led Youth Conservation Corps crews, presented conserva-tion education programs to the public in our Northwoods Adventure Series, led kayak programs using science and culture curriculum on local estuaries, and engaged in special projects in public rela-tions, writing and partnering.

- Potential projects for 2012 include the implementation of a national children’s forest project, public conservation education programs for multiple age groups, management of service learning projects including trail maintenance, native seed orchard, and native garden upkeep. Projects in public relations to include creation of short stories and press releases about NGLVC programs and partners are anticipated. Participation in agri-forestry projects may be possible. Participation in linkages with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and the nations that belong to it is likely.

February – Nekoosa Area TERO - Workshops

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All Trainings will be held at the Rainbow Casino Conference Room

Please contact the HCN TERO Office at 715-284-5877 and ask to speak with a TERO Case Manager for workshop locations or more details.
A valentine tip from Social Security

Submitted by Ken Hess
– Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for WI

Valentine’s Day, February 14, makes this a popular time of year for proclamation of love. Such displays of affection can be as simple and sweet as a heart with a “be mine” message, or as life altering as a wedding vow before an altar.

If you happen to be a newlywed who is head over heels in love, you may not be focused on things such as taxes or Social Security, but you should be. If you plan to exchange your maiden name for a married name, including hyphenated names such as Smith-Jones, be sure you let Social Security know.

Telling us about your name change shortly after your marriage will help us accurately keep track of your earnings and will ensure that you and your family get the Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors coverage you’re entitled to.

Also, if the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security records do not show the same name and Social Security number, your Federal income tax refund could be delayed.

If you continue to use your maiden name consistently throughout your working years, you do not need to contact us. However, if you decided to change your name letter, you should let us know so that we can update your Social Security record and send you a Social Security card with your new name.

There’s no need to pay someone else to mail in the information for you. Changing your name with Social Security is a quick, easy, and free service. Just go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber, to learn what documents you need, and click on “Fill Out and Print an application (Form SS-5).” You also can call us at 800-772-1213 to obtain the form.

We will need the application along with a marriage certificate or divorce decree verifying your old and new names. If you were born outside the United States, you also need proof of your US citizenship or proof that you are lawfully living in the US. You can bring or email these documents to us.

Happy Valentine’s Day from Social Security.

Another marquee sign that has been updated and almost near completion at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa.

Chili Lunch

TRIBAL OFFICE BLDG. CAFETERIA
Friday, January 27
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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ATTENTION
2011 Tax Document Information that may affect you.

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

☐ You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available online at ho-chunknation.com under Treasury.

☐ If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2012 by Feb. 15, 2012.

☐ Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. Be sure to update your address with the Personnel Department.

☐ 1099’s will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

There is a $5.00 charge for EACH COPY of the W-2 or 1099-M to be reprinted.

It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per-cap check or direct deposit advice.

ATTENTION

Chili Lunch

MENU

• Chili
• Frybread
• Cornbread
• & Dessert!

Cost:

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2012 SEASON

District One Community Center

3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2012 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!

Monday, February 6, 2012
6:00pm
District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting February 6, 2012.
Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 3, 2012.
Sign up as a team or an individual.
Season will be 8 weeks long followed by play-offs.
All players must be 18 years old.
Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!
We’re Looking forward to another exciting season!
See you on the court!
Contact Melissa or Derris at 715-284-0904

Wanted: Experienced Roofers
TERO is looking for Ho-Chunk Tribal Members and members of other federally recognized tribes to join our Job Skills Bank.

- We are seeking individuals with experience roofing.
- If you are a member of a federally recognized tribe, sign up with a TERO Case Manager and let us know. We may have opportunities this spring and want to know who may be available.
- Contact us at 715-284-5877 and ask to speak with Audrey Littlewolf or Sage Funmaker.
- You can also stop in at W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

SUMMONS
(IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Case : CS 11-70
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Randall M. Redcloud
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Petition must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this Summons. You may request a hearing within your written response. See Recognitions of Foreign Child Support Orders, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id., § 2.6c.
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.

