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Jury finds Tim Whiteagle guilty on all 12 counts of indictment

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On August 1, Tim Whiteagle, a Ho-Chunk tribal member and accused "covert lobbyist", was found guilty of all 12 charges brought against him in the 14 count indictment brought against Whiteagle, Atherton, and Pettibone by the U.S.A in the Western Wisconsin District. Count 1 is conspiracy to bribe an agent of tribal, Count 2 is causing another to agree to give bribe, Count 3 is causing another to agree to give bribe, Count 4 is giving bribe, Count 5 is causing another to agree to give bribe, Count 6 is soliciting bribe, Count 7 is soliciting bribe, Count 8 is causing another to agree to give bribe, Count 9 is offering bribe, Count 10 is tax evasion, Count 11 is false income tax return, and Count 12 is false income tax return. Whiteagle could face up to 106 years in prison.

Tim Whiteagle was on the stand testifying at the U.S. District Court on 120 North Henry Street in Madison, Wisconsin when he was asked a question. You asked for a loan in the amount of \$17,500 from your

contact at Cash Systems for Clarence's mother? Whiteagle said, "Yes." Then he was asked what did you do with that money? Whiteagle replied, "I spent that money." Next he was asked about another loan in the amount of \$14,000 for attorney's fees, Whiteagle said, "I spent it." Again, he was asked, you received a loan for \$8,500 for a political campaign for Clarence Pettibone. Whiteagle said it was used to buy campaign pens and notebooks. He said, "That was not unlawful." He also said he was involved in "many projects" as a behind-the-scenes lobbyist for companies wanting to do business with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The U.S. District Court did not allow photos in the courtroom or the building. This was the final day of the grand jury trial of the U.S.A v. Pettibone, Atherton, and Whiteagle. The jury consisted of seven females and five males. Later that day, a female juror was dismissed and a male juror was added. The jury now consisted of six males and six females.

Ho-Chunk Nation official, employees, and tribal members were present. From the Office of the President: President Jon Greendeer; Public Relations Officer, Collin Price; Legislative Liason, Henning Garvin; Executive Administrative Officer, Rhonda Anderson. From the Legislative Office: Representatives John Holst, Patrick RedEagle, Robert TwoBears, Shelby Visintin, and Legislative Attorney Mike Murphy. From the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice: Attorney General, Sheila Corbine, Alana DeCora-Ayesh, and Michelle Greendeer-Rave. From Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls: General Manager, Greg Garvin. And Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members: Gloria Visintin, Jeremy Rockman, Sequoia (Holst) Garvin, Ona Garvin,

and Summer Whiteagle.

The defense called Cleo Littlegeorge, Community Health Office Manager at the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Service. Littlegeorge was asked how she knew Whiteagle. She said, "He's a friend." Littlegeorge explained that she knew him personally for eight years and was asked to be a part of the Park Institute BRF Fund, as secretary and treasurer. The defense asked what she knew the organization's mission to be. Littlegeorge said, "It was to help kids with funding to attend Tae Kwon Do." Next, Littlegeorge was asked who else was on the board of Park Institute BRF Fund. She said, "Jon Crystal, a Tae Kwon Do Instructor in Wisconsin Rapids, and Jeffrey Goodbear." The defense asked how she was related to Goodbear. She said, "He is my significant other."

Through further questioning, the jury learned that there was a Board meeting in January 2009 where board nominations were made, and that the fund was to help with payments and training fees. The jury also learned that Tim Whiteagle put \$17,500 into a bank account of the Park Institute BRF Fund and secured a vehicle, a 1989 Pontiac Firebird, which was to be raffled off for fundraising. Whiteagle received more money to gather more donations. Littlegeorge was asked if the 1989 Firebird was the only remaining asset of the Park Institute BRF Fund. She replied, "Yes." Littlegeorge admitted that she knew where the Firebird is, that the board members and kids received money, and that Whiteagle and Atherton received money from the board. Littlegeorge was questioned by the FBI as a result of her board involvement and wanted copies of board meeting minutes. She said, "After being questioned, I didn't



Tim Whiteagle was found guilty by a grand jury on 12 counts, which include bribery and tax violations, at the U.S. District Court in Madison, Wisconsin.

want anything to do with it. Park Institute BRF Fund is on hold."

The defense admitted the board's last meeting minutes from January 18, 2010. Records show that Whiteagle opened an account in 2008 with a \$45,000, then deposited a \$14,000 cashier's check. He later received \$3,800 for travel and an additional \$1,500 in March 2010. Littlegeorge was asked, Whiteagle never put money in? She said, "Yes." Whiteagle only took money out.

The jury was excused for lunch. When they returned, they'd learn about laws applicable, hear closing arguments, and then would deliberate for a verdict.

The prosecution said it is about relationships. This trial paints a powerful portrait of acts for the benefit of Tim Whiteagle. They said, "He received \$3 million in bribes. He lied repeatedly in his testimony. The U.S. must prove that these things occurred, they were done corruptly, that Pettibone was an elected official, that the Ho-Chunk Nation received more than \$10,000 in federal dollars in one year. From 2002-2009, the same modus operandi, conspiracy, occurred. Whiteagle holds out Pettibone. Whiteagle confers

with Pettibone. Pettibone supported Whiteagle's clients. They shared ambiguous emails. They put pen to paper to put crime to work. The FBI got search warrants to search Whiteagle's home. FBI agents knocked on Pettibone's door. He lied when he said he didn't know what Whiteagle did for a living. His lies are evidence on the stand. Trinity is small potatoes compared to Cash Systems and Money Centers"

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation:

On August 1, 2012, Ho-Chunk Tribal Member, Mr. Timothy Whiteagle, 60, Black River Falls, WI, was convicted of 1 count of bribery conspiracy, 8 counts of bribery, 2 counts of filing fraudulent tax returns and 1 count of obstruction for his criminal acts against the Ho-Chunk Nation. It is evident justice will come to those who commit crimes against our Great Nation but the convictions of recent are no cause for celebration. At some time, we may be able to calculate the money we've lost throughout the duration of this crime but there's no measure for the loss we have suffered when our sense of security has been compromised, but we will heal.

I found it unsettling to hear how the Nation, the People and how we do business were portrayed in the Defense's response to the charges. Most importantly, I listened to gross mischaracterizations of the relationship the Ho-Chunk People hold with their Tegas. A tega's generosity toward his nieces and nephews is

not a justification for illegal conduct. After listening to the details of how Mr. Whiteagle also corroborated with outside vendors and conspired with and against officials of the Nation, I found it difficult to set aside my feelings as a tribal member but remembered my promise to you to lead this Nation with objective rationale and find promise and positive change with our next steps forward.

Regardless of a variety of my own emotions, I find policy changes driven by anger, fear or paranoia will assure we've made something worse out of a bad situation. Our collective response will be decisive and we will use what we have learned to build realistic safeguards to protect the future of our government from those seeking to exploit our Nation for their own personal gain.

While we can put ink to paper that has political and public appeal, no law or policy will serve a greater safeguard than one's own personal ethics and integrity when serving in an official capacity. Criminal minds

don't follow laws, resolutions or Executive Orders and although I'm glad the Ethics Review Board is finally in place, an after-the-fact review doesn't provide the sureties of protection before or while a crime is taking place. The most important point to remember is that our Nation's Officials are sworn to protect the interests and welfare of the People and are not a reflection of those who have chosen otherwise.

While it is an unfortunate truth that we have learned some of these crimes were committed by members of our own Ho-Chunk Nation, I find some version of a "silver lining" in this unfortunate orchestration of events and that is, it was brought to a close in large part, by courage of other Ho-Chunk People and their dedication to our Great Nation and to what is right. To these individuals, we owe a great debt of gratitude.

Let the message ring clear in our laws and policies but mostly in our practices, that crime or the intent to commit crime against our Nation will always come to justice.

Despite what has happened, we will never abandon that sense of trust among each other which has allowed our communities to survive situations even more harsh than this; that we, in all of our differences, agree on one thing, our People will stand together when faced with any threat to our Nation

I want to again thank those brave members for stepping forward knowing the day justice would be served was a long time coming. I also want to thank the US DOJ for not abandoning their trust responsibility to further ensure the safety and security of our Nation by gathering every necessary piece of evidence and delivering a most succinct case against those now convicted.

We may never know why individuals would commit such an egregious act upon our tribe but it's my intent to bring forward as much information I can to answer the who, what, when and where questions you may have. I have asked the Nation secure a court record of this trial to assist the HCN DOJ



Jon Greendeer

with the civil case and so you may read the testimonies and questions from both the Prosecution and Defense and draw your own conclusions. Despite its unfortunate details, the story should be told and the People deserve to have this information available.

I offer finally, my continued dedication to the People as I work with your other elected Representatives to build a stronger Nation in the wake of these most recent events.

