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Resolution proposes to allow General Council online participation

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Bill Winneshiek wants to make it easier for Ho-Chunk members to participate in General Council, especially if they can’t make it to the ses-sion.

He is proposing to introduce a resolution to use electronic procedures that will allow members to participate from home – or wherever they are at the time.

“I live in California on a fixed income, so it is impos-sible for me to get to a Gen-eral Council meeting,” Win-neshiek said.

His resolution proposes to provide live streaming of the General Council proceedings on a secure web site.

The web site would allow members to electronically register for General Council with a unique identification number; provide live streaming of General Council pro-ceedings; resolutions posted on the web site; provisions for live interaction between tribal members and the chairman to ask questions or make com-ments on resolutions; provi-sions for confirmation of quorum to be tested throughout the day; provisions for voting electronically; provisions to display the ongoing actions online onto a large screen at General Council.

Winneshiek said he got the idea when it was announced that the Legislative meet-ings would be provided live streaming online and since then, for about a couple years, he has been thinking about the possibility for annual General Council meetings.

“I talked to my sister, who also lives in Area 5, and she agreed that it is a good idea,” Winneshiek said.

Winneshiek asked Shane Steindorf of the Ho-Chunk Nation IT Department what it would take to make the system required for such a proposal.

“Assuming that the legal-ties involved are resolved with a site like this being built, a Ho-Chunk Nation government employee and that whether or not this site is hosted on site within the nation’s outward facing web servers, the absolute best case for an ETA in terms of a fin-ished project with at least two dedicated employees would be two months,” Steindorf wrote to Winneshiek.

Steindorf estimates the time about 320 hours, which is 40 hours per week at eight weeks.

“Also is assuming that everything goes off without a hitch. We have the capabilities and getting whatever needs to be built, built. It comes down to ‘client’ or end-user input in terms of how long it takes to complete the project,” Steindorf said.

He said he doesn’t have an official dollar value to quote, but an estimate would be about $80 an hour for out-side contractors for a total of $25,600.

Winneshiek has sought in-formation from outside sour-cing, such as Cisco WebEx. The quote for the online event software is priced at $495 per year, according to his sources. Although such a possibility would improve the participa-tion from members who live far away and can’t make it to the meetings, the downside would be it may deter people from attending, who otherwise would attend.

“One of the purposes of General Council is the social aspect, where everyone can get together,” he said. “The downside is that maybe attend- dance would be down because of the ability to participate online.”

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells hosts the annual 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association Reunion

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“This is my very first reunion of my whole life, and I’m glad I’m spending it with the two-four.” Robert Mann said, as he opened his speech Saturday evening, at the annual banquet held on the last night of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association Reunion.

Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31, more than 45 veterans, from across the country, and their families checked in and confirmed their registration at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells for the reunion.

“We have an annual reunion that’s made up of anyone who was ever attached or assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines since we started as a battalion in 1911,” 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines President Brooks Wilson said “We have members from all over the country – we have close to 500. And every year a member will host this somewhere. Donald Greengrass is our host this year. We try to vary it so one year it might be on the east coast, one year on the west coast, sometimes in the middle of the country,” Wilson said.

The reunion emphasizes sharing experiences and enjoying each other’s company. “We just get together and we share our brotherhood,” Wilson said. “We share memories and remember the people we’ve lost.”

Saturday evening during the annual banquet, gifts were exchanged between the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Wilson gifted Wilfred Cleveland, president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, with a painted glass frame resembling an American flag enclosing coveted military challenge coins.

Greengrass and Brandon Winneshiek, on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation, presented Wilson, along with the board members and a Brigadier General of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association, with beaded medallions designed with the Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem.

Mann delivered a speech about the veteran aspect and what it means in the Ho-Chunk culture to be a warrior. Mann shared the words his father told him prior to Mann’s experience in the Marine Corps.

“When you come back, you owe. You were given the right to come back – you give,” Mann then went on to talk about the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans Association, or the WWVA.

The WWVA was a veterans legion post formed by Ho-Chunk veterans that were not welcomed into the American Legion. The WWVA was formed in the late 1940s and eventually joined the American Legion in the 1970s. The Ho-Chunk veterans that established the WWVA funded their association by playing baseball and challenging teams for money. They won enough games and raised enough money to buy their own uniforms and to send a delegation to Washington D.C.

