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Expansion of Health Clinic to increase pharmacy business



Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

An expansion of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Care Clinic building has begun, set to offer more room for divisions and programs, but most importantly the pharmacy.

The process began about mid-May and is projected to be completed by the end of the year.

“It’s going to be able to provide expanded pharmacy services,” said Rob Voss, Sanitarian for the Nation, who will be moving into the Environmental Health Director position when Carol Rollins retires this summer. “The pharmacy has the potential to serve more clients and generate more revenue.”

The total cost of the expansion project is approximately \$2 million, Voss said.

Fowler and Hammer of La Crosse is the contractor, the same contractor that constructed the present clinic building.

Phase one of the expansion and moving of the offices includes the construction of the 6,000 square feet addition and vestibule (entryway).

With the expansion, the pharmacy

will become three times its present size, Voss said. To accommodate the larger size, some of the present programs will be able to be relocated to the new area.

The Diabetes Program, Medical Records and Health Information Systems will be relocated to the new area.

This will be the first time all the Health Information Systems staff will have one central location, otherwise they were spread throughout the facility. The new area also will contain a conference room, a break room, a mail room and restrooms.

Phase two will have two parts, Voss said. The first part is to expand the pharmacy and the new Contract Health Offices. Phase two, part one should start the first or second week of November.

The second part of Phase two is to refurbish the clinic registration area, the cashier window, and complete the pharmacy. The cashier will have a separate area which will be near the pharmacy and clinic entrance. Part two will take two to three weeks.

Everything should be complete on January 1, 2017.

“During the construction, the pharmacy will always be accessible. For a time, patient registration will have to be relocated to the new expansion area,” Voss said.

The pharmacy will be increasing its capacity, particularly in its mail order duties, said HCN BRF Manag-



The foundation walls are up, the ground leveled, and the plumbing and electrical in place. The cement will be poured soon, setting the stage for the new addition project to be completed by the first of the year.

ing Pharmacist Gabe Buel.

“The extra space will allow the pharmacy to add another Script Pro, a computerized device that fills prescriptions in a fraction of the time it would take a human to do the same tasks. The machine is particularly useful to complete routine refill orders, such as medications for chronic conditions such as diabetes,” Buel said.

“We could expand our mail order business, but there’s no room at the present. We’re tripping over each other,” he said.

More prescriptions will be filled faster, something presently limited by space and the number of workers.

Not only will the larger

area help to expand business in the immediate future, but also the extra room will allow for future expansion five to 10 years from now, he said.

The expansion and additional pharmacy staff will also allow for enhanced quality pharmacy services. A private patient counseling area will be added to ensure privacy and personalized counseling for medications and disease states.

There are two different systems of payment present, depending on who is being served. There is a federal and a state system, each offering different price breaks, so some type of separation of the two systems is re-

quired, Buel said.

But there is plenty of room to grow the business, if the physical limitations are removed.

“This expansion will allow us to increase our revenue generation. It will allow us to grow the mail order business and offer outside services. Hopefully, the second Script Pro machine can be ordered and in place within a year of moving into the new construction,” Buel said.

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The new addition will be connected to the west side of the clinic building – where the Environmental Health Division is presently situated.

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Editorial: Take some time to visit family and relatives

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Has visiting become a lost art form? When is the last time you stopped by a neighbor or relative just to see how they are doing? I believe everyone wants their friends or family to break-up the monotony of their day with an impromptu visit. The acknowledgement through a waving hand or a nodding head is great, but sometime words can be the lift people need to get inspired or do that extra deed in their day.

I remember hearing stories of travelers running out of gas, so they got out of their cars and walked to the next house up the road. When they got there, they knocked on the door, received the help they needed along with some lemonade and some conversation. It's not the same today. Today, you might be greeted by a shotgun or an attack dog.

I also remember hearing stories of a relative coming to pay a visit and dropping off some groceries or any other type of goods. Today, a knock at the door might be someone wanting to borrow money.

As Ho-Chunks, we experience life differently from the mainstream society. We have a different kinship system than non-natives. As Ho-Chunks, we have no cousins. We have a large extended family. Families typically wanted a set of four boys and four girls in homage to our first Ho-Chunk people. We

use these birth order names to acknowledge the creator's gift of life and as part of Ho-Chunk culture.

Also as Ho-Chunk we had the most prominent teaching to love one another. I think spending time visiting each other at some point in the day is one way to express that love for one another. In that instance, visiting family and relatives should be a mandatory part of your day.

I also prescribe to the teaching of four Ho-Chunk commandments: to do good things, to say good things, to hear good things, and to see good things. Imagine fulfilling that each day. Everyone would say hi to you, give you a hug or a handshake, and give you encouraging words. It can all be done with one visit.

On the flipside of things, we do live in America where race, class, economics, and politics do play a part in our microcosm of Ho-Chunk life. The social pressures of the world are real and infiltrate our minds and personal and cultural values.

If you haven't heard of "cocooning," you'll want to think about it at some point. Not that you have to, but it might explain some of the things you see and aspire to do today.

Cocooning is staying at home with all the modern technologies and not having to go out. If you "cocoon" you don't have to interact or

talk to people. Sounds good if you're an introvert, right?

One of the major contributors to cocooning is home entertainment products like the VCR of yesteryear. Today we have DVD and Blu-ray players. We also have binge Netflix watching of TV series or Netflix exclusive movies and series.

So aspiring to have the "man cave" with 80" flat screen television is a sign that you are cocooning.

Another good indicator of cocooning is having the laptop or tablet and wireless internet to do online shopping for clothes, shoes, and household items.

One of the most common signs of cocooning is the cell phone. Sometimes I'm at home and everyone is on the cell phone instead of talking to one another. Or the family can be going on an hour long car ride and the kids don't put down their cell phones.

If cocooning is about not interacting with people, it could

be the cause of other social woes like bullying and school shootings. Being rejected by society seems to be the cause of these common occurrences.

Ok, maybe some of these modern technologies are more about time and money management.

The cost to take an entire large family to the movie theater can exceed \$50 or more, not including popcorn and a drink.

Most of the time, buying online is less expensive than going to the store.

But the social interaction skills are what gets lost when cocooning. Maybe if victims of bullying had better social skills they wouldn't fall prey to bullying. Or maybe if those shooters could handle social situations better they wouldn't go off the deep end.

One of the Ho-Chunk teachings that pertain to visiting family and relatives is that food or drink should be offered to the visitor. At the very least, your visitor should

be offered a glass of water.

Also, culturally, it is considered rude to turn down food or drink from the host. I know some of my relatives with great visiting skills who had more than a couple breakfasts in a morning.

I remember hearing an observation about Ho-Chunks and how many used to attend both Traditional and Native American Church ways. The meals served were considered to be part of the draw of being at the doings. Economics could be a factor if that observation was true. The same is true with visiting.

With those cultural teachings transmitted, take some time to visit your family and relatives this summer.

Visiting doesn't always have to be purposeful. Many times visiting resorts to asking for something or planning of a future event. Visiting can just be about sharing thoughts through talking and listening. But remember you can't talk and eat at the same time.

Letter to the Editor,

In the Book of Jeremiah 27:8, It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the Earth, with them men and animals that are on the Earth, and I give it to whomever it seemed right to me.

In 1933 Dakota Chief Luther Standing Bear "men must be born and reborn to belong, their bodies must be formed of the dust of their forefather's bones."

Ho-chunk original landscape reached from Illinois to Wisconsin, identified by natural boundaries by the settlerisms, a termed coined by Walter Echo-hawk in his book "In the Courts of the Conquerors: The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided."

In 1978, the Ho-Chunk Nation was known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee - possibly located at Stevens Point before the move to the "hide out" Nekoosa Office - the genesis of everything we have today. As a nation of the Ho-chunk people, we are part of a tribe with assets at about \$850 million.

In that year, 1978, the Bureau of Indian Affairs sent a memorandum (letter) to the young tribal nation showing them land descriptions, section, township and ranges. The total amount of land descriptions was over twenty five descriptions in Illinois and Wisconsin. The meat of the letter is; clear up these titles because conveyances of land to others may be clouded. Most of these deeds said, "Cannot be conveyed by the grantee, unless approved

by the President of the United States."

In my 23 years of working with Indian trust land for the Department of Interior, my interest in researching these land descriptions has been a desire of my heart to do it for the warriors and relatives who gave their lives for the defense of our land base.

Our President and Attorney General have been shown the documents mentioned in the previous paragraph, and both showed some interest in the possibility of increasing our land base since most of the original land was taken by the state of Wisconsin, counties and individual warranty deed holders.

I am concentrating on three sections or 1,920 acres of land in downtown Rockford, IL.

One of the deeds was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942. The deeds grantee was a Winnebago man and conveyed to him a whole section. I noticed when I researched this tract at the Winnebago County Recording Office that previous to the date of conveyance other people were given land in the same section?

Remember the Bureau of Indian Affairs did their chain of title and research of these lands, so I nor we did not come up with these questionable "clouds on title!"

I would like to hear from the people of the Ho-chunk Nation. Do we pursue our Illinois land in Federal Court now the we have the capital and resources to do so?

Gary Alan Funmaker, Sr.
Veteran and Elder

Letter to the Editor

Ongoing Feloniously Jeopardizing Hocak Tribal Sovereignty

Since the last Letter to the Editor of the *Hocak Worak* which conveyed the essence of the exchange between me and "President" Cleveland, I received a terse response from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ashland office which stated that the Hocak Nation has its own "... processes and forums" with which to resolve its issues. The information which was sent to four federal agencies and the Wisconsin State/Tribal Relations Board is still out there and those agencies will shortly receive a follow-up letter which will be of greater magnitude in terms of its urgency. **The BIA response letter does not dispute the fact that Mr. Cleveland is a felon, or such status directly violates his qualifications for the Office of President of the Hocak Nation.**

Furthermore, there are other areas associated with Mr. Cleveland's rap sheet that would cause cramps in the raising of tribal eyebrows which involve the shooting which occurred in conjunction with Glenn Corrie/Jenna Corporation from Golden Nickel Casino, Wisconsin Dells in January, 1992. Sauk County Circuit Court, Branch 2 records Case No. 92CF014 contains the full record of the incident which occurred January 28, 1992. The essence of the complaint submitted by Manny Bolz, Sergeant of Detectives relates that:

"On January 28, 1992 at approximately 8:00 p.m. your complainant spoke to Maynard Rave, Sr., who reported the following: At approximately 6:00 p.m. that night he had been at the Ho-Chunk Bingo Hall and Casino premises, Town of Delton, Sauk County, Wisconsin. He heard a loud report from a firearm. He then heard numerous reports from a smaller caliber weapon. He looked towards the area where the shots were being fired from, in front of the entrance to the Bingo Hall, and saw an individual he knew as Wilfrid (Willie) Cleveland and firing what appeared to be a small caliber long rifle. While the shots were being fired, he

saw a window on a moving van shatter. Cleveland was pointing the firearm towards the van.