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

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr.Kozlowicz' lamentation over the Jobs and Immigration Letter to the Editor which I submitted in support of Gale White's letter, I did not claim or suggest that "...all positions can be better filled by Hochunk people just because they are Hochunk," nor did I suggest anything to indicate that we should "lower the bar" in the employment of our own members. My interpretation of that "lower the bar" inference seems to intimate a sense of cross-cultural condescension which I find offensive. Furthermore, I did not blame the Nation's non native employees for this oversight. ... There again we see the obfuscated misinterpretations of Mr. Kozlowicz. Moreover, I take umbrage against the insinuations that I am in favor of hiring less than qualified persons for various positions.

At the end of paragraph 4, I stated that: "Our own tribality is a diminished presence." Mr. Kozlowicz indicated that I stated: "...diminishes the presence of Hochunk people." Were Mr. Kozlowicz professionally punctilious, he would not have made that error in attribution. He should have indicated that he was paraphrasing my statement in order to be accurate as an editorial exercise. In the letter, all that I did was to take an ethnocentric stance in favor of hiring our own people.

In 1991-1992, on the strength of letters to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, Senators and Congressmen, and Field Solicitors Office of the U.S. Department of Justice which I wrote and sent off under the signature of former Tribal Chairwoman JoAnn Jones, we were granted a Declaratory

Injunctive Relief Action in the 7th Federal Court of Western Wisconsin. This intervention resulted in the elimination of political corruption in the tribe and restored a functional government to the Hochunk Nation so that an honest gaming industry and associated economic enterprises would be able to flourish in the tribe and provide employment for tribal members.

This clean slate started off well, but somewhere along the line things went awry and tribal employees gradually became diminished to its present 7:3 ratio, that same employment condition in which Mr. Kozlowicz found long term employment as a reporter of the Hocak Worak. At no time in those 12 years did I ever recall seeing any evidence of his being in possession of journalistic credentials. Perhaps he is so credentialed, perhaps not. If not, then he falls in the journalistic category of "almost a reporter."

As an infantry trooper with 1st Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam I was sniped at by the Viet Cong and the NVA. Now, because of advocating for my own tribal members, I find myself being sniped at in my own tribal homeland. With the present national unemployment rate at 8.3%, the chances of a non-Hochunk "Sick Out" some summer weekend are extremely remote to the point of being utterly ridiculous! I daresay that the Personnel Department would simply call up applicants on the tribe's employee waiting list and continue operations unabated.

Cordially submitted,
Dr. Jeremy Patrick Rockman,
Ed.D, MA, BA

Dear Editor:

As a very proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. I was appalled at the article written by Mr. Kenneth Twin. In my humble opinion.

I am in total disagreement with his thoughtless and misguided statements. To what end do we as proud people got to go, to get our point across???? Our nation was built on many men and women that lacked any type of "formal" education. All they had was the knowledge of traditional values and what was handed down to them by the elders. All was well thought out and understood, and we accepted it because we depended on them!!!!

I have worked in the "white-mans" world most of my life, and have worked for many men and women that were "formally" educated. Many had 4,6 and doctorates degrees. To me...these people had no business running these companies. That forgot 1 key ingredient to the equation...the people. Because you have "letters" behind your name..doesn't make you a leader!!!! Simply put...Bernie Madoff..Richard Nixon...Tom Petters!!!! All formally educated and "wise"!!!! I don't understand the slamming of 7 hard working people ... just to get a point across???? Is this what

we as a people have come too???

It saddens me to think that our forefathers...with no formal education...evidently knew nothing!!! It is a very trying time. When a person...can take an opinion and slam 7 very well respected individuals. Our Indian ways are unique. In that an opinion can sway many people. I do agree that education is very important to our "new" way of life...but, if a man or a woman...educated or not can lead this nation to a finer way of life.....then I'm all for it!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. West
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Editor:

As a Ho-Chunk tribal member who has earned a bachelor's, a master's, and doctoral degree I feel it is necessary to respond to Mr Twin's Letter to the Editor published in the July 27, 2012 edition of the Hocak Worak.

Not earning a Bachelors degree does not result in a person being or acting "dysfunctional.... Incompetent, inept... making bumbling, bad decision." That flawed logic is destructive and demeaning to us as Ho-

Chunk tribal members. It is not healthy to use academic education as a means to negatively label Ho-Chunk tribal members. I firmly believe in the importance of gaining knowledge and wisdom, not just in the form of formal academic education.

A bachelor's degree doesn't guarantee that the person will be wise, honorable, respectful, have integrity, or be a good leader in service to the Ho-Chunk people.

No academic degrees, certificates, licenses or titles are necessary for any adult Ho-Chunk tribal member to have acquired valuable wisdom and knowledge allowing them to run for a position and serve on the Ho-Chunk Legislature. It is up to the individual voter to decide if that person is worthy of their vote.

Respectfully,

Colonel Kirk Hopinka
PhD

Jury finds member of Ho-Chunk Nation guilty of bribery and tax charges in connection with tribal contracts

Submitted by United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil, Department of Justice

John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Timothy Whiteagle, 60, Black River Falls, Wis., was convicted of bribery and tax crimes today following an eight-day jury trial in federal court in Madison. The jury deliberated for approximately seven hours before finding Whiteagle guilty on all counts.

Whiteagle was convicted of one bribery conspiracy count (five years maximum penalty); eight bribery counts (10 years maximum penalty on each); two counts of filing false tax returns (three years maximum penalty); and one count of obstruction by attempting to persuade a person to lie to the FBI (20 years maximum penalty). U.S. District Judge William M. Conley scheduled sentencing

for October 24, 2012.

United States Attorney Vaudreuil stated, "This prosecution demonstrates the commitment by this office and the U.S. Department of Justice to vigorously investigate and prosecute corruption in tribal governments."

According to the evidence presented at the trial, the Ho-Chunk Nation, an Indian tribal government, operates casinos in the Western District of Wisconsin and annually receives federal grants well in excess of \$10,000. Whiteagle is a Ho-Chunk tribal member. From 2002 to 2009, Whiteagle, at times with the assistance of Deborah H. Atherton, 55, Black River Falls, acted covertly as a behind-the-scenes consultant for clients seeking to do business with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The clients included companies that provided cash access services (such as check cashing and ATMs) at Ho-Chunk casinos, and

a company that sought to provide mortgages and housing for tribal members. Whiteagle received over \$3 million dollars from the clients.

Whiteagle gave Clarence Pettibone, 53, Black River Falls, an elected legislator of the Ho-Chunk Nation, money and valuables, and Whiteagle and Atherton solicited clients seeking Ho-Chunk business to do the same. The valuables included checks; money orders; payments to a martial arts studio operated by Pettibone; a Pontiac Firebird; contributions for Pettibone's re-election campaign; a job for a relative of Pettibone; golf outings; tickets to an NFL football game; visits to adult entertainment venues; auto body work on a car owned by a relative of Pettibone; and vacations for Pettibone and his family members.

Whiteagle and Atherton offered and gave the money

and valuables to Pettibone to influence and reward him for helping certain clients do business with the nation; Pettibone knew the money and valuables were given to him to influence and reward him for assisting the clients; Whiteagle and Pettibone consulted with each other about how to use Pettibone's official position to assist the clients in obtaining and keeping contracts with the Ho-Chunk Nation; and Pettibone, in his official capacity as an elected legislator, took steps to help the clients do business with the Ho-Chunk Nation, such as scheduling of clients' proposals on the legislature's agenda, making motions for the nation to enter into contracts with the clients, delaying legislative action, and opposing proposed contracts between the nation and competitors of the clients.

Atherton pleaded guilty on July 9 to conspiracy to

commit bank fraud. Her sentencing is scheduled for October 10, 2012. She faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison.

Pettibone pleaded guilty to accepting a bribe and was sentenced on July 11 to five years in federal prison.

The charges against Whiteagle, Atherton and Pettibone are the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and IRS Criminal Investigation, with the assistance from the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Gaming, and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Inspector General.

The prosecution of this case is being handled by to First Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen P. Sinnott and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

Dear Newsletter: Dear Editor:

I earlier submitted a letter about situations occurring in South Dakota. I realize I expressed my concerns out of anger. I am learning that our Creator does not want us to do things this way in a negative sense but only out of love and truth. Will you please print these verses? As I am only trying to help.

Thank you
Buffy Decorah
NIV translation

1 Timothy 5:8 – If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than the unbeliever.

1 Timothy 6:17 – Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant not put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain but put their hope in God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay upon treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life.

James 2:15 – Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you say to him "Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed", but does nothing of his physical needs what good is it? in the same way faith by

itself if it is not accompanied by action is dead.

Acts 20:35 – In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive".