Mann ended his speech expressing gratitude and pleasure.

“It’s wonderful how we can get together like this, I am honored I am here,” Mann said. “I had a warm feeling when I came here. I felt it when I walked through those doors.”

President Cleveland gave the opening address, he covered topics concerning the Ho-Chunk Nation’s government, kinship, his own experience in the service and gave a short description of the operations and history of the Nation’s casinos.

“I was just giving them a brief idea of who we are,” Cleveland said. “I talked about our language and culture and how important that is. “What I really like letting them (the veterans) know is, okay we have this casino and this is what we do with the money. We aren’t like all of these other big casino owners.”

Various events and festivities took place during this year’s reunion. Thursday, July 28, the veterans took a bus trip to tour the Wisconsin Military Museum in Madison. Friday, July 29, the veterans enjoyed a round of golf at the Reedsburg Country Club – in the evening they watched a mini powwow in the lobby at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

Saturday, July 30, a memorial service was held along with a general business meeting in the Lower Dells Ballroom. At 6 p.m. the annual banquet was held in the Upper Dells Ballroom.

Sunday morning, July 31, the veterans and families checked out and exchanged their goodbyes.

For more information about the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Association visit their website at www.2-4association.org For veteran help and information please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Officer Margaret “Muggs” Garvin at (715) 284-4563 or at Margaret.garvin@ho-chunk.com.
Veterans of the Ho-Chunk Nation receive recognition at Operation Badger Base

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Military veterans deserve respect and recognition. Last weekend, at Operation Badger Base, they received just that. The four-day event took place in Madison, from August 11 to August 14, on tribal grounds next to the casino.

“Operation Badger Base was put together by four veterans who wanted to do something,” said Steering Committee Member Chan Voltz. “Back about three years ago, they had a dream of bringing the Vietnam traveling wall to Madison.”

So upon request, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund brought in the Wall that Heals. The wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and it afforded veterans the opportunity to pay tribute to fellow service members who served alongside them.

“It means a lot to me,” said Vietnam-era veteran Jack Hoffman. “These are all brothers and sisters of mine.”

Another point of interest was a life-size replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Unlike the tomb in Arlington, VA, the exhibit allowed visitors access to the backside of the monument. Operation Badger Base representative Jeffrey Unger highlighted the significance of the two monuments being displayed together, in one place.

“We are making national history,” Unger said. “This is unprecedented and historic. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial have never exhibited at any time in our nation’s history together.”

Commemorating our nation’s veterans was the main purpose of bringing in the exhibits. But many also saw it as a learning opportunity for the younger generation.

“We need to teach our youth about war and the things that happen during war,” Voltz said. “And this is one event where we can teach children coming up, growing up today. We can teach them about why the names are actually on the wall, and about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.”

Some viewed the event as a fundraiser. Others would call it a celebration of military service. In reality, both were goals for the weekend.

“That’s what this is about,” Vietnam veteran Earl Ballweg said. “To raise funds, to bring the wall in.”

Musical entertainment could be heard on most nights. On Friday, country star Ricky Lee performed. “This weekend, I’m here for the veterans,” Lee said. “I’m here to honor them, and to honor all the men and women whose names are on the wall over there.”

Lee became well known throughout the country for supporting military veterans. So did country singer Maggie Mae.

“We think we can do things in life,” Mae said. “But I don’t know if I could do what a soldier does. So I am really grateful for them.”

On Friday evening, the Quilts of Valor Foundation gave Ho-Chunk veterans handmade quilts in recognition of their service. One of the veterans receiving a Quilt of Valor was Stan Blackdeer.

“They wanted to show some appreciation for what we did,” Blackdeer said. “It means quite a bit.”

Former service members were not the only ones who took something away from the event, though. Current military members appreciated the chance to recognize our nation’s trailblazers. Second-class Petty Officer Amber Ortiz expressed her gratitude for the opportunity.

“It’s important to me to be able to serve my country,” Ortiz said, “and give back to the veterans who went before us.”

The event drew a large crowd, and proved quite successful. The closing ceremony was held on Sunday afternoon. However, at the end of the weekend, nobody said goodbye. Rather, everyone was saying Welcome home.
Watenphul retires from Planning after more than two decades

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For the last 23 years, Nancy Watenphul has helped the Ho-Chunk Nation to obtain grants and develop new facilities and programs for the people. But, besides her work, her presence has impacted many people along the way.