On January 28, 1992, your complainant spoke to Robert Funmaker, who reported the following: He was present at the Ho-Chunk Bingo Hall and Casino premises at approximately 6:00 p.m. He approached the front entrance to the Bingo Hall. He saw two men in the Hall walking towards the entrance door, carrying long guns. He recognized one of the men as Wilfrid (Willie) Cleveland. He ran from the Bingo Hall. He entered a van which was being driven by Christine Funmaker. Jones Funmaker was also in the van. As the van pulled away, he heard gun fire. The window to his right shattered, and he heard Jones Funmaker say, "I'm hit." The van continued to pull away from the Hall. Jones Funmaker was taken to St. Clare Hospital with bullet wounds."

On January 30, 1992, Wilfrid Cleveland appeared in Sauk County Court cited under Criminal Case No. 1992CF000014 and charged with 3 counts of Attempted 1st Degree Homicide under Statute No. 940.01(1) & 939.32 collectively. In further court proceedings, succinctly conveyed in *Ho-Chunk Wo-Lduk, Vol. VI, Issue 1, January/February 1992.*

"On Feb. 6, the charge of attempted first-degree intentional homicide was dismissed against Wilfrid Cleveland, of Black River Falls, who was arrested in the shooting of Jones Randall Funmaker in the head.

According to Sauk County District Attorney Bartley Mauch, the charge was dropped when State authorities did not finish processing the evidence for the preliminary hearing which was scheduled for Feb. 7 in Circuit Court.

Mauch said he hoped to refile the charge the following week.

"Bail was set at \$20,000.00 for Cleveland. The bail was also dropped, however, Cleveland was not freed. He was transferred to the Jackson

County Jail in Black River Falls, where he is being held for probation violation in an unrelated domestic abuse incident."

Obviously, the judicial ball was fumbled somewhere in the area of jurisdictional exchange. How long does it take to "process the evidence for the preliminary hearing" which was supposed to have convened on February 7, 1992? Are we led to believe that three counts of Attempted First Degree Homicide have just evaporated due to judicial indifference or politically nefarious collusion between unknown parties? **Do Hocak lives matter? Or for that matter, does our Constitution matter?**

On November 1, 1994 our present constitution was approved as our foundational organ of tribal government. Notwithstanding the fact that Wilfrid Cleveland has committed felonies in 1972 and 1974, and that information obtained on the web site of the Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau with a Report Date of 09/14/2010 identifies him as a "Convicted Felon," it was obviously too tedious for officers of our own Hocak WaEhi Hoci to exercise due diligence relative to their fiduciary professional responsibility to ascertain the true status of Mr. Cleveland relative to his contested felony conviction in *Michael Sallaway V Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board* in which on May 24, 2007, the court opined that: "The court is cognizant that under today's standards, it is a felony to batter a law enforcement officer or fireman. However, this is not unequivocal evidence that such a crime was a felony then, as laws do evolve through time." Judicially eloquent though it may sound, it is no substitute for the fact of Mr. Cleveland having been a "Convicted Felon" then, just as he is a "Convicted Felon" yet today and illegally sits in the seat of the Office of the President of the Hochunk Nation and must be removed.

Eliot Littlejohn-1477

HCG BRF brings opportunities and unity to the Ho-Chunk people Casino celebrates 20-year anniversary

By Lori Jayne Carlson
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Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls (HCG-BRF) opened its door for class II gaming in the fall of 1988 with a bingo hall. It wasn't until 1991 class III gaming was added with 20 reel slot machines in two doublewide trailers that were connected to the bingo hall. Five years later, in 1996, the new casino facility opened its doors. June marks the 20th anniversary of HCG-BRF and with it celebrations and hopes for continued opportunities for a culture once wounded by government removals, which devastated and scattered the Ho-Chunk tribe.

"It was very unfortunate; the removals had long-term effects on the Ho-Chunk people, but I like to make a positive from negative situations and create opportunities from those experiences," explained Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Director of Education Nehomah Thundercloud. "We don't have a centralized community; we are spread out all over the world. The casinos are owned by the tribe. We are able to use those revenues for our government and for programs for our people. We are able to help tribal members wherever we are."

Thundercloud shared that a lot of people have the misconception that payments to

members are money from the state.

"We are a sovereign nation," explained Thundercloud. "I work to educate educators because many students experience negativity in school because people don't understand where the money comes from and make false assumptions that are perpetuated. None of the money given to our members is from local taxpayers. Money used to be given to the tribe to fulfill treaties for health, education and housing. The opportunities we now give to members mostly come from revenues from the casinos."

Opportunities for the Ho-Chunk people from gaming include education, health care, housing and jobs. HCG-BRF has also employed up to 400 people locally.

Gaming compacts made it possible for Native American Indians to have casinos to create revenue, but not all tribes have gaming and not all casinos are successful. Thundercloud believes part of the success of HCG is because Ho-Chunk have a rich tradition of gaming.

"The Ho-Chunk people have a strong history of traditional games of chance. One traditional game was called the Moccasin game. In the game, there were two teams who played against each other. The townspeople were spectators of the game and would bet on players to see

which team would win," explained Thundercloud.

Even though gaming has brought many opportunities to the Ho-Chunk people, such as affordable housing and home-ownership for elders; better health care with the addition of a clinic, dental office and eye doctor and greatly expanded educational opportunities, including the Pre-K-12 Educational Grant Program, and has helped the



Black River Falls community grow through becoming more of a destination for those staying at the hotel or visiting the casino, there is a negative side to gaming – gambling addiction.

"We see ourselves as a form of entertainment," explained Crystal Sbraggia, HCG ad-

vertising manager. "It is a misconception that we want to feed off people's addictions. We don't want any-one to gamble beyond their means, and we make every effort to promote responsible gambling working together with the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling."

Since HCG opened its doors 20 years ago, the Ho-Chunk people have been able to create better lives and more opportunities for their people. "HCG has also helped the community grow greatly. BRF has become a destination place; gaming and the hotel have been a part of that growth," explained HCG BRF Executive Manager Greg Garvin. "We are really excited and proud to be partners in this community and to provide opportunities for Ho-Chunk Nation members, opportunities that weren't there 20 years ago."

Garvin said gaming and the opportunities it provides has helped to move the Ho-Chunk people from the helplessness of the replacement; that he has seen quite a bit of heal-

ing in the community and in individuals and he feels his people can now see light at the end of the tunnel.

"There was once a vision, a dream, to become a self-sustaining body within the tribe. Efforts made from that vision became what was known at the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee (WWBC). People like Helen Miner-Miller were pioneers, the driving forces, in putting together the WWBC. These people had a lot of knowledge, spirit and drive. It started with other types of businesses besides gaming, such as retail shops, nothing though was able to sustain for 20 years. Gaming has provided that stability that was needed to provide resources to heal," explained Garvin.

Garvin further explained there was a drive at one time to take gaming from the tribes. "When we grew, opposition grew. WWBC did a lot of work to maintain gaming for the Ho-Chunk people through that time."

From the desk of Vice President Darren Brinegar: Greetings Tribal Members,

The Tribal Census progress by district includes: District 1 (45%) 548, District 2 (46%) 625, District 3 (42%) 383, District 4 (45%) 195, District 5 (49%) 877. Overall, there is a 46% completion rate of the census, 2628 tribal members have completed the census. I encourage you to fill out the tribal census if you haven't yet. Let your voice be heard! We stress the importance of this census and how it can be beneficial to the Ho-Chunk Nation and each of our communities in the future.

The Legislature has wrapped up the budget season. We passed 6 budget bills at the May 25th Special Legislative Meeting. The Appropriation Bills were for the Executive Branch, General Council Branch, Legislative Branch/General Fund, Judicial Branch, Enterprises-Gaming/Non-gaming, and the Gaming Commission/Ethics Review Board/Election Board.

The Ho-Chunk Nation

supported the pursuit of the BIA Indian Highway Safety Program's Child Passenger Safety Seat Program Grant. The grant is a non-matching \$20,000.00 grant which is good for one year. It will be used to purchase child passenger safety seats.

The HCN Legislature adopted the Public Nuisance Act and the Human Health Ordinance on May 3, 2016.

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a donation to the Sacred Water Sacred Land Walk. A gaming compact donation has been approved for Wazee Waste Water Treatment Expansion for the interest payment.

The Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfred Cleveland and I have been nominated for the State-Tribal Relations Committee.

Thank you for your time and attention. Have a great week!

Sincerely,
HCN Vice President
Darren Brinegar

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Tribal Judges attend Northeast Regional Peacemaking Training

Submitted by Judge Jones and Judge Lowe, Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court

A Northeast Regional Peacemaking Training was held at Niagara Falls, New York, May 3-4, 2016. Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe, Judge JoAnn Jones and Traditional Court member, Andy Thundercloud participated in the training. The National American Indian Court Judges

Association (NAICJA), in conjunction with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), and the Columbia Law School offered the lively training. The training reviews the foundational principles of peacemaking, peace circles, and traditional dispute resolutions. The training goes back to indigenous and tribal

principles of peacemaking and how tribes are using these methods in their own communities to settle disputes, according to NAICJA. It's reported that Federal and state courts are using these methods. Most importantly, peacemaking is a traditional community based method that allows people to resolve disputes.

A framework created by University of New Mexico, for conducting these peace circles was used for this training. A circle of the participants was first formed. A small basket was used as a place or object for consensus. One could only speak if you held the basket. The basket begins and ends sessions. In the beginning of the session

a prayer is offered to set the sacred space.