1 John 2: 15-17 – Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but comes from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 3:10 – This is how we know who the children of God are and the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:16-18 – This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has no pity on him. How can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Although it is entirely preventable, drunken driving continues to devastate individuals, families and entire communities in Wisconsin.

To prevent the senseless tragedies caused by drunken driving, hundreds of law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin will be out in force from Aug. 17 through Labor Day, Sept. 3, for the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign.

High-visibility law enforcement crackdowns on drunken driving are part of – but not the entire – solution to this prevalent and persistent problem. Last year, there were approximately 35,000 convictions for drunken driving in Wisconsin. That number is approximately the population of Beloit. But law enforcement officers will never be able to arrest every drunken driver. During the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign and throughout the year, law enforcement officers will strive to stop drunken driving. But they also need our help. Here are a few simple ways we can do our part:

- Choose a sober designated driver before starting to drink.
- Don't let friends drive drunk.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement officers by calling 911.

With everyone's commitment, we can combat drunken driving and make progress toward the goal of reducing the number of preventable traffic deaths to "Zero in Wisconsin."

Mark Gottlieb
Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation



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Family Wellness Retreat emphasizes making lifestyle changes

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When it comes to changing our lifestyle, it's not easy. But sometimes it's necessary for our own health.

That is the message given by Dr. Alton "Sonny" Smart, who was keynote speaker for the 9th annual Family Wellness Retreat at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center.

The Family Wellness Retreat is an annual event conducted by Ho-Chunk Social Services. It provides community education and resources to families while focusing on wise health changes.

This year's theme is "Adapt to Change," meaning people need to make lifestyle changes for the benefit of their own health.



Makaela Thunder (right), 4, is ecstatic to receive a bumble bee balloon from Lucky the Clown at the ninth annual Family Wellness Retreat at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo. Lucky, played by Lisa Bargender, is always a popular attraction for the children attending the event. Mikaela is the daughter of Kevin Kiesow and Nikki Thunder-Kiesow, Black River Falls.

"Change is happening all the time. You can utilize change and don't be fearful of change. The key is to make small changes over a period of time," he said. "But before you can make changes, you first need to be aware that a problem exists."

We get used to sitting in the same place, parking our vehicle in the same stall or traveling the same route to work every day. We, by nature, are resistant to change. That's why many times it takes a crisis to force us to make changes. For example,

Smart knew he had symptoms of diabetes for a long time, but did nothing about it.

"I didn't want to think about it. I knew I had it for some time," he said. "My pancreas doesn't work anymore. Now I have to do it manually myself. I check my blood six to eight times a day."

He had to make a conscious decision to change his lifestyle, including watching what he eats.

"Change is something we expect."

Smart is a tribal judge with the Bad River Nation. He knows that, in the cases he's seen, a crisis forces people to make changes.

Making changes has always been a part of the Native American culture, he said.

currents of change. The river has bends, curves, places where the waters run fast and places where they run slow. Things on the bank are what we experience. Sometimes we want to stop when times become difficult, fighting the current or sitting on the bank.

If we choose to fight the current, not wanting to move on with life, we become tired because sometimes the current is very strong.

Sometimes we choose to sit on the bank and watch life go by. Our body can get out of the water, but our spirit stays in the water. This gives us a feeling of being disconnected.

"You can get stuck on the bank," Smart said. "But if we get back in the water, you can reconnect with your spirit very quickly. It feels good when we're back in the flow."

For some time, Smart was employed in social work. One of his most memorable clients was a 79-year-old woman.

"Life is one damn problem after another," she would say. "I do as much as I can to resolve the problem, then I go on."

She didn't get stuck there, Smart said.

"We need a sense of who we are and we are able to go on when our minds are ready," he said.

Another analogy Smart provided was when he was attending college. His professor drew a small dot on the blackboard and told the class that dot was the amount of knowledge he possessed. When he was younger, he thought he knew everything, so, in his mind, the dot was huge. But as he grew older he realized that he knew very little.

"For some people, that dot is very large. They believe they know all there is to know, so they can't get any more knowledge in," he said.

Even though people may believe changes haven't occurred in Native American culture, Smart said that change has occurred and will continue to do so.

"I started going to Pow Wows in 1961. There has been an evolution – the songs and dances have changed," he said. "When women's fast dances started, there was some resistance, but now they are common throughout the country."

"We don't know what to expect around the bend in The River of Life. Sometimes we try to avoid it," he said.

One of the most influential changes in anyone's life is the death of someone close to us. Smart said there are five stages people go through in reaction to death, known as the Kubler-Ross Five Stages of Grief.

The first stage is shock, something everyone goes through.

"Some people stay in shock for a long time," he said.

The second stage is anger. "Why did this have to be?" A lot of people get stuck in the



Responsible for the success of the annual Family Wellness Retreat are (from left) Ho-Chunk Social Services Director Liz Haller, Keynote Speaker Sonny Smart, and Division of Children and Family Services Director Valerie Blackdeer.

first and second stages. They won't accept it, so they stay angry.

The third phase is bargaining. "I'll change my life if I can get that back. The fourth phase is depression and the fifth is acceptance.

"You can get stuck in one phase of the process. You can get stuck on the bank," he said.

For athletes, the saying is "pain is gain" and "gain is pain." But a lot of people don't want to experience the pain.

"Sometimes change comes in small pieces at time. But you have to start the process," he said.

Prior to Smart keynote address, Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer gave his own testimony for making small lifestyle changes for the better. He told of his struggle to lose weight and how small changes, such as smaller meal portions, results in positive results in the long run. Small changes become addictive, such as going for a walk.

Often there is a defining moment that begins the process of change.

Greendeer's decision for sobriety came on an occasion when he missed an opportunity to spend time with his daughter because he had spent the previous night drinking. He was upset, so that day he decided to

stop drinking and he has remained committed to his vow ever since. Then, in 2010, Greendeer made a commitment to stop drinking soda.

"One thing leads to the next. You have to make the decision to do something positive in your life and look at the bigger picture," he said.

This year's Family Wellness Retreat provided information about the necessity and the means to make positive changes in our own lives.

"It's about making sure the choices are made in agreement with the customs and traditional way," said Valerie Blackdeer, director of Children and Families Services Division of Ho-Chunk Social Services.

Blackdeer also is director for the event. "Sometimes the choices aren't always easy."

A slightly different twist for this year's event is that door prizes were given to attendees if they visited all of the 30 informational booths and participated in a game using index cards.

After the Wednesday evening banquet, cultural demonstrations included interactive cultural activities, such as hide tanning, beadwork, moccasin games and basket making.

2012 Family Wellness Retreat

The Nation's Social Services Department held this year's Family Wellness Retreat at the Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center in Baraboo on August 8-9th 2012.

Demonstration Participants/ Pictures

Opening talk and emcee: Greg Blackdeer

Prayer: Richard Mann

Deer Hide/Tanning: Levi Blackdeer

Beadwork: Cleo Littlegeorge

Yarn Belts: Karena Thundercloud

Dream catchers/ Beadwork: Linda Hopinkah

Log Pounding for Baskets: Jeff Hendricks

Kasu: Rita Kingswan

Applique: Suzette Lamere

Moccasin Games: Eli Youngthunder-Carlisle

Greendeer

Work Dresses/Mens and Boys Ribbon Shirts:

Sarah Cooper

FOOT EXAMS AND NAIL CARE WILL BE OFFERED AT THE WITTENBERG TAU TWICE MONTHLY

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Ho-Chunk tribal member holds press conference to share story of being kidnapped

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On July 25, Ho-Chunk tribal member, Deb Lozano, told her story of being kidnapped by two Black River Correctional Camp walk away inmates. Lozano was forced at gun point back into her vehicle, and held for about six hours. She credits her training as a Safety Officer at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls for helping her through the ordeal.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office issued a press release the following morning stating that James C. Misleveck, age 18, and James R. Newman, age 29, were missing from the Black River Correctional Center at 11:15 pm on July 17, 2012. The press release also stated that "deputies from Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to the Correctional Center and a search of the area was conducted without success. At approximately 6:09 am on July 18, 2012, Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft from a vehicle in the area of the Correctional Center. Taken from the vehicle was a shotgun and ammunition."

On the early morning of July 18, Lozano was going into work for a half day, before heading out on

a family vacation, when things unfolded. As she was getting out of her vehicle in the employee parking lot, she came face to face with a shotgun and the two escaped inmates. They forced her back into her vehicle and drove away with her. Lozano remembered, "I tried to keep them calm. They took five hundred dollars from my purse. They were smoking my cigarettes. We went to Tomah first, then to Sparta."