“Some people just know how to bring out the best in others. Nancy saw that in me,” said Pine Giroux of the Planning Division. “She helped the Nation with everything she did.”

Her last day at work was August 19. A retirement party for her was held on August 12 at the Tribal Office Building.

“Being able to work with Nancy over the past few years has been a blessing. She was always willing to help and provide guidance whenever and wherever needed,” said Heather Rebedew, also of the Planning Division. “Nancy has done so much for me, for the department, for the Nation and what she accomplished has made such a difference in so many lives. Nancy has always been there for me, mentored me, and given me the guidance that I needed to help me grow. She has always encouraged me and pushed me to realize my own strengths and abilities. She taught me that it is the little things in life that make a difference and to always remember to have pride-in-process.”

Nancy was born and raised near Fairchild and she presently lives on her great-grandparents’ farm, the house having been built in 1907. She attended Fairchild schools until her senior year, when school consolidation occurred, so she graduated from Osseo-Fairchild High School in 1969.

Attending the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Nancy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1973, then followed up to get her Master’s Degree in English at the same university in 1979.

She taught freshman English for four years at Park Falls High School, then college prep English at Appleton. The teacher positions became uncertain at the time, so Nancy moved to Minneapolis where she became the supervisor of the accounting correspondence department at the home office of the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company. She remained with that job for 11 years.

After moving back home in 1987, Nancy was hired at the Ho-Chunk Nation in the Planning Division in 1993.

“Spencer Lonetree was putting Planning back together and hiring a whole new staff,” Nancy said. “We had several planners and grant writers.”

Through the years, grant writing has always been a vital part of the department, but the kinds of projects have changed. One of the early projects was a estate construction company.

One of the constants has been strategic planning, which is still part of the core principles. A lot of the work in Planning involves assisting other departments and divisions with their strategic planning goals.

“I’ll always remember the growth the Ho-Chunk Nation has gone through – the good things,” she said. “When I started, there were no elder community centers. Until now, there is one in almost every Ho-Chunk community. And, back then, the House of Wellness was just a glimmer in someone’s eye.”

“But what I’ll remember most is the wonderful people I’ve met along the way.”

She will not be idle during her time in retirement, tilting at windmills and challenging the questionable decisions in the world, just like she always has. One of her main causes is fighting frac sand mining in Wisconsin.

Being a genealogy buff, she hopes to get back to Germany to research the area where her distant ancestors came from.

She was there in 1985 for two weeks, but she now knows the villages where they once lived.

She has other ambitions right here at home, too.

“My big dream is to buy a historic building in Fairchild and start a family and history research center,” she said. Nancy also likes to read and sew.

Frac sand mining has always been an industry she has opposed.

“I got involved with opposing frac sand mines because I was involved in the copper mining opposition back in 1997 and 1998. My town was targeted by a large conglomerate for developing copper mines. That industry has an undisputed negative impact on the environment.”

The opposition to the copper mining was successful, but only after the price of copper dropped to the point where the companies no longer saw the effort as profitable.

But the companies were using tactics of approaching public officials and under-mining the residents’ wishes. Nancy sees the frac sand mining companies using the same tactics.

“It impacts everything – the environment, the economy, people’s health, and our quality of life. We don’t want to see our hills moved down.”

Regardless of the proximity of the frac sand mines to her own farm, she didn’t want to see her neighbors have to experience the negative impact on their lives.

“I want to thank the Nation for the efforts to date to protect the environment.”

“I don’t know if the Nation understands how many people throughout Wisconsin look up to the Nation for leadership in this area. I sincerely hope the leadership in protecting the environment will continue.”

“I want to thank the Nation for putting up with me for the last 23 years and I want to thank everyone who helped with the retirement party. I will miss the wonderful people I have met here – not just my co-workers but friends and I will never forget them.”

Nancy Watenphul is honored with a Pendleton blanket for her service to the Nation. Offering the gift are former co-workers Pine Giroux and Carol Garvin.

Pokémon GO causes problems for the Ho-Chunk people

Kaili Berg
Youth Writer

Niantic released a new up-graded reality game called Pokémon GO in July.