Monthly Board Meeting For
Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HUD)
Thursday, January 19, 2012 - 6:00 PM
HHCSA at Tomah, corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue
Agenda items by noon, January, 12, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
HHCSA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251
Congratulations

Congratulations to Daryl Waukau, Junior – Mauston High School, who recently competed in the Bi-State Wrestling Meet held at the La Crosse Center on December 29-30, 2011. Fifty-four teams from across the state and Minnesota competed in this event. Daryl, who is wrestling for the first time, finished in 8th place in the Heavyweight division. I would like to commend him for his outstanding achievement.

Happy Birthday to my daughter Mariah Eva Blackdeer 1-4-93, my son Wade Heston Decorah 1-17-80 and my granddaughter Justine Jayne Rasha 1-17-97. I want to thank everyone for all the prayers and thoughts that were said on behalf on my son Dalton Kyle Blackdeer in our time of sorrow and grief. He will be truly missed by his parents, brothers, sisters and especially his grandmother Dale WhiteEagle. Then I want to thank Travis Cloud, his helpers and whoever else helped with the meals and a big thank you to Orvilla WhiteEagle for being there with us. I appreciate everyone, sorry if I left anyone out, there are too many to mention. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Happy Birthday to my grandson Bijan Hindsley 1-1-95. Passed: 12-2-11

Kirby E. Thundercloud, “Zazamani”


Kirby E. Thundercloud, age 40, of Tomah and formerly of Black River Falls, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 in his home. Kirby Emanuel Thundercloud was born in Black River Falls on June 4, 1971 to Raymond and Judith Ann (Hopinkah) Thundercloud. He was raised in the Black River Falls area and attended Black River Falls High School where he earned numerous achievements as an All Conference football player and First Team Coulee Conference Wrestling Champion. He also was a member of the Homecoming Court. He graduated from Black River Falls High School in 1990. In 1991, Kirby attended Kicking Horse Job Corps in Ronan, MT and graduated from the Heavy Equipment Operator Program.

Kirby loved to sing with his brothers, the Thundercloud Singers. The brothers’ talents took them to pow-wows across North America including a national tour with Blues Traveler, the Allman Brothers Band, Dave Matthews Band, Sheryl Crow and numerous other award winning artists.

Kirby was eager to lend a hand to those in need. He cared for all those he called family and friends. He also inspired many as he came to make fitness a priority in his life and could be found encouraging others to join his mission.

He enjoyed running, biking, weight lifting and other forms of activity including competing in endurance runs and fitness challenges. He also volunteered with Tomah youth to teach Ho-Chunk singing and drumming.

Kirby will be greatly missed by the friends he made through his travels and those who enjoyed his humor and company during his employment with Ho-Chunk Housing and Ho-Chunk Gaming.

Kirby is survived by his parents, Raymond and Judith Ann Thundercloud; a brother, Zachary Thundercloud; a sister, Nehomah Thundercloud; many Ho-Chunk brothers and sisters; sons, Joshua and Jacob; daughters, Jamyn, Brooke, and Mira Belle; and his lifelong friend, Burley. He was preceded in departure by paternal grandparents, Emanuel “Soup” Thundercloud and Agnes Whitegull Thundercloud; maternal grandparents, Benjamin Hopinkah and Gretchen Youngthunder Eagleman; Jaajis, Peter; Ross, and Chris Thundercloud, and Bill Hall; and Naanis, Cheryl Hopinkah and Jeannette Hopinkah.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 P.M. on Friday, December 30, 2011 at the Raymond and Judith Ann Thundercloud residence, 8857 Decorah Rd. at the Ho-Chunk Indian Mission, rural Black River Falls. Burial followed in the Decorah Cemetery. Jeff Goodbear officiated. Honorary casket bearers were Eric Hopinkah, Scott Lowe, Roger Taylor, Aaron Parker, Moses Cleveland, Steve Kysley, and Murt Greengrass. Casket bearers were David Russell, Cory Funnmaker, Fletcher Collins, Nick Whitegull, Koonzie Decorah, Gavin Johnson, and Shane Steindorf.