Lozano said the inmates told her their actions were "spur of the moment". Lozano had conversations with them during her time as a captive. She said, "They said they saw the search lights and heard the dogs as they spent the night in the woods. They said they drank water out of a creek. I told them they might get sick because the water was contaminated. I told them to roll down the window, get sick, and don't mess up my car. Both of them said they couldn't take it (being in custody at the correctional camp) anymore. They said they had to do fifty push-ups to do anything. One of them was being harassed by a gang member, and those issues were not addressed by the staff. The young one said he has a daughter. And the older one had been in the service."



Lozano was kidnapped by gunpoint for six hours, but used her training to keep her capturers and herself calm.



Deb Lozano holds a press conference to tell her story of being kidnapped by two inmates of the Black River Correctional Camp.

Lozano said, "I mothered them. I cleaned one of the boys cut. I gave them water." These are some of the things Lozano learned as a Safety Officer. She also bought them cigarettes. Lozano told them to "be careful and don't do anything stupid." She said, "They thought about confronting an elder person to get another vehicle. They didn't want my vehicle because it had GPS installed in it. I told them an elderly person might have a heart attack. That's when they began offering one hundred dollars for a ride to La Crosse."

A detective asked Lozano why she didn't make a scene when they stopped by a convenience store. Lozano said she didn't want to make a scene and get anyone hurt. Lozano said, "I remember sitting on my hands to conceal my jewelry. The one boy said, don't worry ma'am, we won't take your jewelry. I said you'll have a fight on your hands if you try to take my wedding ring."

The two escaped inmates released Lozano in Sparta near Kwik Trip. Lozano said, "They took a truck from Northern Engraving. They also took my business card, so they could send my money back. I was thankful they didn't hurt anyone. I just tried to be a strong person. There was an off duty cop at Brenengen's who took my initial statements. Another detective said I did the right things. I felt relieved after being released. I didn't know how I was going to get away, or if I was going to make it home."

Lozano questioned, "Where was security? And where were the surveillance teams? The events were captured on video surveillance. I question who, what, and why. Other things could have happened. Jackson County didn't call the facility (to make us aware of two inmates missing). I hope we have more communication with Jackson County (to prevent similar situations in the future)."

Subsequently, the two

inmates were apprehended near the Seminole Hard Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida. Reports said they were driving slowly through a casino parking garages at 3:30 am, then spotted at a local gas station. When they were questioned, they drove off in effort to escape authorities. A short distance away, they left the vehicle and fled on foot. Misleveck was caught in a residential back yard, while Newman climbed a tree, jumped out of the tree and was caught by a K-9.

Both were weeks away from release from the Black River Correctional Camp. Now, they face felony charges in Monroe and Jackson Counties in Wisconsin and in Florida. Charges include kidnapping, armed robbery, battery, and theft. Lozano said, "I'm glad they were apprehended."

Lozano said with the love of her family she will get through this. She said, "I'm grateful for my family. My husband and daughter don't let me out of their sight."

Tim Whiteagle

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Prosecution continued, "After completion of the Cash Systems deal, they celebrated by going to Shieks, a strip club. They call each other brother but tell the FBI they don't know each other. Pettibone told his ex-wife that Whiteagle acts as a middle man between vendors and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Tim directs Pettibone, and Pettibone listens. FBI agents recovered

emails about how to get the Cash Systems deal. When to do it? The Strategy to use? A.S.A.P! Another email said to "get Global funded or pay big time".

Prosecution added, "Whiteagle repeatedly hit up Cash Systems. He submitted false invoices; Whiteagle admits to it. One was for \$7,000 for advertisement. Mr. Glazer, of Cash Systems, said

no more until we see results. They even began questioning the legitimacy of invoices. Whiteagle received a loan for \$17,000 for Pettibone's mother's dialysis and \$14,000 for Pettibone's campaign. Whiteagle is a messenger for Pettibone. Whiteagle was double dealing with Cash Systems and Money Centers. The Ho-Chunk Nation moved to Money Centers in April

2008, and Whiteagle receive \$95,000 for consulting fees."

After the defense's closing arguments, the jury went to deliberate. Seven hours later, they came to a verdict. The parties were called back to the courtroom. The judge announced that the jury has a verdict and asked them to hand it to the bailiff. The judge read the verdict. He said, "On Count One, this jury

finds the defendant guilty." This continued all the way through to Count 12. Next they polled the Jury. The judge asked, "Juror one, is this how you voted? The juror answered, "Yes." All the jurors answered, "Yes." Afterwards, the judge thanked the jurors for their time. He said, "It's a service to your country."

10 year Strategic Plan expiring

Marlon WhiteEagle Staff Writer

When Troy Swallow was elected as president in July 2001, he began developing a 10-Year Strategic Plan and made it his top priority. Prior to this, the Ho-Chunk Nation hadn't had a comprehensive plan for more than a decade. Back then, the Ho-Chunk Nation experienced growth, organized a new tribal government, and had debt from expansion at Ho-Chunk Casino. The plan was not a code or a "substitute for leadership". It didn't address every issue or replace due diligence requirement.

The 10 year Strategic Plan served as a shared vision and presented common goals.

The Planning & Development Division was tasked by President Swallow to create a 10-year strategic plan in July 2001 and had until January 1, 2002 to complete it. A Steering Committee was established and presented a final draft on February 23, 2002. The issues were grouped into the following categories:

Social & Health, Education & Employment, Culture & Heritage Preservation, Economic & Fiscal, Housing & Land Use.

The top five issues were: Lack of parent accountability, involvement & skills in the education and welfare of their children. Need to increase spirituality, culture, and language knowledge among youth. Youth need to acknowledge and take responsibility; lack of respect. Low educational attainment, low grades, high drop-out rates, and low post-secondary enrollment. Need for career counseling and financial planning for youth.

The Vision Statement of the 10 year Strategic Plan was as follows:

10-YEAR VISION STATEMENT

In 2012, the sovereign Ho-Chunk Nation will be a strong, vibrant community of educated, empowered, and involved members sharing a common vision and inspiring

other Native people. With quality housing, excellent health care, and employment opportunity, all members will live a positive lifestyle in a nurturing environment. Together, members of all ages will have revitalized the Hockak language and culture as part of their daily lives, so our way of life will continue to be passed on to future generations. Our Nation will be supported by a diversified Tribal revenue base with the infrastructure, financial acuity, and capital to be self-sufficient and poised to achieve our dreams and the dreams of generations to come.

President Jon Greendeer and former President Troy Swallow were asked several questions regarding the 10 year Strategic Plan is its expiring. Here's what they had to say:

Where did the thought of developing and writing a 10 year plan spawn from?

Troy Swallow: A lot of the idea for developing and writing the 10-Year Strategic Plan was based out of suggestions from the Compliance Officer, Darren Snake. His recommendations supported the notion that having a plan was an "essential" to provide long-term progress for the Ho-Chunk Nation and our tribal communities. Additional supporting arguments included the idea of having a document, comprehensive vision for each department and having a centralized resource for grant writers to get information about tribal statistics, unmet needs, and demographics.

President Greendeer: In a discussion with a contributor of the original Strategic Plan, I understand that product was multi-purpose but included data [of our Nation] for the purposes of securing grant dollars. Information contained would allow grant seekers to have a consistent source when components of grant application(s) require long-term planning for the requestor(s).

Do you feel the 10 year plan was followed and achieved?

Troy Swallow: Long term plan implementation means that each area takes stock periodically of their overall progress in terms of achieving goals and objectives. Bearing in mind that goals are written as ultimate achievements and are for the most part unattainable like 100 percent tribal housing for all of tribal members. Although it is a stated goal, it might not be achievable or the recipients may not even accept tribal housing if it were offered. With that stated, it is the objectives that departments and enterprises should focus on like an example of an objective by the Department of Labor to decrease unemployment of single parent mothers by 5%. If they achieve or surpass it, they may elect to change to set a new objective percentage or drop that objective for a different depending upon what their programmatic needs are within their service array. In the end, achievement is not a realistic end game; however, an iterative process of periodically evaluating progress and making updates to document progress is one that will benefit our tribal communities over the long term.

President Greendeer: There are components and prospective (at the time of drafting) expectations that we [HCN] clearly have not yet achieved which could on some logic, indicate there is a need for continuum in the next. More allegiance to the next plan could ideally put us closer to achieving the ultimate goals of that decade. This means the next edition of planning will require the tenets of the plan "woven" into the fabric of our daily operations with a series of "checkpoints" to evaluate progressive steps in accordance with our plan.

What would you suggest to improve on future long term plans, if there is one to be developed?

Troy Swallow: One change that, in my opinion, would make a positive impact for the Ho-Chunk Nation, is to have a direct correlation between the goals & objectives of a department or enterprise and their stated budget policy. This means that the direction of any HCN organization should be based upon a long-term vision with yearly assessments of their fiscal performance and successes. This would allow clarity for the organization to seek succinct and concise target(s) that would be negotiated for with the HCN Legislature. Tribal leadership and management could then use the plan to better position long-term and year-over-year campaigns to make programmatic changes, improve fiscal performance, and provide better value for our tribal dollar.