The objective of the game is the same as the normal Pokémon games: players have to capture, train and fight Pokémon but the difference is that the Pokémon are located in the real world now. It’s a GPS enabled game that asks the players to walk around an area and hunt down Pokémon, which can be found at random physical locations.

Pokémon Go is a social phenomenon, and like any fad, it has problems. Recently the Ho-Chunk Nation has had issues with the game. More specifically with PokeStops.

PokéStops are free item drops placed around the world. They are stationed at important cultural spots, like statues, public buildings, or other types of locations. Some have even been placed on burial grounds, which has driven concerns to people of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“It all started because people were calling our office saying that people were trash- ing parks and areas where there are mounds, specifically in the Madison area,” said Collin Price, public relations officer at the Ho-Chunk Na- tion. “It’s an issue because we are constantly trying to educate and preserve these mounds, and the more people and traffic makes them be- come damaged.”

The Nation has put in a request at the company’s official support page, asking to remove the PokeStop from the mound and put them somewhere else. Since then, there has not been any more com- plaints made to the President’s Office.

“It’s our culture, and one of our missions to preserve our culture,” said Price. “That’s one thing we do is try to protect our ancestors and the things that were here before us so that we can leave them for the next generation.”

Sharing the sofa with her friend Julie Mann, Nancy Watenphul opens the many cards and letters of good wishes for her retirement.
NATIVE FIGHTERS DRAW A CROWD AT HCG-WITTENBERG

When it comes to generating revenue at the casino, boxing matches pack a punch. For this reason, HCG-Wittenberg hosted the Friday Night Showdown last weekend in hopes of getting more customers onto the gaming floor. The fight card featured six bouts that included several local, Native American boxers.

“One way we’re doing well, in terms of cheering for their favorite,” Director of Marketing Tracy Pecore said. “If you have Native American fighters draw a crowd at HCG-Wittenberg”

Harry “the Ho-Chunk Hammer” Funkmaker talks to his fighter, Jerome Labarge, during the fight of the night.

Coordinators of the event. All exhibits are made possible by the Wisconsin Arts Board, Wisconsin Arts Commission, and the Wisconsin Arts Endowment. Additional support has been received from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Greater Green Bay Foundation.

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POW WOW COMEDY

FREE EVENT | SEPTEMBER 4TH | 10:30PM

Take some time out of your Labor Day Weekend and enjoy our free Pow Wow Comedy Event featuring JR Redwater, Titan Redwater and MC Red Cloud. Plus, after the show, anyone that attends receives $10 Rewards Play.

MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND EVENTS. NO REFUNDS. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN TICKETS. HO-CHUNK GAMING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR ALTER PROMOTIONS/EVENTS AT ANY TIME.
September 2016
Please find the following list 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 your 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.

7/16/2016 GCA Regular Meeting – Tomah, WI
Minutes are ratified.
7/15/2016 GCA Special Meeting – HCC, Baraboo, WI
Minutes are ratified.
8/20/2016 GCA Quarterly Meeting – Clarion Hotel, Madison, WI
Minutes are not ratified.

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR GCA MEETING:
GCA Regular Meeting
September 15th – 18th, 2016
To be determined – will be posted
Clarion Hotel – Madison, WI
Alliant Energy Center – Madison, WI

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

Annual General Council 2014 – 2015 Resolution Update
The 10 year General Council Resolution Update will be printed and in book form. This book will be distributed at the Annual meeting.

Annual General Council 2016 Planning
A Special Edition of the Hocak Worak for General Council is now available.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. A Special Edition of the Hocak Worak for General Council is now available.

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And Saturday, September 17
The open session will be included in the General Council Agenda Book.

There have been four General Council Resolutions that have been drafted and

One person per.

“Zero Tolerance” for alcohol, drugs or firearms will be strictly enforced by the security personnel.

Golf cart shuttles will be available throughout the day transporting persons to and from the Exhibition Hall parking lot.

Parents bringing children please abide by the following:

Children must be supervised at all times.

3. Children must remain inside the building and not wander the parking lot.

4. Unattended children will be escorted back to their seats by security personnel.

Resolution Writing & Submission
There have been four General Council Resolutions that have been drafted and will be included in the General Council Agenda Book.