Our dispute was to come to a resolution on what should be done where grandparents wanted to keep a grandchild they had for five years. The father had given the four year old boy to them to take care of, after his wife died. He went through some years of drinking and living a hard life. He finally stopped drinking, joined AA and remarried. His wife supported his efforts to regain custody of his son.

There are no lawyers in the peace circle, only the peacemaker and those who are impacted by the problem are invited to participate. Participants in our case were the grandparents, three aunties, two brothers of the father, a social worker, mother of the father, an ICW worker, the father, a pastor and the father's wife. The family discussed how to settle the matter. After much discussion, those in the circle agreed the father should regain custody of his son,

with conditions.

This method is a way to resolve disputes. For example, we can use this for criminal cases and not send our tribal members to long mandated sentences, we can advocate for treatment, restitution rehabilitation and other creative solutions for our tribal members. We believe this method is a good resolution for our communities.

The Judiciary is exploring restorative justice tools to address a wide range of issues. The Peacemaking process is one which has application in a wide range of circumstances. With the proper framework and training it has been used to achieve community justice in criminal, family, and natural resources cases. Following this training, our Ho-Chunk traditional dispute resolution elders were provided with reports and both the traditional court and clan mothers were enthusiastic in embracing the concept. The next steps will be to

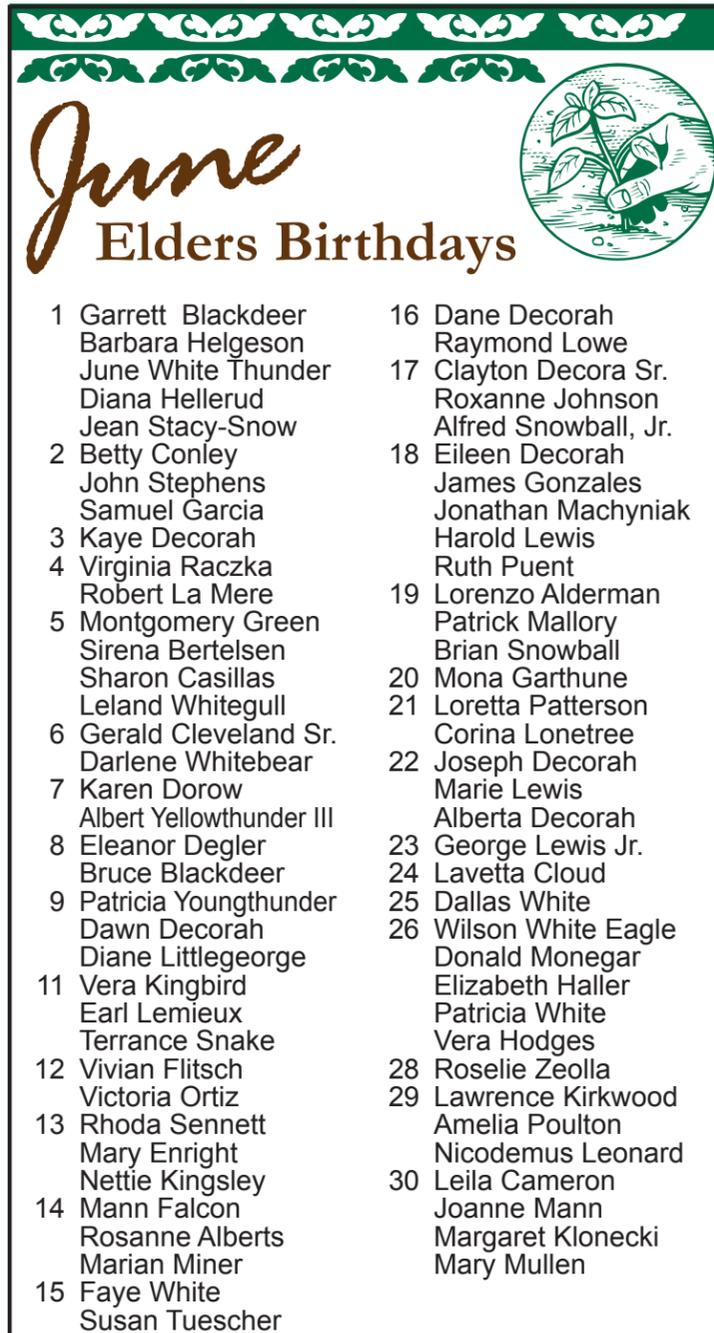


work on the model which requires the identification of persons interested in committing to the necessary training, scheduling peacemaking training and development of policy and procedures as well as the identification of necessary legislative action reading to the authority of the peacemaking process and the scope of amendments to existing legislation. Funding is also an issue that will require partnership within the branches of the government.

The planning process will take into consideration the types of cases and the respective training required for each, and an assessment of needs. Please watch for future reports on the development of this vision for Ho-Chunk community justice and your opportunities to be involved.



Ho-Chunk Elder Picnic
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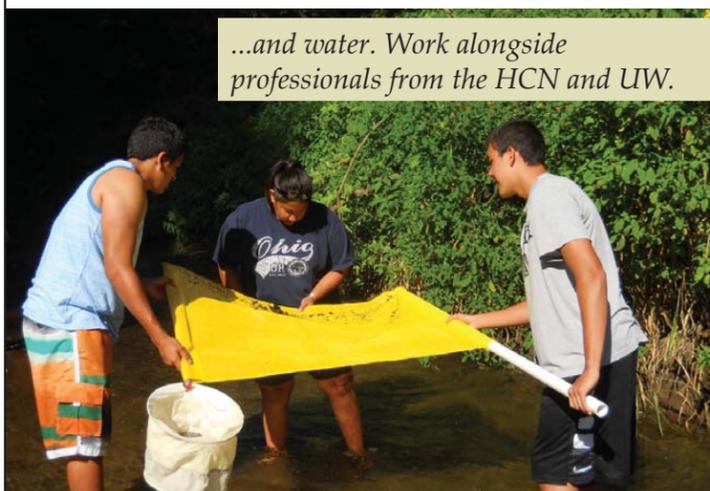
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Explore sites throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation with new eyes



Learn cultural practices for taking care of the land...



...and water. Work alongside professionals from the HCN and UW.

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Save the date!

The Ho-Chunk Nation is teaming up with Earth Partnership for a second annual culture and environment summer program.

Goja Howaite Hi
 July 11-15, 2016

Let Regina Funmaker (Regina.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com) know if you want to be a part of it!

For more information, check out arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/eps/ias/





Head Start Bulletin

Submitted by
Laurel Meeks

LOOK WHAT OUR KIDS ARE UP TO

Our 118 children have been busy with discovery and exploration...and of course with preparing for their yearend celebrations! With the year end, you would have found the children reviewing all of their colors and shapes, learning all about the number 0, and the letters d, and x. In the spirit of discovery and exploration, they learned all about spaceships, rockets, boats and ships. The children have been studying the value of HONESTY, and the opposites of sink and float.

It is a bittersweet time of year, when the centers become strangely quiet...and only the echoes of the children learning and playing remain. We miss them already! To our children heading off to Kindergarten, we know you are prepared and ready to take on the big school, and we hope you have loads of fun learning even more new things! For those children who will be coming back to us in the fall...WE CAN'T WAIT to see you again!

The children have worked very hard this year...as evidenced by the chart of growth throughout the year!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Field trips to explore "for real" the concepts we are learning.

Yearend celebrations...the participation by our families was outstanding...400+ celebrated with the children their last day of Head Start!

The review of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by USDA, May 3 and 4, had extremely good outcomes, because we have amazing food service staff, and an amazing Coordinator and Accountant, that make sure everything is done and done well! The auditor was very complimentary of the high degree of organization! Thank you all very much!

We are very excited to announce that we will be hiring Ho-Chunk Language Teachers for the start of the 16/17 school year! Please watch for the postings in July.

WHAT'S NEW IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Together, with multiple community partners, we are planning amazing Parent Orientation/Child Screenings events for the fall! They will truly be second to none!

Our amazing Food Service staff served up 1,532break-

fasts and 1,583 lunches, for a total of 3,115 delicious and nutritious meals in the month of March.

To date, only 5 children are missing a well-child checkup and 9 are missing a dental examination. Together with the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department, we are once again working hard to make sure that all children receive the screening in fine fashion during the fall 16/17 orientation/screening days!

THANK YOU NOTES

There are soooo many people to thank, because they are so kind and generous to us! Please know we are so thankful for all of those who provide resources and assistance to the children and families...and if you are not highlighted this month...keep watching!

We would love to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Rob Voss! What you have offered to Head Start in guidance, grants, advice, tireless dedication to children and families, time, training, and expertise has been nothing short of amazing! We will miss your thoughtfulness on the Policy Council, and your presence at the Centers for inspections...but wish you all the best as you fulfill the duties of your new position! As is typical for Rob, he has made sure we are left in very capable hands! We look forward to continuing our looonnggg relationship with Ms. Pam Thunder, and extend a great big welcome to Ms. Candace Green!

We have already received a high volume of applications for enrollment for the 16/17 school year. If your child will be 3 by September 1, 2016, PLEASE contact us, so we can meet with you to complete an application for your child!

"THEN AND NOW"

We are so lucky to have the opportunity to work with children. What could possibly be more fun. When they "graduate" from Head Start,

we don't always get to know what they did after...? So we are looking for former Head Start students...to highlight in the future! We would love to have a story to share each month! If you would love to share your story, please email me at laurel.meek@ho-chunk.com or call me at 715-284-4915 X 1175.

Often times, we find ourselves concerned about the

CUTE THINGS KIDS SAY

We are often reminded of how much we learn from the children...each day! It was during a "friendship activity" at Chahk Ha Chee, that we received an important and refreshing message. Children often see things so much more simply, while adults often complicate even the simplest things! The children were tracing their arms and hands, and then cutting them out for a bulletin board project about "friendship". The children were also cutting out hearts to incorporate into their design. Ms. Christine was then speaking with the children about friendship...and how to be a "friend"? Their responses were..."play, play together, share, take turns, give hugs, shake hands, hold hands, smile, and give help"! It's just that simple and uncomplicated...thank you kiddo's for this reminder!!! Never forget the important lessons children teach every day!

day to day bills, the "issues" at work, the "issues" at home, the high cost of living, what is being said about us on social media, the cost of fuel, where will our kids go to college, and so much more...yet seldom do we find ourselves discussing..."at what price...freedom"!