President Greendeer: The Strategic Plans lays out a vision and the objectives for areas of focus that have to be met in order for the vision to materialize. Qualitative analysis of whether that vision was ever met will, and forever will be, in the eye of the beholder. The next installment of a Strategic Plan should incorporate a series of "yardsticks" for objectively measuring the whether or not we [HCN] are progressing toward the vision. This means some critical and intensive preparation for the plan. "Under the hood" of this new plan is an elaborate network of data to measure our Nation's service in areas like Housing, Language, Economic Development and Health.

For example, the vision can state that the Nation plans on reducing diabetes among Ho-Chunk People (currently >25%) to <15%. Well, there's more to just checking the rate in 2012 and then in 2022. Proper maintenance of the plan and continuous adherence to the plan will value the reduction rate and focus on quantitative success rather than observation(s) as to whether or not we might have met the goal.

How would you grade the nation's progress on diversification and revenue generated in non-gaming areas in a report card grading system?

Troy Swallow: On the topic of diversification, it may be quite some before the HCN can properly make the types of changes needed to implement diversification on a scale that is worth reporting to our stakeholders as it takes quite a bit of political will to make a commit to such changes.

President Greendeer: Non-gaming development has been a difficulty in many tribes and the Ho-Chunk Nation bears no distinction from the obstacles that continue to hinder tribes in this area. While there are successful tribes who've branched off some economic development sectors of their governments, "success" applies to successfully organized or successful in job creation but not comparatively successful next to the

gaming industry. Gaming has prompted diversification in hospitality, food & beverage, hotel/hotel mgmt., and hospitality. Typical diversified businesses include tribal fuel/convenience stores to which we operate at marginal growth. Most importantly however, each creates jobs and opportunity. With such a large government and expansive operations, the Ho-Chunk Nation could do much better in diversification.

I could only theorize there is an anchor to status quo at times and an apprehension to risk for decision-makers knowing our particular tribe's history of unsuccessful non-gaming businesses. Without solid indicators of success however, my opinion is no greater than anyone else without information. I just know we could do better but our investments must be made confidently, with proven industries and with administrators to excel in the field. Investments into failing businesses or those with uncertain futures further cement the attitude of future apprehensiveness to diversification opportunities.

With foreign investors looking at tribes for economic development within the U.S., can you envision the ho-chunk nation capitalizing on diversification opportunities and options?

Troy Swallow: I am somewhat doubtful that the HCN would entertain outside investment as a viable option for diversification in terms of traditional investment opportunities within or outside our tribal lands.

President Greendeer: Sometimes I think, I got here because I was elected. I didn't have to do anything successful in my life. I didn't need to go to school or war. I just got here because the people believe I will serve them well and a vote was made. Knowing tribal officials are typically elected in the same fashion, I would venture to say those with higher revenues become a target for foreign and domestic business folks thus reminding us to protect ourselves before diving into a well-sounding opportunity.

America is a service industry. Production of goods happens more often outside our national border. Those who've been successful in foreign countries may seek a tribe's investment over a partnership (until one truly understands the benefits of developing a business on trust property). When you're going to partner with a tribe, you have to ask, "What are they good at?" We're good a lot of things but I'm sure they aren't looking for a small venture. Gaming is the target. To build, develop and enhance gaming operations.

We are good at that but it's usually the bureaucracy that trumps the best endeavors. If however, these foreign investors see opportunity to develop in Indian Country, we may enjoy the benefit of their talent in their industry on our soil employing Ho-Chunk People.

Jon Greendeer
President
Ho-Chunk Nation

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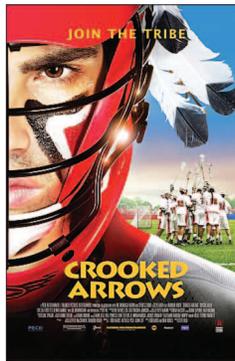
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Movies in the Park: Crooked Arrows

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Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Service Department's Domestic Violence, Juvenile Justice, Family Service, and Youth Service teamed up to bring Crooked Arrows, a new movie about lacrosse, to Movies in the Park on July 25th at Lunda Park in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Attendees watched the movie at the band shell in lawn chairs and on blankets, as presenters and cast members talked about topics and the movie. Pizza and popcorn were served.



Crooked Arrows is the name of the reservation high school lacrosse team that is the center of the movie. They face off against elite prep school lacrosse teams who are better trained and equipped than the Crooked Arrows. As the story unfolds, we see the team grow and improve when they get a new coach with his own personal agenda. Their coach, who is also the casino manager, must coach the team if he wants his plans for tribal casino improvements to get the green light by the tribal council. In the end, both the team and the coach achieve success by grounding themselves in their tribal history with lacrosse.

The film stars Brandon Routh as Joe Logan, the coach of the Crooked Arrows and the tribal casino manager. Gil Birmingham, of the Twilight film series fame, plays Ben Logan, a traditionalist Tribal Chairman and Joe Logan's father. Crooked Arrows was written by Todd Baird and Brad Riddell. Baird wrote the script from his personal experience as a collegiate lacrosse player, while Riddell is SUNY Oswego faculty, previously of USC, and writer for American Pie, Road Trip, and Slap Shot film series. The Onondaga Nation is a major producer of the film.

The Crooked Arrows team was casted from tribal members of the Mohawk, Onondaga, and Tuscarora who auditioned. One of the other main requirements was that they played lacrosse. Michael Hudson, who plays Reed, and Derek Bennett, who plays Owen, talked

before the screening of the movie at the Movie in the Park.

Michael Hudson, 19, is a Mohawk tribal member originally from Pennsylvania, but moved to Los Angeles, California to pursue an acting career. In Crooked Arrows, Hudson plays Reed, the goal tender for the team. Hudson has extensive lacrosse experience that helped him land the role. Hudson said, "I auditioned like everyone else did. I got a call back right away. When I flew out to Boston to film the movie, I didn't know if I'd be playing Silverfoot or Reed. I auditioned for both parts." Hudson has previously appeared in numerous independent films. He said he was attracted to the script because it had a lot of potential. Hudson said, "There hasn't been a good native movie since Dances with Wolves. The movie is about remembering where you come from, and giving back to your community."

Derek Bennett, 21, is an Onondaga tribal member from Nedrow, New York who plays Owen. Bennett said, "I was on my way to work when my mom called and told me that they were having auditions. They had try outs on the reservation. I played lacrosse all my life. In the movie, there's a shot of a little kid playing lacrosse; I was like that little kid when I was young. I played at the Onondaga Community College. They had all of us on the sidelines at the auditions; I thought we didn't make it. Later, they told us we had to come back to start shooting. We did three weeks of training to get us in shape for the cameras. Then we did another three weeks of shooting." Bennett continued, "The Onondaga Nation has two-thirds of the rights to the movie. They also handled all our contracts. They incorporated use of Mohawk and Onondaga language into the movie as well."

Both Hudson and Bennett said it was great to work with Mark Ellis, the Sports Coordinator for Crooked Arrows. The Crooked Arrow website reads: Mark has directed and coached Oscar winning actors and Hall of Fame athletes for 15 years, in more than 30 films, and —along the way—won three ESPY awards for Best Sports Movie of the Year. Sports Studio has played a role in nearly every significant sports film you can think of, including Bad News Bears (1976, 2005), The Longest Yard (1974, 2005), Eight Men Out, The Natural, Miracle, Invincible, The Rookie, The Waterboy, We Are Marshall, Semi-Pro, Any Given Sunday, Jerry McGuire. Bennett said, "The picks were a little unrealistic, more of a



Crooked Arrows cast members, Derek Bennett and Michael Hudson, screened their film at Movies in the Park at Lunda Park in Black River Falls on July 25.

Hollywood version. A game of lacrosse wouldn't have as many hits as shown in the movie. Also we were more down and shaking, where usually they play up high."

Crooked Arrows is now playing in limited release in

the U.S. and Canada.

Movies in the Park will have another showing of Crooked Arrows on August 30 at Lunda Park. Also showing then is Up Heartbreak Hill, which features two native runners who are conflicted

in deciding to stay home and continue learning traditional ways or moving off the reservation to earn a college education. Up Heartbreak Hill is a part of the PBS series POV.

Black River Falls Family Night Movie in the Park

**Showing at
Lunda Community Park
Band Shell**

A story centered on a Native lacrosse team on their way to becoming champions with a reluctant coach.

In the new documentary, Up Heartbreak Hill, director and producer Erica Schaff, follows two high school seniors as they struggle with the decision of whether to stay close to what they know or leave for the opportunity to pursue an education.