1. Resolution to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation “General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, Item 4, Determination of quorum; and item 11, Procedures for motions.”
2. General Council Branch Budget for FY 2018
3. Resolution to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders
4. Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation for Rights of Nature

All tribal members will need to request in writing to the General Council. Resolutions may still contact the office of the General Council if the General Council offers resolution writing assistance up to and during the Annual meeting. Please contact John Swimmer, General Council Attorney, if assistance is needed at; (715) 284-7891 x- 1097 or by email at john.swimmer@ho-chunk.com.

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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/hochunkgen/
Prepared by.
Joy Thompson-Bonanno, GC Advocate

GENERAL COUNCIL A Resolution to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders

RESOLUTION 09 - 17 - 2016
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, the Ho-Chunk Nation (‘Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and is the recognized governing entity for the Ho-Chunk Nation; 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 policy for policy the Nation; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall not need to be binding on the Nation; 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council finds that Ho-Chunk Nation Elders are on limited incomes and that energy bills create a hardship on many elders. To help defray these expenses the Ho-Chunk Nation wants to create a program that will provide interested Elders access to funding and programs that will assist them with solar or wind energy to provide alternative energy in Elder Homes.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Council finds that Elders, with special needs, or that require refrigeration for medical supplies or medical equipment will receive priority funding under this program.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be submitted as part of the annual budget process from this day forward until repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Legislature refuses to fund this resolution the specific reasons shall be stated, and the Vice-President shall present an explanation to General Council at the next annual or special General Council meeting called.

CERTIFICATION
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 ___ 2016, that the foregoing resolution was adopted or rejected 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.

This Resolution submitted by the Dawn M. Thoms

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION SPECIAL ELECTION TO AMEND THE HO-CHUNK NATION CONSTITUTION FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

9-17-2016

Requesting Special Election (changing or amending Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution)
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 3 (c) of the Constitution, the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f) of the Constitution, the General Council may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election; if voters adopt the amendment(s), the amendment(s) shall become effective immediately.
NOW THEREFORE IT RESOLVED that the General Council hereby request that the Ho-Chunk Nation conduct a Special Election on the Amendment to the Constitution proposed below.

Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation
WHEREAS, the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation find our air, land, and water are threatened;
WHEREAS, we live at a time of unprecedented species extinction, ecosystem collapse, and global warming;
WHEREAS, conventional environmental laws, which regulate the use and exploitation of the environment, have proven inadequate to protect nature;

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WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution 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.

CERTIFICATION

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, ___ 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 the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

GENERAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Establish the Tribal Aging Unit as a Separate and Independent Department Under the Executive Branch of Government

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 9, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, thereby granting the Ho-Chunk Nation the authority to adopt a new Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution is a federal recognition of the 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. states that "The people of the Hochunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. All eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council. , and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV - General Council, Section 1, Powers of the General Council, states that "The people of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. The people of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council." , and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(b), adding Article X, Section 2(a) Rights of Nature

(a) Rights of Nature. Ecosystems and natural communities within the Ho-Chunk Nation territory possess an inherent, fundamental, and inalienable right to exist and thrive. This right includes, but is not limited to, the right of ecosystems and natural communities to maintain and regenerate their life cycles, structure, functions and evolutionary processes; the right to be restored; and the right to the defense, protection, and enforcement of their rights.

(b) Enforcement. Ecosystems and natural communities may enforce their rights to exist and thrive. This right includes the right to seek redress from the Ho-Chunk Nation in any court possessing jurisdiction over activities occurring on Ho-Chunk territory, in the name of the ecosystem or natural community as the real party in interest. Damages shall be measured by the cost of restoring the ecosystem or natural community to its state before the injury, and shall be paid to the Ho-Chunk Nation to be used exclusively for the full and complete restoration of the ecosystem or natural community.

(c) Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful within the Ho-Chunk territory for any corporation or government to engage in activities that would violate, or infringe upon, the rights recognized and secured by this Article, including but not limited to, damage or destruction of flora or fauna possessing tradition, the Ho-Chunk Nation territory, the maintenance of the ecosystem in its pre-extraction state, including the prevention of fuel extraction, frac sand mining, and the introduction or use of genetically engineered organisms.