In thinking about the significance of the Memorial Day Holiday, it was amazing to catch up with a fine young man, who just happens to be a 2003 graduate of the Head Start program. We chatted for a bit about his days in Head Start and his memories of Gaga Ardella and Ms. Sharon. It turns out this young man loved to talk...but didn't like to sit much! He remembered spending some time every day but one..."on the bench"!! There was this "duck pond", and every child had a duck on the pond. At the start of each day, every duck was on the pond. As the day progressed...some ducks began to move to the edge of the pond...and as kids became

more conversational with each other during a lesson...the ducks would "wander" out into the grass! This young man remembers one day..."my duck stayed on the pond the whole day! My Teacher took a picture of the pond with my duck on it...and I still have the picture."

This young man went on to Black River Falls High School, where he was a baseball player, a football player and a hockey player. One day, during his junior year...something changed that set him on a new path. He met with a military recruiter, set up a meeting with him that day, and he and his mom had a 2 1/2 hour meeting. His senior year, he gave up sports and began to focus his energy on preparing for boot camp. Two times per week he went to Tomah, where he had PT training with a recruiter. Upon graduating from High School in 2015, he headed off to San Diego, for Marine Corp Boot Camp. When I ask him what it was like...he

said "it was hard to be that far away from home for the first time...it was an adjustment...but it was fun"!! He graduated from Marine Corp Boot Camp, May 20, 2016. We who live in freedom and under the protection of these fine young men and women...can only imagine the rigor, the dedication, and the intensity it takes to accomplish such a feat. Each of these graduates earns the utmost honor and respect. Yet he spoke of his graduation, almost as if he was unaware of the significance of this accomplishment!

When asked what next...he will be returning to San Diego for Marine Combat Training for four weeks, after which he will be going to Oklahoma for up to eight weeks for Artillery School. He has signed a contract for four years of service, but plans to give at least eight years.

When I hung up the phone after our conversation, I couldn't help but be in awe of his humility...what a fine young man, so full of honor, selflessness and respect...willing to do whatever it takes for all of us. I feel lucky to know this young man that we used to call "Honas man"!

**THANK YOU
MR. JONAS WHITEGULL,
FOR EVERYTHING...
WE ARE FOREVER IN
YOUR DEBT!
"SEMPER FI"**

JUNE 28th - JULY 1st, 2016

Ho-Chunk Nation Basketball Camp

In conjunction with:



**UW-Stevens Point, Neale Hall
433 Isadore St. Stevens Point, WI**

REGISTRATION DATES: 4/8/16 - 6/15/16

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10-17

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Ho-Chunk Member	\$0
Descendent of a Ho-Chunk	\$25
Other Native American	\$50
Non-Native	\$75



2016 Graduates...

Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.



With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel their efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements! Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 17th for the June 24th edition of the Hocak Worak.

Check-in Neale Hall: Tuesday June 28, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Check-out Neale Hall: Friday, July 1st, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Information: **Tena Quackenbush, 715-284-2622 Ext. 5114** Family Services Program
Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

Tena.quackenbush@ho-chunk.com

HCN Office of the General Council

Office of the General Council
GCA Regular Meeting Minutes
Office of the General Council
Tomah, WI
Saturday May 14th, 2016
At 10:00 AM.

I. Call to Order:
Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman
called the meeting to order at
10:06 AM.
II. Roll Call: At 10:09 AM.

Baraboo

Kim Crowley-P
Kristin WhiteEagle-
Black River Falls
Melissa Olvera-P 10:40AM
Maynard Rave Jr.-

Chicago

Nathan Dall-P
Mary Mullen-

Green Bay

Mary Lopez-P
Dawn Lopez-

La Crosse

Michael Sallaway-E
Paul Krause-P

Madison

Brenda Neff-P
Saresa Ryckman-

Mauston:

Sanford Decorah-P
Fidel Delarosa-

Milwaukee:

Muriel Whiteagle Lee-P
12:25PM

Melody Whiteagle-Fintak-

Mlps/St. Paul:

Rosetta Hunt-P
Rhonda Hunt-

Tomah:

Donna Littlegeorge-P
William Hopinkah-

Wisconsin Dells:

Roger Thundercloud-P 10:40A-
11:59A

Manda Mann-

Wisconsin Rapids:

Merlin Crow-P
Celena Twinn-

Wittenberg:

Myrna Littlewolf-P
Martin Littlewolf-

III. Determination of Quorum:

Quorum was established at this
time. Other people who were
also present include Joy Thomp-
son, GC Advocate; Tanya Kes-
sen, PT GC Deputy Advocate.

IV. Opening Prayer:

Paul Krause gave a moment of
silence 10:10 AM.

V. Approval of Agenda:

1) MOTION by Brenda Neff to
approve the Agenda. Seconded
by Mary Lopez. 8-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED.

Roger Thundercloud enters at

10:15 AM.

VI. Approval of Meeting Min-
utes

2) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt
to accept the April 16th, 2016
GCA Quarterly Meeting Min-
utes with changes. Seconded
by Kimberly Crowley. 7-0-3

MOTION CARRIED. (Roger
Thundercloud, Myrna Littlewolf
and Paul Krause Abstained).

3) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to
set up a Ho-Chunk Nation email
account for GCA Treasurer,
Brenda Neff and for Sanford
Decorah for Social Media Ad
Hoc purposes. Seconded by
Paul Krause. 8-0-2 MOTION

CARRIED. (Brenda Neff and
Sanford Decorah Abstained).

4) MOTION by Sanford Deco-
rah for GCA Treasurer, Brenda
Neff, to access to the Ho-
Chunk Nation Treasury Budget
Modification Program and Main
Budget Program, Seconded by
Kimberly Crowley.

8-0-2. MOTION CARRIED.
(Brenda Neff and Myrna Little-
wolf Abstained).

5) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt
to procure the Indus Scanner
Software Purchase for invoice
106512. Seconded by Brenda
Neff. 9-1-0. MOTION CAR-
RIED (Myrna Littlewolf voted
No)

Melissa Olvera arrived at 10:40
AM.

6) MOTION by Donna Little-
george to approve the GCA
Advocate Report. Seconded
by Sanford Decorah. 10-1-0.

MOTION CARRIED. (Myrna
Littlewolf voted no).

7) MOTION by Kimberly
Crowley to approve the GCA
Treasurer Report. Further a re-
quest for the actual report to be
presented next month. Seconded
by Donna Littlegeorge. 10-0-1.

MOTION CARRIED. (Brenda
Neff abstained).

Myrna Littlewolf leaves the
room @ 11:15 AM.

8) MOTION by Kimberly
Crowley for the remaining
\$300.00 for the Social Media Ad
Hoc to be loaded onto the pre-
paid card for online purchase of
promotion of General Council
Social Media page. Seconded by
Melissa Olvera. 10-0-0. MO-
TION CARRIED.

Myrna Littlewolf returns to the
meeting at 11:20 AM.

Sanford Decorah leaves the

meeting (excused) at 11:42 AM.

9) MOTION by Melissa Olvera
to accept the GCA Social Media
Ad Hoc Report. Seconded by
Kimberly Crowley. 8-0-2. MO-
TION CARRIED. (Nathan Dall
and Brenda Neff abstained).

Roger Thundercloud leaves the
meeting (unexcused) at 11:59
AM.

10) MOTION by Nathan Dall
to move forward with explor-
ing the contract with Showcore,
Inc., for Event Production
Services for the 2016 Annual
General Council Meeting. Sec-
onded by Melissa Olvera.

9-0-0. MOTION CARRIED.

11) MOTION by Nathan Dall
to move forward with the purchase
of 1000 of the iBoost-Elite
Power Bank from Quality Logo
Products. Seconded by Paul
Krause. 9-0-0. MOTION CAR-
RIED.

Muriel Whiteagle-Lee enter the
meeting at 12:25 PM.

GCA Attorney, John Swimmer
enters the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Sanford Decorah re-enters the
meeting at 12:35 PM.

12) MOTION by Melissa
Olvera to address the GCA
Attorney Report. Seconded by
Brenda neff. 11-0-0. MOTION
CARRIED.

13) MOTION by Myrna
Littlewolf to accept the GCA
Attorney Report. Seconded by
Sanford Decorah. 11-0-0. MO-
TION CARRIED.

Merlin Crow leaves the room at
1:10 PM.

Kimberly Crowley leaves the
room at 1:10 PM.

14) MOTION by Sanford
Decorah to have Brenda Neff
be the designated representative
attending the GCA schedule
court dates. Seconded by Myrna
Littlewolf. 5-1-3. MOTION
CARRIED. (Melissa vote No/
Rosetta Hunt, Donna Little-
george and Brenda Neff ab-
stain).

Merlin Crow returns at 1:15
PM.

15) MOTION by Nathan Dall
that no agent or alternate receive
meeting payment until the
adjournment of the meeting.
Seconded by Muriel Whiteagle-
Lee. 6-0-3*Not able to record
the Abstentions*. MOTION
CARRIED.

Discussion regarding agent
repeatedly arriving late and
leaving early without providing
any reason for excusal.

Kim Crowley returns at 1:20
PM.

16) MOTION by Myrna Little-
wolf that agent or alternate that
come late or leave early from
regular scheduled GCA Meet-
ings not receive payment unless
approved by a majority of the
board. Seconded by Melissa
Olvera. 9-0-1. MOTION CAR-
RIED. (Muriel Whiteagle-Lee
abstains).

17) MOTION by Mary Lopez to
adjourn. Seconded by Sanford
Decorah. 9-0-0 MOTION CAR-
RIED.

X. Scheduling of the Next Meet-
ing and Adjournment:

• The next GCA Regular Meet-
ing will be at 10:00 AM on
Saturday June 18th, 2016 at The
Alliant Energy Center, located
in Madison, WI.

18) MOTION by Nathan Dall
to adjourn. Seconded by Muriel
Whiteagle-Lee. 10-0-0. MO-
TION CARRIED.