Aug. 30, 2012

6:00 P.M.	-Registration-
6:30 P.M.	-Dinner-
6:45 P.M.	-Guest Speaker-
	(discussing topics relating to current issues in our community)
6:00-7:30 P.M.	-Prevention Program's Informational Tables-
	-DOORPRIZE Drawings-
	(you can enter drawings by visiting the informational tables)

Movie starts at dusk
Approximately 7:00 P.M.

bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during the films

POV2c This event is in collaboration with the award winning PBS documentary series POV.
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Ho-Chunk Nations Annual Neesh-La Pow-wow

Sherman Funmaker
Interim Editor

This year's annual gathering of dancers, singers and fans of Pow-wow had little to complain about as this annual contest went on without a hitch. The weather was great, the music awesome and the several hundred dancers

filled the arena with color and pageantry for all three days. The event was held near the Ho-Chunk Casino and Convention Center in Baraboo, WI, which played host for the guests and visitors on this August weekend. The attendees were greeted, entertained and informed by emcees Vince

Beyle, Gordon Thunder and Garrick Cleveland. Robert Funmaker served as arena director with Gerald Cleveland Sr: head men's judge, Roberta Funmaker: head ladies judge and Damon Funmaker came in to judge the drum groups.

This year's winner are as follows:

Jr. Girls Fancy

1. Wakiyela Clairmont
2. Alanna Childs
3. Neena Lasley
4. Kaliyah Bear
5. Hozhoni Whitecloud

Jr. Girls Jingle

1. Maicy King
2. Izabella Chaboyea
3. Melah Perkins
4. Casey Brandon
5. Lorena Brinegar

Jr. Girls Traditional

1. Coral Benton
2. Olivia Olson
3. Aaliyah Begay
4. Reyna Brinegar
5. Kathalina Hernandez-White

Jr. Girls Applique

1. Angel Logan
2. Alyssa Cranfield
3. Minnie Alice Lonetree
4. Kaylen Top Sky
5. Tristane Decorah

Jr. Boys Fancy

1. David Cleveland
2. Quentin Taylor
3. Buster Cleveland
4. Tego Warrington
5. Jovahn Lujan

Jr. Boys Grass

1. Clayton Hedgepeth
2. Chaske Pacheco
3. Sedrick Hindsley
4. Hudson King
5. Deo Top Sky

Jr. Boys Traditional

1. Bobby Mo
2. Bryson Funmaker
3. Nathan Lasley
4. Raymond Begay
5. Akili Day

Teen Girls Fancy

1. Raven Sanchez
2. Shelby Snyder
3. Shaylynn Bird
4. Heleyna Brinegar
5. Tessa Diamond

Teen Girls Jingle

1. Lilia Kingbird
2. Shaina Snyder
3. Amber Pacheco
4. Teresa Childs
5. Athena Cloud

Teen Girls Traditional

1. Aerius Benton
2. Charlotte Day

Teen Girls Applique

1. Arianna Greencrow
2. Alycia Bear
3. Taylor Clairmont
4. Katelynn Bird
5. Jasmyne Collins

Teen Boys Fancy

1. Terrance Cleveland
2. Albert King Jr.
3. Delano Cleveland
4. Koy Bearstail
5. Victor Bird

Teen Boys Grass

1. Red Sky Chimburas
2. Omashkoonce Santos
3. Jacob Johnson
4. Jordan Whiteeagle
5. CJ Lasley Jr.

Teen Boys Traditional

1. Tristan Lasley
2. Donovan Collins
3. Floyd King
4. Roger Littlegeorge
5. Parrish Brazelton

Golden Age Women

1. Annamae Pushetonequa
2. Carmen Clairmont
3. Patricia Eagleman
4. Madelynn Goodwill

Golden Age Men

1. Terry Fiddler
2. Wayne Pushetonequa
3. Gary Richard
4. Mark Roanhorse

Jr. Adult Women Fancy

1. Amber Rose Cleveland
2. Nahmi Lasley
3. Rose Track
4. Naomi Navaquaya

Jr. Adult Women Jingle

1. Grace Pushetonequa
2. Sheena Cain
3. Ryanne White
4. Tanksi Clairmont

Jr. Adult Women Traditional

1. Amber Buffalo
2. Melissa Montoya
3. Danielle Benton
4. Tia Funmaker

Jr. Adult Men Fancy

1. Darrell Hill
2. Marquel Crawford
3. David Cleveland
4. Sean Snyder

Jr. Adult Men Grass

1. Buck Spottedtail
2. Wanbli Charging Eagle
3. AJ Redman
4. Austin Summers

Jr. Adult Men Traditional

1. Dana Warrington
2. Albert Hindsley
3. Michael Fish Jr.
4. Steve Charging Eagle

Sr. Adult Women Fancy

1. Crystal Cleveland
2. Gena Top Sky
3. Muriel Stewart
4. Sherry Bird

Sr. Adult Woman Jingle

1. Winona Kingbird
2. Gladys Two Eagles
3. Rebecca Taylor
4. Glenda Begay

Sr. Adult Women Traditional

1. Kellie Mae Downwind
2. Tosha Goodwill
3. Mary Lou Ducharme
4. Paula Hedgepeth

Sr. Adult Men Fancy

1. Spike Draper
2. Eric Hawpetoss
3. Ken Funmaker Jr.
4. Eric Logan

Sr. Adult Men Grass

1. Rusty Gillette
2. Quanah Rose
3. Ronnie Preston
4. Dennis Nevaquaya

Sr. Adult Men Traditional

1. Charles Hindsley
2. Jason Kingbird
3. Dylan Prescott
4. Dan Prescott

Adult Women Southern

1. Elizabeth Nevaquaya
2. Bridget Morris
3. Bianna Whitecloud
4. Nivy Funmaker

Adult Men Southern

1. Erwin Morris
2. Kelly Grant
3. Angelo Normand

Adult Women Applique

1. Rochelle Mann
2. Cindy Ward
3. Juanita Warrington
4. Kayree Funmaker

Drum Contest Winners

1. Midnite Express
2. Meskwaki Nation
3. Southern Boys
4. Smokeytown
5. Rocky Boy
6. Motown



The Sanford Whiteeagle American Legion Post 556.



Gerald Cleveland Jr. Memorial Fancy Dance special

Sherman Funmaker
Interim Editor

In memory of the late Gerald Cleveland Jr., the family of the deceased champion fancy dancer held a special dance contest

during this weekend's Neesh-La Pow-Wow held in Baraboo WI. During all four sessions there was one winner announced and awarded a custom jacket and five-hundred dollars. The

Cleveland family felt this was one way to honor Gerald Jr. and a way of giving back to the Pow-wow community. The daughter of Gerald Sr., Angie, was the one that initially came up with the idea of putting this together. With the help of family and friends this event turned out to be a great tribute to the dancer. The family hopes to have this event yearly in honor of the late dancer. The contestants came from near and far to participate in this annual celebration sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Cleveland family would like to thank all that made this dance special a touching memorial, especially for the Nation's contributions and attention.



Winners: Sean Snyder: Navajo, Spike Draper: Navajo, Marquel Crawford: Ojibwe/Dakota and Darrell Hill: Oneida/Menomonee.



Cleveland family and winners of the contest.

Hindsley family sponsors Chicken Dance contest



Chicken Dance winners (l-r) 1st Place: Dana Warrington, 2nd Place: Dennis Navaquaya, 3rd Place: Austin Benton

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Interim Editor

Sunday afternoon at this years Ho-Chunk Neesh-La Pow-Wow the family of the late George William Hindsley Jr. and the late Cecile (Chicken) Sullivan- Hindsley, sponsored a Special Chicken Dance in their memory. Present were Vicki, Charles, Tina, Lucy, sister Patricia Eagleman and numerous family members. The family would like to thank all for their help and contributions. A special thanks to Gordon Thunder for his Pendleton blanket donation and Gerrick Cleveland for emceeing the special. Honor songs sung by Smokey Town and Midnight Express. Judging the dance were Rusty Gillette, Quanah La Rose and Erwin Morris.



Family dances with the winners.

Annual Neesh-La Pow-wow cont.



Separation of Business and Government: A 2003 General Council Resolution

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On August 21, the Legislature will vote to adopt its 16th and final draft of plans to Separate Business and Government, as voted on by the General Council in 2003. Part of the plan is to form a federally-chartered corporation under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act.

Some of the main considerations were whether to become a tribal law or a state law Limited Liability Company (LLC), tax status and responsibilities, financing for investments, and how to maintain sovereign immunity. Legislative Attorney Mike Murphy said, "We've asked the BIA for a timeframe to give approval. We've talked with the Seminoles, Chickasaw, and Mille Lacs about their structures. We've heard it can be short as 90 days or as long as one and a half to two years before a charter can be issued. If it takes longer, something else may have come up, like a Secretarial Election."