(d) Constitution. All corporations or other business entities, organized under the laws of any state or any country, which violates this Article, shall not be deemed to be a "person" to the extent that such treatment would interfere with the rights enumerated in Article XXXI or any prohibitions enacted by this Article, and shall be subject to the laws and regulations adopted by the General Council pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1, General Council has authority to request a constitutional amendment.

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1, General Council has authority to request a constitutional amendment.

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council wants to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to establish an Independent Department of Tribal Aging under the Executive Branch of government. WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1(b) of the Constitution, the General Council requests an amendment to the Constitution to amend Article VI, Section 1(b) adding a Department of Tribal Aging with additional staff to address our growing elder population needs and include the Elder Work Experience Program and further request that the Legislature create an Establishment Act, which establishes an independent Department of Tribal Aging under the Executive Branch.
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proposing conduct in evidence of support of his claim that his

Felony

Conviction has been expanded, therefore be it resolved that: Based upon his

Convicting Status, Wilfrid Cleveland immediately

divest himself from his deceptively acquired Office of the

President of the Ho-Chunk Nation by resigning from said

position, which he obtained by appearing to extreme audacity by

defrauding the electoral process, and,

Be it further resolved that: That the following provisions be enacted:

1) Said resignation instrument indicate the specific

constitutional provisions which were violated and mandate his

resignation from the office of the President of the Ho-Chunk

Wazijaci Nation,

2) Personnel from the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department

oversee his vacating of the Office of the President effective

immediately,

3) That the HCN Department of the Treasury calculate the

amount of money disbursed to him illegally during his

tenures as Area Representative, Tribal Legislator and his two

tenures as President of the Ho-Chunk Nation in order to
determine the amount which he is to reimburse to the tribal

treasury,

4) The same conditions of being barred from tribal

facilities precedent to former Tribal

Chairman Chloris Lowe's removal be applied to Mr.

Cleveland as well, and,

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED: That counsel

for the HCN General Council immediately and aggressively litigate the claim of the Ho-Chunk Nation Compliance Department, and Election Board, and all those individuals who had a fiduciary professional obligation to report constitutional irregularities, and all others immediately to adopt provisions and, and to keep the tribal populace informed of the such legal
proceedings in the Hocak Warak until they attain their
succession completion.

Certification

I, the undersigned, as Secretary to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of

conforming a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and

held on the day of August 26, 2016, 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 was not rescinded or amended in any way. I

further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

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Please be sure to address this if your area is listed by making nominations your next area meeting in September. All term limits for Agents will begin at the October 2016 GCA Regular Meeting.

The following GCA Agent Terms expire after the September 2016 Annual General Council Meeting:

Wittenberg — Agent
Milwaukee — Agent
Wisconsin Dells — Agent
La Crosse — Agent
Minneapolis/St. Paul — Agent
Mauston — Alternate