• The GCA Meeting adjourned
at 1:30 PM.

Submitted By: Joy L. Thomp-
son, GCA Advocate

-Per By-Laws of the GCA:

Article 1. Section 2. © The GCA shall provide monthly written
status reports to Tribal Membership through
area meetings of the Legislature.

Article V. Section 1. (A)

The GCA will meet at least once per month.

JUNE 2016

Please find the following summary of General Council Agency
activity for the past 30-days. This report includes a summary of
meeting activities; follow up on General Council Resolutions,
and vacancies on General Council Agency. If you have specific
questions please follow up with you Area/Community Agent or
Alternate or call the General Council Office 715-284-7891.

General Council Agency (GCA) Meetings

All GCA Meeting Minutes may now be found online (see links
below) and in the Hocak Worak.

4/16/2016 GCA Quarterly Meeting Minutes are ratified.

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR GCA MEETING

GCA Regular Meeting

June 18th, 2016 • 10:00 A.M.

Alliant Energy Center – Monona / Wingra Room
Madison, WI

NOTE: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE
SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. GENERAL
COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WEL-
COME TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL
COUNCIL AGENCY.

Annual General Council 2016 Planning

Requests for Proposals:

- Emcee
- Court Reporter
- (2) Paralegals
- (2) Drum Groups
- Color Guard & Ladies Auxiliary
- Ho-Chunk Language Interpreter

Information is posted in the Hocak Worak, on the social media
pages and in this report.

General Council Vendor Table Information

Vendor Table Requests can be obtained by contacting the
Office of the General Council. There is a limit of one (1) table
per Division / Vendor / Non-Profit Organization. The tables
will be assigned by a first-come first-serve basis. Special re-
quests will be handled according to the particular facts relating
to each situation on a case by case basis. All decisions of the
GCA will be final.

Resolution Writing & Submission

The Office of the General Council offers resolution writing
assistance to Ho-Chunk Tribal Members. In an attempt to pro-
vide dialog and understanding of proposed resolutions, early
submission is highly encouraged. This will assist in making
sure that all resolutions are written properly and that they are
constitutionally correct.

Please contact John Swimmer, General Council Attorney, if
assistance is needed at;

(715) 284-7891 x- 1067 or by email at john.swimmer@ho-
chunk.com.

Interested tribal members may request in writing the sample
resolution be emailed to them. Please contact Joy.thompson@
ho-chunk.com. Currently the sample resolution for amend-
ments to the HCN Constitution is in the early phases and is not
ready for viewing.

All early submissions will be included in Annual General
Council 2016 Book and with approval from the author will be
posted on the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Social Media
pages.

We are hoping that by opening up this venue within the
Ho-Chunk Nation's existing resources and social media sites;
this will allow tribal members to be properly informed before
General Council.

Be advised that the Office of the General Council will not be
handling Recall or Removal Resolutions.

Annual General Council 2014 - 2015 Resolution Update

The OOGC is still waiting for the Resolution Update from the
Legislative Branch and the Legislative Attorney.

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY VACANCIES

- Mauston-GCA Agent
- **May 10, 2016 WI Dells Area Meeting Minutes-Indian Heights, WI.**

MOTION by Charles Hindsley to remove Sanford Decorah as
Delegate of Mauston Area General Council Agent. Second by
Roger Thundercloud VOTE: 7-1-7 MOTION CARRIED.

- **May 18, 2016 HCN Legislative Meeting Minutes- Buck-ingham Club Sky Suite 8th floor, Madison, WI**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to General Council
Agency the MOTION by Charles Hindlsey to remove Sanford
Decorah as Delegate of Mauston Area General Council Agen-
cy. Seconded by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 7-0-2 (Rep.
Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.

- **June 4th, 2016 GCA Special Meeting Minutes- Tomah, WI**

MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to not recognize the Motion by the
Wisconsin Dells May 10th, 2016 Area Meeting regarding San-
ford Decorah, GCA Agent-Waksik Ma (Mauston). The motion
was not made by tribal members from Waksik Ma (Mauston),
the area in which Sanford Decorah represents. Seconded by

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HO-CHUNK NATION
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

GCA REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

WHO: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2016 @ 10 AM.

WHERE: ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER
1919 ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER WAY
MADISON, WI 53713

AGENDA:

- 2016 GENERAL COUNCIL EVENT
- GCA MONTHLY REPORTS
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS
- GCA AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

OOGC-STAFF POSTED 05.17.2016

Office of the General Council
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Phone: (715) 284-7891 Fax: (608)372-6092

President Cleveland stresses veteran support in Tomah Memorial Day speech

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland was a guest speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Tomah VA Center on Friday, May 27.

The keynote speaker was Judge Todd Bjerke from La Crosse County Circuit Court. He told of how veterans appearing in court don't have a criminal issue, but more of a psychological issue, often bearing the scars from their experiences in the military.

Rather than incarcerating them, Bjerke said that helping them heal and overcome obstacles in their lives is more important.

Following Bjerke's speech, Cleveland greeted everyone in Ho-Chunk.

Cleveland stated that he is a Vietnam veteran, having served in the Marine Corps in 1968.

He said the Ho-Chunk people have been here since the beginning of time. He told about the clan system within the Ho-Chunk people and that he belongs to the bear clan, who are designated to protect the villages and work as the police force.

"We have 11 clans. Each

has a responsibility to the people," Cleveland said.

As Native Americans, we have participated in a lot of campaigns and wars. We were involved in the War of 1812. The federal government has the responsibility of making people citizens of the United States, yet Native Americans were not made citizens until the early 1920s.

"Regardless of what the nonnatives put us through, we participated in the service," Cleveland said.

Young Native Americans, both male and female, enter into the military with honor from the people. Special ceremonies are held when they leave and when they return, along with prayers when they are gone.

"We don't know what they are coming up against. Ho-Chunk people are very spirited in our ways of life. The Great Spirit decides who will leave and if they are protected. Sometimes they don't return," he said.

Cleveland told of how the flags are raised at the Tribal Office Building every Monday morning.

"We've been doing that for a few years now in memory



Members of the Thundercloud Singers perform the Flag Song while members of the American Legion Andrew Blackhawk Post 129, Joseph White Post 442 and Sanford White Eagle Post 556 stand at attention during the Presentation of Colors at the Tomah VA Memorial Day Ceremony.

and acknowledgement to our veterans," he said. "We hope it will continue to the future for our grandchildren."

Cleveland told how the Code Talkers played a key role in sending and receiving messages during World War II. He also spoke of Col. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., stating that courage is "something that moves you."

"There are a lot of these types in our people," he said.

"We have a lot of honor for our people. When we go into the military, there is no time for discrimination. We all become like brothers and family, and we remember them even

after," he said.

He told how, nationally, Vietnam vets were not given the correct honor for their service. When they returned, they were looked down upon and even spat upon.

"Our people are different. We have ceremonies to honor them. We thank the Creator for those who return," Cleveland said. "We honor them for making sacrifices and returning. It's never too late for that kind of acknowledgement."

The non-veterans also play a huge role in the veterans' journey.

"Being a spiritual people, when they are gone, we are al-

ways supporting them. Prayer is sent to the Great Spirit on our behalf. The words to the Great Spirit memorialize our great veterans," he said. "We think about all the sacrifices and hardships they experienced."

No book tells the military personnel how it's going to be when they return, or how they will feel. That's why many veterans have difficulties adjusting to life when they get back from any traumatic experiences they may have experienced.

"We need to encourage the warrior who will go through this," he said.



Representing the Ho-Chunk Nation were (from left) Legislators Kathy DeCamp and Andrea Estebo, Veterans Service Officer Muggs Garvin, and President Wilfrid Cleveland.

THUNDERCLOUD YOUTH GOLF ACADEMY

Now Recruiting Players

Lessons will be given to those that are interested in learning the game of golf. There will be specific criteria that must be met to receive a scholarship.

Available scholarships to include:

- Custom golf clubs
- Golf bag
- Shoes
- Golf balls and tees
- Rounds of golf / tournaments

The academy will teach you golf techniques as well as etiquette, sportsmanship and patience.

For more information please contact Quentin or Andy at:

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Tomah, WI 54660
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Andy Thundercloud
Phone: 608-387-2640
ndngolfguy@netscape.net

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- IMPROVE DECISION MAKING SKILLS BASED ON FACTS AND STATISTICS.
- FINANCIAL PLANNING WILL BE AVAILABLE.
 - PARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND.
 - CHILL AND MEET NEW FRENZ.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY—JUNE 22, 2016

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST: 8:30 AM—9:15 AM

EVENT ENDS: 4:00 PM

LOCATION: HO-CHUNK GAMING NEKOOSA—BALLROOM

Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Community Supportive Services Division Family Services Program and First Nations Community Financial.

For More Information Please Contact:
Tena Quackenbush 715-284-2622 X5114 Or Forrest Funmaker 715-284-2470

Memorial Day Powwow themed to 'Honoring All Veterans'

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The Ho-Chunk's Traditional Memorial Day Powwow was held at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow grounds on May 28 to 30, 2016.

The powwow had five sessions with the first grand entry on Saturday at 1 pm. There was also a 7 pm session. Sunday had a 1 pm and 7 pm grand entries. Monday had a 1 pm grand entry.

Dylan Prescott and Gerald Cleveland Sr. were the masters of ceremonies. Ken "Hank" Funmaker Jr. was the arena director. Iron Mound, Bearheart, Dell Creek, Wisconsin Dells Singers, and Little Thunder were the host drums.

The powwow featured a Memorial Day honorary flag raising on Monday at 10 am. Veterans, families, and friends memorialized deceased veterans from all branches of the military.





**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
CAMP RANDALL
BUCKINGHAM CLUB
SKY SUITE 8TH FLOOR
MADISON, WI
MAY 18, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-EX
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. David Greendeer -P
Rep. Henning Garvin-EX
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda with adding under Unfinished Business-B. Twelve Clans, Inc., Update; Under New Business-I. Resolution-Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee, J. Resolution-In Support of the Amendment #1 to the 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2014-2017. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 8-2(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the May 3, 2016 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee-May 5, 2016

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the May 5, 2016 Administration Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-May 10, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the May 10, 2016 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears 9-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws.