Area 5 Representative Greg Littlejohn said, "We hope this will take the politics out of business and give us a sound structure. It'll help us to diversify (our revenue-generating entities). It'll be an independent arm. Currently, the Business Department doesn't have a Board of Directors. They said they can't find qualified people to fill a Board. This leaves them unable to do due diligence."

Area 1 Representative Doug

Greengrass said, "I like the idea of having tribal members as 'shareholders'; there'd be bi-annual meeting every six months, annual reports of earnings, profits and losses, and a strategic plan to keep things on track."

Things on the gaming side of the house would remain the way they are currently aligned. Non-gaming entities would be absorbed into the federally chartered corporation. Littlejohn said, "The retail could apply to be 8A Small Businesses to receive minority business advantages available, and still be separate but connected to tribal operations."

"The size of the Board is kind of a stumbling block in planning. We looked at having a nine member Board, with three members from the Executive, Legislative, and General Council branches of the tribal government. But five members as ad hoc members may work," said Littlejohn.

"The bigger the board, the more money will have to be paid to members. It may make it harder to get things done," said Area 2 Representative Jim Greendeer.

"The group is focused on finding the right blend of knowledge. We need the right personnel. (We need) a corporate lawyer, someone who knows the economy, it could be costly," said Littlejohn.

The need to diversify is becoming more apparent as gaming may be impacted by court decisions, he said. The plan should provide



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature plans to Separate Business and Government with a Federally Chartered Corporation.

more latitude to explore Internet gaming, investment and holding companies, and energy companies. The Choctaw tribe is earning \$75 million outside of gaming. Ho-Chunk Inc. is earning \$200 million. The Chickasaw has casino revenue, but other business is catching up fast. Nisini and Daxu stand to grow with a distribution deals that could be reached. Seminole tribal members receive per cap from gaming and dividends from non-gaming.

District 2 Representative Heather Cloud said, "We need the people with the right skill set, mindset, motivation, and education. We, as a nation, are not there yet."

Littlejohn said, "Things take so long in the current form." The group has had a

lot of meetings and is getting closer to their goal of having a final draft. They plan to introduce the final draft at the upcoming General Council meeting. There are also looking for suggestions to name the corporation, he said.

These Legislative offsite meetings are attended by those interesting it seeing the corporation happen based on their availability. Representatives Andrea Estebo, Patrick RedEagle, Hope Smith, Forrest Whiterabbit, John Holst, Heather Cloud, Jim Greendeer, Doug Greengrass, and Greg Littlejohn all contributed and attended meetings to make the plans go smoothly. The plan is nine years in the making. Greendeer said, "Then we can get down to the business

of drafting laws. We need a Criminal Code. We adopted Wisconsin statutes for state building codes when the casinos were built."

The representatives said their areas all seem in favor of the plan to have a corporation. Shelby Visintin said, "Change is scary, but when we talk about it people can understand it. After that, they feel a lot better about it." Cloud said, "I get positive feedback. People say to keep working on it."

Gaining a federally chartered corporation used to require a vote of the tribal membership, but that's changed recently. Now, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires a Tribal Revenue Allocation Plan to be submitted for the corporation.

Tomah VA to host 5th Annual Heroes Freedom Run Sept. 15th

The Tomah Veteran Affairs Medical Center will host the 5th Annual Heroes Freedom Run on Saturday Sept. 15, as a welcome-home celebration for all Veterans who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom or New Dawn.

The celebration includes music, informational exhibits, drawings, give-a-ways, refreshments and a run/walk/roll. The event will be held rain or shine and is free to all attendees. Family members, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

The 5K run will begin at 9:15 a.m. A three-person 5K relay will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a 1 mile fun walk/roll beginning at 9:45 a.m. Chip timing will be used in both running events.

First, second and third place finishers in each age group will receive medals.

All OEF, OIF and OND Veterans who register for the event by Aug. 17 will receive

a free t-shirt. Anyone else can purchase a t-shirt for \$11.50 by placing orders no later than Aug. 17. To register please complete the online registration or a registration form.

Participants can register through Active.com or by calling the Tomah VA. Participants can continue to register online up until the day before the event; however, they will not be able to order or receive a free t-shirt after Aug. 17. Same day registration will be available at the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

More information and registration for the run/walk event is available at the website <http://www.active.com/5K-race/tomah-wi/heroes-freedom-run-2012>

For questions, please contact Cindy Graham, OEF/OIF/OND Program Outreach Coordinator at 608-372-7783 or mary.graham2@va.gov.

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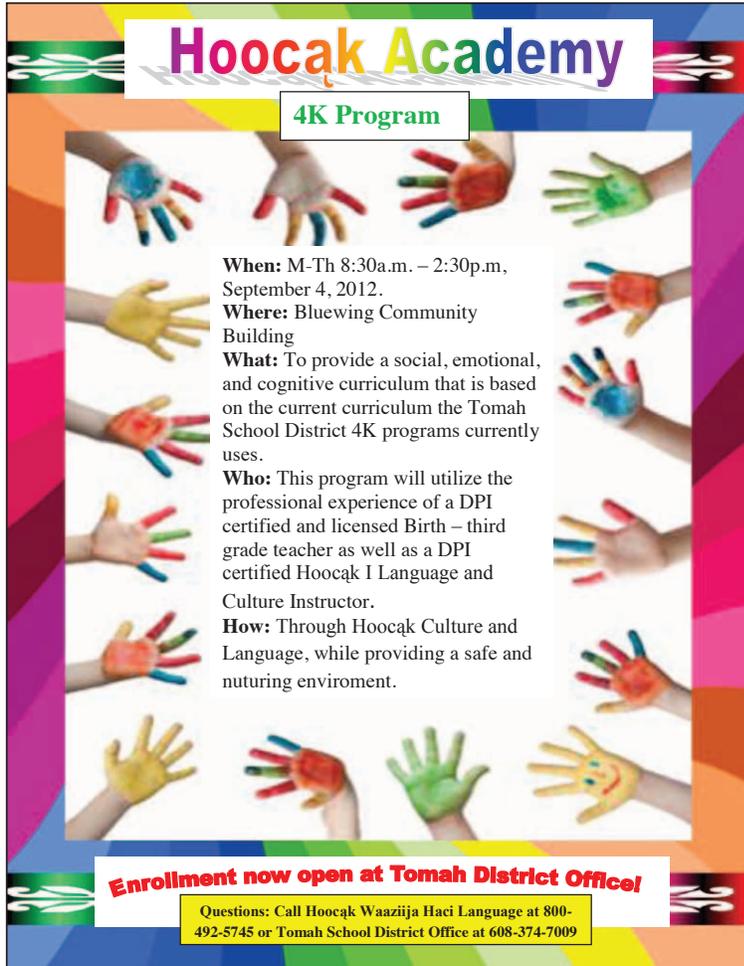


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4K Program

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Where: Bluewing Community Building

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Who: This program will utilize the professional experience of a DPI certified and licensed Birth – third grade teacher as well as a DPI certified Hoocak I Language and Culture Instructor.

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August 23, 2012

Thursday at 10:00 AM

District One Community Center

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55 and Older

Contact Melissa or Derris at 715-284-0905

District 1 Community Center

3rd Annual “Whose Got Game?”

1 on 1 Basketball

Tournament

Saturday, September 15th, 2012

Begins at Noon



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Who's the best player in Ho-Chunk Country??

Support your favorite players and watch the best solo native basketball players around! The Champion will get their name engraved on a trophy plaque to be kept at the District 1 Community Center, **Forever.....**

This is a Double Elimination Tournament. \$10.00 to entry fee will go towards a winner takes all pot! Games will go to 21 points. Each player is allowed one timeout per game. Names for the tournament will be drawn at random. For more information or to sign up please contact Derris or Melissa at (715) 284-0905





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For More

Information

Please Contact:

Angela Carrimon, B.S.-Behavioral Health Intake Specialist to schedule an appointment
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You have been identified as a co-owner in the Charles Fisher Allotment – Tract 161L located on the Winnebago Reservation in Winnebago, Nebraska described as: E½SE¼ of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Thurston County, Nebraska containing 80 acres more or less.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is interested in purchasing all the interest in the above described trust allotment.

You may contact the BIA-Winnebago Agency, Attn: Realty, Rt. 1, Box 18, Winnebago, Nebraska 68071 or Monica Flores, Realty Officer/LaVerne Parker, Realty Specialist at 1-402-878-2475 or Toll Free 1-877-215-5936 for more information.