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Michael Sallaway-E
Paul Schmitz-P
Madison
Brenda Nell-P
Sandra Stetson-Kane
Mauston:
Clifford Blackdeer Jr-P
Kim Wolter-P
Milwaukee:
Muriel Whitelee-E
Melody Whitelee-Fintak-P
Milwaukee:
Stefan Stetson-Kane
III. Determination of Quorum
Quorum was established at 10:02 AM. Other people who
were also present include Joy Thompson, GC Advocate Monthly Report.
1) Motion by Donna Littlegeorge to accept the GCA
Annual Report, Resolution General Council 2016 and
Tribal Information. Seconded by KristinWhite Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED. (Donna Littlegeorge voted No/ Melody Whitelee-Fintak
abstained).
2) Motion by Donna Littlegeorge to accept the GCA
Attorney Monthly Report. Seconded by Paul Krause. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED. (Melody Whitelee-Fintak voted No/Melody Whitelee-Fintak
abstained).
3) Motion by Kristin White Eagle for John Swimmer,
GCA Attorney to prepare a draft for criminal codes 
status, Wilfrid Cleveland immediately
has been expunged,
proceed countervailing evidence in support of his claim that his
Delivery, for consideration by the
General Council.
4) By Kristin White Eagle to accept the GCA
Monthly Report. Seconded by Paul Krause. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED.
5) Motion by Kristin White Eagle to accept the GCA
Membership Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Paul Krause. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED. (Mary Lopez abstained).
6) Motion by Kristin White Eagle to accept the GCA
Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Paul Krause. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED.
7) Motion by Kristin White Eagle to accept the GCA
Monthly Report to Executive Council. Seconded by Paul Krause. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED.
8) Motion by Kristin White Eagle to accept the GCA
Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Paul Krause. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED.
9) Motion by Kristin White Eagle to accept the GCA
10) Motion by Kristin White Eagle to accept the
GCA Clarion Suites rooming list and payment as presented
for General Council 2016. Seconded by Mary Lopez. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED.
11) Motion by Rosetta Hunt to pay Roger Thundercloud
11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. (Roger Thundercloud voted No/ Kristin White Eagle abstained).
12) Motion by Rosetta Hunt to have a GCA Special
Meeting on July 31, 2016 at Ho-Chunk Gaming: Wis.
dell. Dells to accommodate tele-
phone conference added to the
agenda Chicago HCN Tribal member re: Transportation
incentive. Seconded by Melissa Olvera.
13) Motion by Mary Lopez to accept the June 18th, 2016
Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells singer bid at 750.00
11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. (Brenda Neff abstained).
14) Motion by Mary Lopez to accept the June 18th, 2016
Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells singer bid at 750.00
200.00 per room. Seconded by Paul Krause.
11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. (Brenda Neff abstained).
15) Motion by Mary Lopez to accept the June 18th, 2016
Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells singer bid at 750.00
and cigarettes. Seconded by KristinWhite Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED. (Kristin White Eagle voted No).
16) Motion by Roger Thundercloud to accept Thundercloud and Wisconsin Dells singers bid at 750.00
per drum, two hotel rooms each and two cartons of
cigarettes each. Seconded by Paul Krause. 10-0-1 MOTION
CARRIED. (Mary Lopez, Rosetta Hunt, Kristin White Eagle, Brenda Neff, Melody Whitelee-Fintak, Melissa Olvera to accept the GCA
Seconded by Donna Littlegeorge.
10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED. (Donna Littlegeorge voted No/Melody Whitelee-Fintak
abstained).
11) Motion by Rosetta Hunt to pay Roger Thundercloud
MOTION CARRIED. (Melody Whitelee-Fintak abstained).
12) Motion by Rosetta Hunt for the OOGC Staff to
attend with the General Council 2016 Resolution
Summary Booklet with gray cover. Seconded by Mary Lopez. 11-0-0 MOTION
CARRIED. (Kristin White Eagle abstained).
13) Motion by Rosetta Hunt to accept the Traditional Court to address
HCN Treasury's need for individual
countervailing evidence in support of his claim that his
Felony

Conviction has been expanded, therefore be it resolved that: Based upon his

Convicting Status, Wilfrid Cleveland immediately

divest himself from his deceptively acquired Office of the

President of the Ho-Chunk Nation by resigning from said

position, which he obtained by appearing to extreme audacity by

defrauding the electoral process, and,

Be it further resolved that: That the following provisions be enacted:

1) Said resignation instrument indicate the specific

constitutional provisions which were violated and mandate his

resignation from the office of the President of the Ho-Chunk

Wazijaci Nation,

2) Personnel from the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department

oversee his vacating of the Office of the President effective

immediately,

3) That the HCN Department of the Treasury calculate the

amount of money disbursed to him illegally during his

tenures as Area Representative, Tribal Legislator and his two

tenures as President of the Ho-Chunk Nation in order to
determine the amount which he is to reimburse to the tribal

treasury,

4) The same conditions of being barred from tribal

facilities precedent to former Tribal

Chairman Chloris Lowe's removal be applied to Mr.

Cleveland as well, and,

Be it further and finally resolved that: That counsel

for the HCN General Council immediately and aggressively litigate the claim of the Ho-Chunk Nation Compliance Department, and Election Board, and all those individuals who had a fiduciary professional obligation to report constitutional irregularities, and all others immediately to adopt provisions and, and to keep the tribal populace informed of the such legal
proceedings in the Hocak Warak until they attain their
succession completion.