Tabled for the next Legislative Meeting, and allow time to

view changes.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to TABLE the Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Twelve Clans, Inc. Update-Rep. Matt Mullen

Joann Whiterabbit, Twelve Clans, Inc. Board representative gave an updated report on the Board's activities. A report will be provided on a monthly basis by the Board. Jason Lambert has assumed the Chairmanship duties, due to Sharice Davids stepping down due to potential opportunities that may be arising for her, over the next several months. Discussion ensued on communication improvement tools for the Owner's Representatives for exit interviews be conducted on Board Members resignations. In addition, the written report provided is available for distribution at District Meetings. Also, the Executive Branch needs to name their liaison, currently the Legislature has Rep. Matt Mullen, and the GCA has Joy Thompson as their liaison.

New Business:

Resolution-Support Funding Request Submitted to the National Park Service

Entitled Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 A**, Support Funding Request Submitted to the National Park Entitled Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing the Continuation of Capital Projects Accounts for the Department of Health-Black River Falls Building Expansion and the Nekoosa Health Office Building Project.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 B**, Authorizing the Continuation of Capital Projects Accounts for the Department of Health-Black River Falls Building Expansion and the Nekoosa Health Office Building Project. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #1 of the Little Blackhawk #439 T 2108 for Jamie Goodbear.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 C**, Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #1 of the Little Blackhawk #439 T 2108 for Jamie Goodbear. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation Roads Division, BIA Program Participation and Contracts.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen

Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16 D**, Ho-Chunk Nation Roads Division, BIA Program Participation and Contracts. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of the BIA Resolution Granting a Temporary Construction Easement for Lowe Avenue.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 E**, Adoption of the BIA Resolution Granting a Temporary Construction Easement for Lowe Avenue. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue a Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program's Child Passenger Safety Seat Program Grant.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16F**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue a Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program's Child Passenger Safety Seat Program Grant. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Transfer Funds from the Ho-Chunk Nation to HHCDA for Capital Project: District 3 Housing Development Project.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 G**, Transfer Funds from the Ho-Chunk Nation to HHCDA for Capital Project: District 3 Housing Development Project. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Joseph Eve Engagement Letters-Rep. Robert TwoBears:

Robert Mudd, Executive Director of Business, addresses the Legislature on the audits that need to be completed by next month. His suggestion in the future, is to have the Audit Committee work together with Joseph Eve.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve all the Joseph Eve Engagement Letters, final review by Legislative Counsel and to authorize the Vice President to sign. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee.

Changes were to add President Wilfrid Cleveland, as Delegate and Vice President Darren Brinegar as Alternate.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 H**, Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-In Support of Amendment #1 to the 477

Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2014-June 2017.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 05-18-16 I**, Amendment #1 to the 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2014-June 2017. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

District 1-Black River Falls-May 11, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to General Council Agency the **MOTION** by Martina Littlewolf to ask the General Council Agency to provide an explanation as to why GCA employees are visiting the Tribal Executive Officers so frequently, the mileage of the GCA tribal vehicles and whether or not they are receiving mileage for those trips. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to Internal Audit Office the **MOTION** by Tina Brown to have the Internal Audit Department attend the next District 1 Area meeting and provide a presentation in regards to what they do and the services that they provide. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to appoint Tina Brown as the Election Board Alternate for District 1 to complete the term ending in December 2016. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Martina Littlewolf to allocate the \$800,000.00 for the Bingo Packets equally between all the tribal elders. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to appoint Jon Pettibone as the Housing Board Delegate for District 1. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree -Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-La Crosse Area Meeting-May 9, 2016

No motions.

District 2-Tomah Area Meeting-May 10, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Attorney General and Legislative Counsel to bring back letters for the next meeting regarding the **MOTION** by Chris Estebo to support letters on behalf of the Greendeer family to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prosecuting Gerke Excavating sand mine. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-1(Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Legislative Counsel and to bring a resolution forward on the **MOTION** by Becky Green

requesting the Nation to establish a moratorium with Gerke Excavating Construction because of numerous violations and intentional discharging of sediment. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Michelle Winneshiek that a 10:00 p.m. curfew be established for the Blue Wing Village Park. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Joan Greendeer-Lee to install a fence around the Blue Wing Community Park. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Francis Decorah to support the purchase of a lawn mower, trailer, shed and lawn care equipment for maintaining ceremonial and cultural grounds in the Tomah Area. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Attorney General and Office of the President the **MOTION** by George Greendeer that the Tomah Area Youth Services staff be investigated regarding bullying incidents and staff behaviors, investigation should be conducted as soon as possible. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Chris Estebo that the Nation install security cameras on all vehicles transporting youth. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Madison Area Meeting-May 11, 2016

No motions

District 3-Wittenberg Area Meeting-May 9, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to accept and refer to the Law Enforcement Commission the **MOTION** by Fran Littlewolf to accept Kelly Funmaker's written and verbal resignation as Law Enforcement Commissioner. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Martin Littlewolf II to eliminate the elder bingo packets and to use the funds elsewhere in the TAU in supportive services line items. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Larry Walker to plant the corn by the baseball field.

District 3-Wisconsin Dells

Area Meeting-May 10, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Roger Thundercloud concerning the Indian Heights "wish list" request to HHCDA, is to have Indian Heights connected with internet service, broad band services, WIFI throughout Indian Heights Village. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Two Bears out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to General Council Agency the MOTION by Charles Hindsley to remove Sanford Decorah as Delegate of Mauston Area General Council Agency. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 7-0-2 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert TwoBears returns.*

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Office of the President and HHCDA the MOTION by Charles Hindsley on behalf of WI Dells Indian Heights Taskforce/Neighborhood watch is requesting funds for a pre-paid cell phone for the office, and neighborhood watch. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources, Heritage Preservation the MOTION by Charles Hindsley to request the DNR to provide assistance with a controlled burn at Indian Heights Village. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. David Greendeer out of the room.*

District 3-Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting-May 11, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Celina Twinn to add a new community playground near the Youth Services. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Barb Smith to add a lighted walking trail around Chakh-hah-Chee Village and a covered shelter, and bleachers at the ball diamond. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. David Greendeer returns.*

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Department of Business and Office of the President the MOTION by Barb Smith to have a bingo hall added to the casino expansions. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-1 (Rep. David Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Finance Committee the MOTION by Barb Smith to eliminate

the elder bingo packets, and use the funds elsewhere in the TAU in supportive services line items. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Kathy DeCamp to refer to Office of the President and Tribal Aging Unit the MOTION by Myrna Thompson that elderly TAU meals in Madison are good only at lunch time Monday through Thursday and only for the Madison area Ho-Chunk elders at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.

8-2 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Myrna Thompson to have the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce attend the next area meeting to give a presentation.

District 3-Green Bay Area Meeting-May 12, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Mary Lopez to eliminate the elder bingo packets, and use the funds elsewhere in the TAU in supportive services line items. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Lisa Banuelos to request \$5,000.00 for the Ho-Chunk Awareness event for the Green Bay Area. Check made out to Lori Lopez. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4- Milwaukee Area Meeting- May 11, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Hazel Guerreo to hire a full-time driver for the Milwaukee area and a Community Health Representative. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Chicago Area Meeting-May 9, 2016

No motions

District 5-Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting-May 12, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to the Language Division and to have a response at the June 7, 2016 Legislative Meeting from the Office of the President, the MOTION is RESCINDED. To refer to the Office of the President and the Language Division the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have the St. Paul Branch Office staff contact Jacob Lone Tree and other fluent speakers to see if they would be interested and able to help teach area tribal members wanting to learn the Ho-Chunk language, and for the District 5 Legislators to help in securing funding for language classes. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit.

9-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to Office of the President and Department of Housing the MOTION by Curtis West to ask that a representative from the Health Department attend the June 2016 District 5 St. Paul Area Meeting so that the current YMCA guidelines and approval process can be explained, along with what District 5's current status in the program is. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Conference Approvals: Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) Training-Carter, WI-June 6-8, 2016

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit is bringing awareness to the NATOW Training that will take place in Carter, Wisconsin, on June 6-8, 2016. Collin Price will be stepping down as the Executive Director of NATOW.

Amendment to the Agenda: National Congress of American Indians Conferences (NCAI):Rep. David Greendeer

Discussion was on a standing motion or language added in the resolution for attendance at all NCAI conferences this could not be found.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to amend the agenda to add National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Second by Rep. Lori

Pettibone. 9-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) Mid-Year Session:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to authorize any legislator to attend the NCAI Mid-Year Session in Spokane, Washington, June 27-30, 2016. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

11:53 a.m.

Break for lunch 5minutes.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move into Open Session. Second by Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:04 p.m. *Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves the meeting.*

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting. **WITHDRAWS MOTION.**

Amendment to the Agenda**Nomination for Treasurer:**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to amend the agenda to add Nomination for

Treasurer. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 8-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Nomination of Ho-Chunk Nation Treasurer-President Wilfrid Cleveland

President Wilfrid Cleveland announces that Anthony Falcon, has declined the Nomination of Treasurer position. The President is requesting an additional two weeks.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to give the President an additional two weeks to bring forward a name for the Nomination of Ho-Chunk Nation Treasurer. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Earth Aid Music Festival Request-Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to table the Earth Aid Music Festival Request until the next Legislative Meeting, due to lack of representation. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

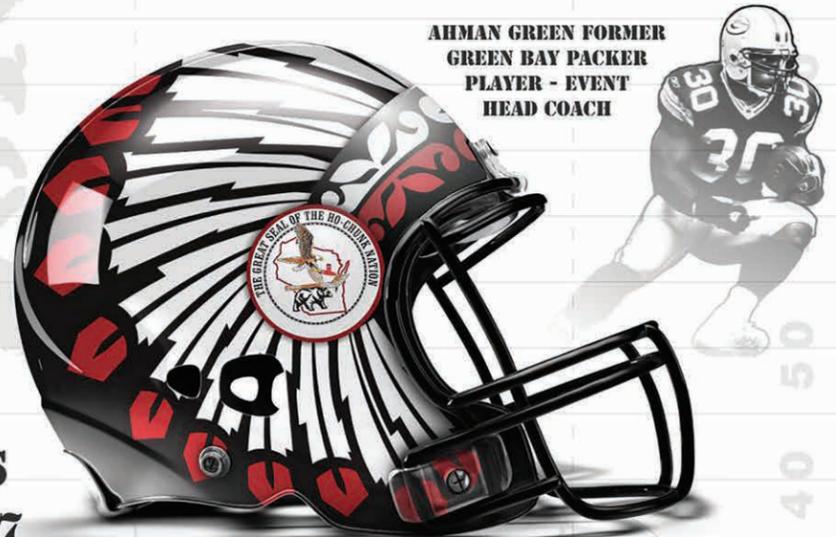
Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adjourn to the Tribal Executive Offices, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on June 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

FOOTBALL CAMP UW-GREEN BAY JULY 14-15-16

AHMAN GREEN FORMER
GREEN BAY PACKER
PLAYER - EVENT
HEAD COACH



AGES
10-17

Limited to 100 students. If all slots are not filled by July 1st, then those remaining slots will be available to Non-Native youth to participate in the camp.