The Buswell Funeral Home, Black River Falls, assisted the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at www.buswellfuneralhome.com.

The Apostle Creed

I believe in God the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to dead on the 3rd day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Native American Church and the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.
Rave moves with the job

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk tribal member from Black River Falls, Travis Rave, moved on to the job he once dreamed of after finishing school in 1990. Rave, who has been working for the Ho CHUNK Health Care Center, Gundersen La Crosse, St. Francis La Crosse, and the Indian Mission for the past 20 years, has also been working for a number of other companies but he has also worked for himself in the plumbing industry utilizing his skills. Some of those places are Walmart in Eau Claire, Gunderson La Crosse, St. Francis La Crosse, and the HCN Health Care Center in BRF before becoming a journeyman. Rave worked single handedly on the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center installing the plumbing system for the entire facility so many of us use today. He has also worked as a pipelayer at several paper mills in northern Wisconsin and all the remodels of Clay-Kah-Chee, Indian Heights, and the Indian Mission for HHICDA.

However, Rave does not do service calls, and only works for free for his Cuwis and for frybread as he has accepted frybread in lieu of cash on several occasions. He is not quite picky about who makes it, as long as it is not “doughy.”

While working at the Oak Creek Power plant Travis experienced a nasty fall that left Travis unemployed and disabled for two years. So while unemployed Travis started taking classes to become employable again, not sure how the injury would heal or if it would be aggravated again in the future.

With assistance from the Ho Chunk Nations Labor Department’s TERO Program, Travis enrolled in Cross Connection Control classes in Mosinee, WI. He learned how to not cross contaminate with water and waste pipes; a license that a plumber uses as a working credential. Travis is now a Certified Instructor in this class and can also teach Cross Connection Control ASE American society of sanitation engineering.

There are many programs within the Ho-Chunk Nation that are designed specifically to help Ho-Chunk tribal members move up and become acquainted with hands-on training in specific field. What the Labor Department program offered Travis can also be offered to you too.

As a tribal member in the TER0 program, and once all of the required documentation is provided such as status, intent to hire, and letter of hire, a case worker will use program formulas to disburse funds to provide the client with gas assistance, and if in a certain area, $100 toward work clothes. If requested the program can and will also provide lunch for the client as well up to a certain amount for two weeks to help get you on your feet. This letter/ voucher can also be redeemed for food at the WTC C-Stores. With knowledge of resources available, Travis reached out for more classes and attended a class the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 453 offered. He learned Rigging and Crane Signaling which was a two-week class. While learning rigging, rigging is safety, the tools, and load ratios, Rave also had to bring back numbers and formulas. 75 percent of classroom study was geometry. The reasoning behind the use of math is to determine proper load ratios and what proper safety equipment to use on each job.

In 2011, Rave had been welding for Ahern in Marshfield and the job was supposed to work longer but Travis was laid off. An opportunity came about through the Union Travis was in and they offered him a Rigger position in Homestead, Florida. After accepting the position, that meant being away for New Year’s Eve, and off he was leaving his grandchildren behind. He worked with the company members he was in contact with on a daily basis. Plans to return to Florida with family for the job may mean a permanent relocation. The upside to his travels is that he won’t have too much to worry about when he puts in a day’s work, he will be minutes from Biscayne Bay, Everglades National Park, the Florida Keys and South Miami Beach. But for now, Rave’s plans are to work at the Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station (a Nuclear Power plant), and to be “running steel” for his new job as a “Rigger”. Travis wishes to extend thanks to all of the staff at the Labor Department for assisting him in obtaining employment through all of the training opportunities available. Travis really wanted to extend a Pi-nu-gi-gi, as the Labor Dept really did good for him with all of their assistance.

*Tribal member Travis Rave welding some pipes big enough to drive a truck through.

Rigging, the connections made to haul and transport supplies at work sites is what Travis works on for a living.

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