Everett Baxter Jr, Realty Clerk
Realty Department
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Winnebago Agency
R.T. 1 Box 18
Winnebago, NE 68071
Phone: (402) 878-2475 Fax: (402) 878-4472

**Monthly Board Meeting
For**

**Ho-Chunk Housing and Community
Development Agency (HUD)**

Thursday, August 23, 2012 • 6:00 PM
HHCDA at Tomah,
corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue

Board: Lee Brown Jr., Amos Kingsley, Colin Carimon, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Lisa Stroessner, Cheri Byhre, Terrence Johnson, John Dall, Gerald Cleveland, Leonard Walker, and Francis Decorah.

Agenda items by noon, Aug. 13, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222
Fax: (608) 374-1251



**Ho-Chunk Housing &
Community Development Agency**

Energy Preparedness

Energy preparedness for the Fall is today's topic. If you face having no heat this winter, you need to start planning to get caught up NOW. Sure this may sound off in the distant future with temperatures in the 90's in August, but the sad truth is that many HHCDA residents have fallen behind in their utility payments for both electricity and natural gas. This not only means you are without heat come winter time, but it also means you are in default of your rental agreement. In order to have heat this winter, it is time to consider catching up with payments now that Per Capita payments have been made. It will also help cure any notice of termination for failing to keep your utilities connected.

HHCDA urges residents to consider using a budget plan whereby you pay the total cost of natural gas averaged over 12 months evens out the highs and lows of heating costs by paying a set monthly fee all year round. Most of the natural gas companies will average the cost over a year and ask only that you pay a regular monthly fee even in months where you use a lot more natural gas in the winter. This prevents cut offs after the heating season is over and prevents high reconnect fees as well. With budget reductions in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program [LIHEAP] administered by the Counties due to high deficits in the federal budget there just isn't as much assistance to go around. If you are behind your payments in the last heating season you need to pay your arrearage so that the provider will reconnect you.

Office of the General Council Announcements

General Council Agency Meeting Postings:

The next scheduled GCA Regular Meeting is at 9:00 AM on Saturday August 18, 2012 at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells in Baraboo, WI. General Council Agency meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

General Council Agency Vacancies:

One Agent Alternate vacancy in Wisconsin Rapids, WI., one Agent Alternate vacancy in Tomah, WI.

Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

General Council Agency is now accepting RFPs for

General Council 2012 for the following:

American Legion Proposals: Color Guard and Flag Ceremony
Drum Group

General Council Agency News:

The GCA is preparing for General Council 2012 which will be held at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, WI on September 22nd, 2012.

Please submit resolutions to the Office of the General Council located at the Mission Warehouse in Black River Falls, WI.

The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance.

Please submit RFPs to the Office of the General Council
PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI. 54615
Telephone: (715) 284-9343

Pine Giroux, OOGC Administrator at ext. 1075
Wendy Running Horse, OOGC Advocate at ext. 1070
Melody Whiteagle-Fintak, OOGC Secretary at ext. 1237

We are looking forward to seeing you at General Council 2012.

2012 WIC Schedule

WIC Month	Wisconsin Dells	Nekoosa	Black River Falls	Black River Falls Pick-Up
September	20 th	13 th	5 th	6 th
October	18 th	11 th	3 rd	4 th
November	15 th	8 th	7 th	8 th
December	20 th	13 th	5 th	6 th

Wisconsin Dells Area Location: House of Wellness

Nekoosa Area Location: Nekoosa Health Office in the Community Building

❖ For an appointment in WI Dells or Nekoosa call Candice at (715) 886-5444 ext:8760

Black River Falls Area Location: Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

❖ For an appointment in Black River Falls call Betty or Linda at (715) 284-9851

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Stephanie Youngthunder, Petitioner, v. Derek Youngthunder, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-43

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Derek Youngthunder

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 RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 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.

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Marriah Notafraid, Petitioner, v. Lukas A. Lonetree, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-42

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Lukas A. Lonetree

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Happy 21st Birthday on August 21st Kasha Newsom



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2012 Indian Summer Festival Invitation

As you may or may not know the Mohican Nation is hosting the 2012 Indian Summer Festival this year in Milwaukee. The Mohican Nation would like to formally invite the Ho Chunk Nation to a jiggging contest being held at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort Stage, Saturday, September 8th at 5:00 PM. The contest is going to be a battle between the tribes of Wisconsin. Each tribe must compose teams of their best jiggers to compete in an elimination competition for the title of Best Jiggers in Wisconsin Indian Country.

To sign up call Rainer Posselt at 715-350-9601



15TH ANNUAL BERT FUNMAKER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

- DATE- September 15, 2012
- WHERE- The Castle Course at Northern Bay (formerly Northern Bay at Arkdale)
- COST- \$70 Entry Fee Includes: greens fee, carts, skins and meal
- REGISTRATION- Pre-registration is required, cutoff is September 13. Checks can be written to The Castle Course at Northern Bay

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For Course Details go to: www.northernbayresort.com

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and Family*

Thundercloud to reign as Miss Jackson County

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Zayta Thundercloud is the type of girl who seems to excel in everything she does.

And now, she has been selected for the prestigious honor of being Miss Jackson County 2012, crowned at the Miss Jackson County Pageant held July 29 at the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena in Black River Falls. Seven contestants vied for the position.

Zayta, 16, is the daughter of Mark Thundercloud and Wendy Chamberlain of Black River Falls.

She is the first Native American to be selected for the honor in the history of Miss Jackson County.

"I was a little nervous ... and excited," she said about the evening leading up to the selection. "I thought I had a chance."

She decided to try for the honor after a neighbor encouraged her to enter the competition.

"I pretty proud of her," her mother, Wendy, said. "She's always been really smart. I told her she can do it - just be yourself."

In school, Zayta succeeds in keeping busy. She's involved in three sports: hockey, volleyball and softball. She's a member of the National Honor Society, Peer Educators, Student Senate, T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use) and the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

She was voted by her classmates as their class treasurer and is a straight "A" student.

During the pageant, a segment is devoted to "Evening Wear and Pop Question." During this segment, Zayta's question was, "If you were a fortune cookie, what would you say?"

She answered, "You will have a bright future. That's because everyone deserves to have a bright future, no matter their situation."

Zayta has a younger sister, Kamryn, 13, who was excited her older sister received the honor. She was present at the ceremony and tagged along with her older sister throughout the fairgrounds.

"Kam was happy that night," Zayta said. "I hope that I'm a good role model to her."

As for her own future, Zayta said she wants to attend a university, but hasn't decided on a major. "She's a good kid," said her father, Mark.

"She's always been a good kid. She's always been determined and self motivated. I'm very proud of her."

Zayta is employed as a receptionist at Studio 107 hair salon in Black River Falls, which also is her sponsor for the pageant. Her aunt, Kelly Nieman, is the owner of the business.

With the honor, Zayta must make appearances with her court at events and festivals as Miss Jackson County.

"We have eight parades in two months," she said.

Zayta is the granddaughter of Peter Thundercloud (deceased) and Patricia Lewis of Laveen, Arizona, and Edward Jr. and Kathleen Chamberlain of Black River Falls. Her paternal great-grandparents are Emanuel "Soup" and Agnes Whitegull Thundercloud (both deceased) of Black River Falls, WI and Adam and Louella Mark (both deceased) of Laveen, Arizona. Her maternal grandparents are Loren and Rosella Young (both deceased) of Black River Falls.



Zayta Thundercloud makes a few comments after her selection as the new Miss Jackson County during the pageant on July 29.

Ho-Chunk Youth Basketball Camp

Sherman Funmaker
Interim Editor

A basketball camp was recently held at the House of Wellness on August 7-8 for area boys and girls. Ken Funmaker Jr. and grant writer Paul Tysse, representing the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency, put together this training and conditioning camp for Ho-Chunk basketball players from ages 12 to 18 years of age. The day started with about 20 area kids going through warm-up drills and exercises followed by demonstrations by local ball players Bronson Koenig, a future UW Badger, Fabian Houghton and Brittany Johnson, and all tribal members who have their eyes on attending Wisconsin colleges in the near future.

Coming in to help with the coaching duties were Brad Rohling, the head varsity high school coach from Wisconsin Dells, Jim Weiland, the head coach from UW Baraboo/Sauk County and House of Wellness fitness director and assistant UW Baraboo coach, Scott Gilbeck.

Also on hand were Mark Butterfield, the executive director of the HHCD, and Francis Decorah, a HHCD board member. Their work and support made this event possible. On this first of this two day event the organizers and coaches focused on dribbling, passing, defensive techniques and scrimmages. Funmaker Jr. said that this camp will move up to Black River Falls next week August 14-17 at the Lunda Center.



Youth attending the basketball camp line up to begin a ball-handling exercise.



Helping with the coaching duties are (from left) Scott Gilbeck, Ken Funmaker Jr., Brad Rohling and Jim Weiland.



Basketball camp participants receive instructions from the coaches to begin the next activity.