REQUIRES REGISTRATION AND MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS

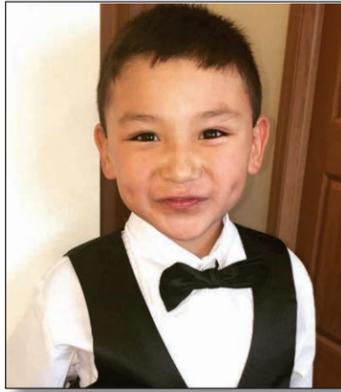
Contact Information: Tena Quackenbush 715-284-2622 Ext. 5114
Family Services Program Community Supportive Services Division
of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

KEITH BEDEAU JR. Most Amazing Model Search, Outlets at the Dells Ambassador!

Keith Bedeau Jr. is 6 years old and a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and also, part Red Lake Chippewa. Keith Jr. entered into the Most Amazing Model Search sponsored by the Outlets at the Dells. Other sponsors were Madison Magazine, NBC15, and the ROCK Modeling Agency. The photo contest was open to anyone 5-60 years of age. Keith Jr.'s photo received over 7,000 votes. All participants were invited to the runway show to compete for a modeling contract. On June 4, 2016, Keith Jr. walked the runway show amongst hundreds of other people compet-

ing for a modeling contract. There were three judges who judged runway shows for ages 5-12, ages 13-17 and 18 and over. The judges selected only 20 finalists. All 20 finalists walked the runway to compete for the top 10 spots and a modeling contract. Keith Jr. was selected as a top 10 finalist and won an ambassadorship for the Outlets at the Dells. He has the opportunity to be featured in television segments, photo shoots, and signage at the Outlets at the Dells, as well as their website and social media pages.

A special thank you to everyone who voted for Keith



Keith Bedeau Jr.

Jr.'s photo and to the panel of judges who selected him. Congratulations, Keith Jr. on your win!

General Council

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Melissa Olvera. 8-1-2(Roger Thundercloud voted No/ Melody Whiteagle-Fintak and Donna Littlegeorge Abstained). MOTION CARRIED.

General Council Branch/GCA on FB and Internet

Please log on to General Council Facebook page to see all updates as they come in.

On Facebook, search Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.

On Google, <https://sites.google.com/site/hochunkgca/>

Prepared by, Joy Thompson-Bonanno, GCA Advocate

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION _ _ _ _ _

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution"), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary

which interpret this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c), the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (e), the General Council retains the power to call a Special Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall be binding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, [INSERT ANY OTHER HO-CHUNK LAW, FEDERAL LAW]; and [INSERT POLICY, CULTURE AND TRADITION]

WHEREAS, [INSERT DELEGATION TO BRANCH OR DEPARTMENT]; and

WHEREAS, [INSERT FACTS, FINDINGS, REPORTS, OTHER SUPPORT FOR ABOVE].

[INSERT DISTRICT SUPPORT, MOTIONS MADE, MEETING DATE].

[INSERT COURT CASE].

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council hereby

[FINDS]

[ORDERS]

[DIRECTS]

[REVERSES]

[INSERT DESIRED ACTION]

[INSERT DESIRED STEPS]

[INSERT TIME FRAMES]

[INSERT PENALTIES]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Council hereby . . . ETC.

CERTIFICATION (EXAMPLE)

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of ___ members, of whom ___ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the ___ day of ____, 2004, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of ___ members, ___ opposed, and ___ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Charger Wrestling Club



Submitted by Lynette LeGarde,
HCN Legislature Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$11,000.00 to the Charger Wrestling Club. The Charger Wrestling Club (CWC) is a wrestling group for kids in grades 4K-8th grade in Wittenberg, Wisconsin. This past season there were 70 children involved with the club. The Charger Wrestling Club met with Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 Representatives Darren Brinegar and Kathy DeCamp on May 26, 2016 at the Wittenberg Middle School. The donation will be used to purchase a new wrestling mat for the club.

Duane Potrykus, CWC President stated, "We really appreciate the donation. It will be the first time that the youth wrestling club will have its own mat. It will be used for practices and also any tournaments that we run."

HCN OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

For more information, contact the following:

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The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance. 27374 State Highway 21 Suite #2 (P.O. Box 729), Tomah, WI 54660
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General Council Table Request

Contact Julia Archie for request form.

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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancy:

District 3 & District 5

Length of Term:

4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Tribal Ho-Chunk Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25 years of age)
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT @ 800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.



\$50K CAR & CASH GIVEAWAY

JUNE 25TH | DRAWING AT 6PM

Get your Free entry into the Wealth & Wheels \$50,000 Giveaway where you can win a share of \$25,000 cash or the top prize of a \$25,000 Brenengen Gift Certificate. Cash will be split between 10 winners. Earn one additional entry every day when you earn 25 points or play tables for at least one hour.



TICKETS ON SALE JUNE 13

JULY 8 & 9 | 3 SHOWS \$25

Watch as contestants showcase their musical talents in competition for \$1,500 cash and a private audition for America's Got Talent.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls welcomes anyone 21 years or older to play in the casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. See the Rewards Club for complete rules and details. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

HO-CHUNK NATION**SUPREME COURT UPDATE**

Your Supreme Court is working hard towards continuous improvement of our judicial system. We have:

- Revised the Rules of Judicial Ethics;
- Created and posted an online pro se filing form to the Judiciary's website, an ongoing initiative since 2014;
- Issued an administrative order to restore regular court bulletins;
- Issued an administrative order that formally updates and implements the most recent rules of professional conduct for attorneys;
- Created an ethics exam for Ho-Chunk Nation Bar members, an ongoing initiative since 2013;
- Updated and posted an online fillable Ho-Chunk Nation Bar Member application form; and
- Designed a court library system to be implemented in tribal branch offices to increase tribal member access to the law, an ongoing initiative since 2013 (to be available in Summer 2016).

We are also focusing on a number of other initiatives to include: uniformity in professional responsibility complaints, youth outreach, and drafting of the criminal procedures in consultation with the Traditional Court and other key staff involved in the implementation of the recently enacted Criminal Code.

The Supreme Court is the final decision-maker in a case. Cases must first be heard by the Trial Court before proceeding to the Supreme Court. If either party disagrees with the decision in the Trial Court, they may file a Notice of Appeal, asking the Supreme Court to review the decision. The Rules of Appellate Procedure are located at: <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/media/5699/AppellatePro.pdf>.

All Supreme Court meetings are held monthly and are open to the public except when the Court convenes for deliberations. If you wish to have an item added to the agenda, please notify Lisa Peters, Clerk of Court, prior to the meeting at (715) 284-2722.

Supreme Court judicial officers include: Hon. Todd R. Matha, Wanašip, Chief Justice; Hon. Tricia A. Zunker, Hinųk pii, Associate Justice; and Hon. Samantha C. Skenandore, Ciina'ųMąani, Associate Justice.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

Sarah A Siebert, Petitioner, v. Gary Funmaker, Respondent.

Case : CS 16-50

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Gary Funmaker

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
(Second Publication)**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

Jonelle V. Smith, Petitioner, v. Victor De Luna, Respondent.

Case : CS 16-42

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Victor De Luna

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.



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Kijire Nagu Recruitment for Board of Directors

The mission of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village is to be organized and operated exclusively for the benefit and advancement of individuals in need of sobriety, wellness, and healing, with a special emphasis on serving Ho-Chunk communities.

The Kijire Nagu Healing Village is seeking qualified candidates for its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will act as a fiduciary to the Kijire Nagu, and manage the general affairs of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are required to meet bi-monthly, with additional Special Meetings to be called by the Board Chair, at any time, to conduct any business necessary for the operation of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are further expected to serve a three (3) year term of office.

Qualified candidates will have experience and expertise in one (1) or more of the following area(s):

1. Law Enforcement;
2. Business/Financial Administration;
3. Social Services;
4. Medical Services;
5. Behavioral Health Services;
6. Ho-Chunk Cultural and Spiritual matters;
7. Personal experience in Recovery and Addiction;
8. Fundraising and/or grant writing for non-profit organizations.

Interested persons will submit a letter of interest that details their background and qualifications for one (1) of the eight (8) listed categories above, as well as a statement that explains their desire to help people heal and reasons for joining the Kijire Nagu Healing Village Board of Directors.

All letters of interest should be submitted by May 2, 2016, and sent to:

The Kijire Nagu Workgroup

In care of the of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

P.O. Box 667

W9814 Airport Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Any questions can be directed to:

Terry Greendeer

(715) 284-9343

terry.greendeer@ho-chunk.com



Monthly TAU Board Meeting

June 15, 2016
Tomah TAU
9am-1pm

Monroe County Personnel Department

14345 County Highway B, Room 3, Sparta, WI 54656-4509
(608) 269-8719



Listed below are current vacancies that the Monroe County Personnel Department will accept applications for. If you know anyone who may be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact the Personnel Department to receive the appropriate materials to apply for the position. If no deadlines are listed, the position will remain open until filled.

Monroe County Vacancies

Food Service Supervisor
Department: Rolling Hills
Full-Time
Hiring Salary Range: \$41,620 – 52,020 annually
Deadline: Monday, June 13, 2016

Jailer
Department: Sheriff Department
On-Call
Hiring Salary Range: \$15.00/hr.
Open until filled

Summer Laborer
Department: Highway
Limited Term Employment
Hiring Salary Range: \$9.00/hr.
Deadline: Open until filled
Position: Dog Pound Assistant
Department: Sanitation, Planning, Zoning & Dog Control
On-Call Position
Hiring Salary: \$8.00/hr.
Deadline: Open until filled

Volunteer Driver
Department: Senior Services
Volunteer with reimbursement of \$0.53/mile.

Rolling Hills Nursing Home is accepting applications for the following:

Food Service Supervisor
Department: Rolling Hills
Full-Time
Hiring Salary Range: \$41,620 – 52,020 annually
Deadline: Monday, June 13, 2016

Registered Nurse
Full-Time: Day (7am – 3pm)
PM Shift (3 pm- 11 pm)
Part-time - Night shift (11 am - 7 pm)
Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request

Licensed Practical Nurse
Part-time (weekend shifts) and On-call
Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request

Certified Nursing Assistant
Full-time pm shifts (3pm-11pm), Part-time night shifts (11pm-7am), and On-Call
Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request

Dietary Aide/Cook
Part-Time Available
Minimum Salary: \$10.00/hr.

Student Dietary Aide
On-Call
Minimum Salary: \$9.53/hr.

North American Indigenous Games 2017 July 17th—23rd, 2017, Toronto Canada

TRYOUTS TRYOUTS



Tryouts are scheduled for the 2017 North American Indigenous Games. There are 3 tryout dates scheduled. You must attend at least 2 of the 3 tryouts. If you can attend all 3 tryouts that is preferred. How to figure out what age group you would compete in: your age on December 31st, 2017, that is your age category.

- 1st Tryout - June 25th, 2016 at Keshena High School 11am—2pm.**
- 2nd Tryout - July 9th, 2016 at Wittenberg High School, 11am—2pm.**
- 3rd Tryout - July 30th, 2016, 11am—2pm - location to be determined**

Sport Categories:

- 3D Archery** (U16, U19, boys & girls)
- *Golf** (U17, U19, boys & girls) (see details below)
- Lacrosse Box** (U16, U19 boys)
- Softball** (U16, U18, girls)
- Wrestling** (U19 boys)
- Athletics/Track & Field** (U14, U16, U19, boys & girls)
- Baseball** (U16, U19 boys)
- Basketball** (U14, U16, U19, boys & girls)
- Soccer** (U16, U18, girls)
- Swimming** (U14, U16, U19, boys & girls)
- Volleyball** (U16, U19 girls)

***Golfers:** June 25th at Pine Hills Golf course, start time 11am, cost \$20. NO carts allowed, must walk per NAIG rules.
July 9th at Maple Hills Golf Course, start time 10am, cost \$20. NO carts allowed must walk, per NAIG rules.
July 30th to be determined.

Transportation and any costs associated with tryout is each athletes responsibility.

Swimming—do not need to attend tryouts, submission of times is all that is required. Submit swim times to Coach Barbara Kolitsch at bkolitsc@oneidation.org

Questions: Call Lori Hill at 490-3803 or Ryan Waterstreet at 490-3809 OR email lhill4@oneidation.org or rwaterst@oneidation.org



June 19, 2016 Trappers Turn Baraboo, WI

Registration from
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Shotgun at 10:00 a.m.

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Living on his passion

As one of the top guitarists, Corey Rae White makes music his career

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

There's no doubt. When he's on stage, he's alive.

He's alive with an unquenchable passion for music, and the sounds from his guitar sinks him deeper into that world.

Corey Rae White, born and raised in Black River Falls, is now one of the top guitarists in the country. He made a performance with his band, Kalliah and Blackwater, on June 2 at the Doc's Tribute to Rock Music Festival near Merrilan. He also was responsible for organizing the event as a music promoter and agent.

When he hit the stage Thursday night, despite an illness that took its toll on him the previous two days, his energy and enthusiasm was evident. His passion was stronger that night than any virus or bug could withstand.

The songs were outstanding, with Kalliah's voice in such perfect resonance, but when Corey broke into guitar solo, the crowd stood in amazement. He proved his immense talent and abilities, hitting every note with precision.

Corey has been playing guitar since he was in elementary school, taking the skill seriously so that now he is one of the best. He was nominated as Guitar Player of the Year for the Minnesota Music Awards. He didn't win, but was upstaged by arguably the best – Prince.

"I never won, but it was one of the biggest things in my life," he said.

Growing up in Sandpillow, he'd often practice the guitar down in the basement while babysitting his younger siblings.

"We always had an acoustic guitar laying around I would play that regularly. So, one day when I was 12, my mother bought me an electric guitar and I taught myself – I never took a lesson. Whenever I would see a guitar player, I would milk that person for

information. I'd practice for hours and gradually I got faster. I learned every Metallica song in the book."

When MTV came out, Corey thought making and providing music to the masses of people would be a really great way to make a living. So he set his sights on becoming a musician. But the easy part has not been part of the equation.

"This is the hardest job I've ever done," he said. "There are a lot of problems and complaints, but I really love it."

He makes his money on being an agent or promoter, and that is just so he can keep doing what he likes to do – be involved in music. Playing lead guitar in the band is just icing on the cake.

"It's the only thing I know how to do – to set up the events, the show, the equipment, and I even set up my own web site. I do my own stuff."

His business web site address is <http://crwproductions.com/>.

The road to his success, from youngster until now, has been filled with practice, practice and more practice. And his dedication to the art and craft of what he loves has been ever steady.

Following his graduation at Black River Falls High school, Corey wanted to further his education in music, so he looked into enrolling at the McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul.

"I came in to give an audition, a condition on being accepted by the school, was handed a crappy guitar and was told to play the scale. I did it fast and I did it good. The guy just stood there in amazement. He said no one had ever done that before.

"I had no idea the difference of a G or a G minor. I can teach people to read music, but I can't read it myself," he said. "I can play anything when I hear it."

He completed his education



Corey Rae White makes his guitar sing while lead vocalist Kalliah does a little dance on stage on June 2 at the Doc's Tribute to Rock Music Festival.

at the music college and he moved back to Black River Falls. But he found that his opportunities in a small city were extremely limited. He went back to the Twin Cities and moved in with some friends and worked at the Mille Lacs Grand Casino as a slot technician, meanwhile exploring his chances of making a career of music.

"I moved back to the cities to develop a career in music," he said.

For a while, he worked as a recruiter for his alma mater, the McNally Smith College of Music. That's when he met Kalliah Jackson, who presently is the lead singer in the band.

"I went to her school to talk with her. They called her to the office, pulling her out of class, and she thought she was in some kind of trouble," Corey said. "But she was relieved to find I was just there to recruit her for the school."

It was then that he found out that she also is Native American, a Wasco, a Native American tribe from Oregon.

Then, about seven years ago, Kalliah called him and wanted to put together a country band. She had moved to Nashville to pursue a music career, but now wanted to move back to the Twin Cities.

She and Corey pieced together a country band and named it Jug. That band stayed together for two and a half years before disbanding. Kalliah and Corey then re-joined forces to become Kalliah and the Blackwater, along with drummer Andre Robinson and bass player Donny Brummer.

Soon they will be recording their first album, planned to be released late this fall. There is already talk that the album will propel them into nominations for the Indigenous Music Awards in Canada and the Native American Music Awards.

Although Corey likes all music, his preference is country and enjoys the music of

Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Allan Jackson and Zack Brown.

He can play any type of music, including country, jazz, funk and blues.

"I've always sung, but that's a novelty. I'm not a singer. But I've been chosen several times because I have a deep voice. I was chosen in high school to play Danny Zuko in Grease because of my deep voice."

"I can sing, but that's not my strong point," Corey said. "I'm usually singing just to get to the guitar solo."

Corey, who is 44, said he feels the same as when he turned 25, but has the mindset of when he was 18, just that he now has more knowledge. He attributes his work in music as a calling.

He believes he has learned to adapt to any situation. For instance, when he was growing up in the Mission, then Sandpillow, he was considered Native American by the white kids, but was called "Corey White Man" by the darker-skinned Ho-Chunk kids.

Corey, along with the rest of the Minneapolis/St. Paul population, was devastated with the recent death of the rock star Prince. Everyone knew and respected him, and many often came to Paisley Park where Prince would give free concerts. Prince validated that the Minneapolis area is a mecca for great rock music, just as Nashville is a hub for country music.

"It was tough on all the community. Prince legitimized us," he said. Kalliah and Blackwater played a tribute to Prince when they played as opening band for Starship on April 23 at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls.

He considers his work in music a definition of his character. Success isn't measured by the amount of money a musician makes – it's about earning respect, he said.

"I've made it when I've gained the respect of my peers," Corey said. He and his band have earned a great deal of respect in the Twin Cities area and are known for the quality of their performances.

He's humble about his accomplishments and isn't concerned about being recruited by a big-name band.

"Band members come and go – that's the nature of the business," he said. "But I would be more concerned about Kalliah or Andre leaving our group."

Being a musician is considered being an artist, and artists often are not compensated for the true measure of their work and talent.

"I guess you could call me a starving artist. I'll do everything I can do to get back on the stage," Corey said while setting up the equipment at Doc's Bunkhouse. "This is my locker room."

Because his work off the stage, in developing shows and promoting them, is just as important as his performances, he is looking forward to developing an annual concert event at Doc's Bunkhouse.

The owner, just known as "Doc," is clearing trees of a natural giant bowl-shaped landscape, one that resembles an amphitheater and is estimated to possibly hold approximately 50,000 people and will offer excellent sound and sight capabilities. The plans are to also have a large pond, camping and ATV trails available.

"This place will be developed as a premier concert venue, just as many concert places like Country Jam have been established," he said. "But when people come to see how great the concerts and the facility is, I am confident that attendance will grow ever year."

And as he grows as a music artist, the possibilities are endless. But for now, he loves what he is doing.

"I can't believe I did this," he said.



Corey sings a Johnny Cash song, exhibiting a deep baritone voice. Although he can sing well, Corey jokingly says considers himself more of a musician and that he only sings to get to the guitar solo.