Certification

I, the undersigned, as Secretary to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of

constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and

held on the day of August 26, 2016, 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 was not rescinded or amended in any way. I

further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Wendy Running Horse, GC Deputy Advocate at Wendy.Runninghorse@ho-chunk.com

Julia Hopinkah Archie, GC Secretary at Julia.Archie@ho-chunk.com

John Swimmer, GC Attorney at John.Swimmer@ho-chunk.com

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Please be sure to address this if your area is listed by making nominations your next area meeting in September. All term limits for Agents will begin at the October 2016 GCA Regular Meeting.
Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Mashkiikii Gitigan Garden

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 community members and legislators met with the Mashkiikii Gitigan group on August 18, 2016 at the St. Paul District Meeting to present a $2000 donation to the community garden. The district made a motion at their June meeting to donate funds to the Mashkiikii Gitigan (Medicine Garden) Garden Project. The garden was created in 2013 as a way to help community members grow their own food. It also offers training and workshop to youth and adults in the community. The garden is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Christina Elias, Mashkiikii Gitigan Head Farmer/Manager said, “Thank you so much for this kind and generous donation. It is generosity like this that demonstrates abundance and will keep The Mashkiikii Gitigan thriving! This money will be used to support our community “Grow Your Own” classes, help run our Four Sisters Market Table, as well as provide supplies to our Pre-Apprentices in support of their projects in the garden.”

A double-header gave concert goers a night filled with great music

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls was rocking with 60s iconic hits the night of Saturday, August 20.

The opening act before Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals was the Git Backs out of Clear Lake, WI. They provided a variety of hit music from the 1960s.

Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals connected with the audience with hits like “Beautiful Morning,” “Groovin’,” “Good Lovin’,” “I’ve Been Lonely Too Long,” “People Got to Be Free,” “In the Midnight Hour,” “Mustang Sally,” and “A Girl Like You.”

Rubber Soul from Minneapolis opened for Micky Dolenz, which consists of a Beatles tribute band equipped with “Go-Go Girls” in British flag dresses who danced throughout the audience.

Micky Dolenz performed a variety of songs besides the hits from The Monkees, including songs from the beginning of Dolenz’ career to the present. Monkee hits included “I’m a Believer,” “Last Train to Clarksville,” “I’m Not Your Stepping Stone,” “Daydream Believer,” and “Pleasant Valley Sunday.”

At one point in the show, Dolenz sang a duet with his sister, Coco, of the song, “Crying in the Rain.”
HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JUNE 7, 2016 10:00 a.m.
Call to Order: President Wifrid Pettibone called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Roll Call:
President Wifrid
Cleveland-P
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglass Greengrass-P
Rep. Matt Mullenn-P
Rep. Randy Pettibone-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. David Greendeer -P
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy McCaughey-EX
Rep. Shelby Visinton-EX
Rep. Forrest Whitehat-EX
Rep. Matt Mullenn-P
Rep. Kylee Anne Tree-Lowhat-EX
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

Determination of Quorum. Quorum is established.
Approval of Agenda:

Meeting Minutes. Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar.

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:
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MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee-Motion by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the May 24, 2016 Financial Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar.

MOTION CARRIED.


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MOTION CARRIED.
**NOTICES / LEGALS**

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**


Case No.: CS 16-66

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Courtney Diane Meloccaro

You are hereby notified that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled child support matter. If you do not respond to this legal notice at least thirty days prior to the date of your appearance in court as provided in the Notice to Respondent, you may result in a default judgment being entered against you. You must file an Answer in the court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the publication of this summons. Failure to file a timely Answer is an admission by you of the allegations of the petition and waives your right to a trial on the merits.

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

In the Interest of Minor: T.J.B., DOB 11/24/2015

Case No.: PA 16-11

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PETITIONER:

Courtney Dianne Melocarro, Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, OR ADULT CHILD WHERE CHILD'S INTIMACY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, MORNINGS – THURSDAY AT 9:00 a.m. AND FRIDAYS – AT 10:00 a.m.

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled paternity and child support lawsuit. This legal notice of the petition for paternity is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**


Case No.: CS 16-66

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PETITIONER:

Jarred James Ness

You are hereby informed that you have been named a petitioner 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. A proceeding concerning the above-named judgment is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

In the Interest of Minor: T.J.B., DOB 11/24/2015

Case No.: PA 16-11

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

Theresa Hindsley, Defendant

You are hereby notified that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled paternity and child support lawsuit. This legal notice of the Complaint is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Complaint must be filed with the Court on or before the tenth day following the publication of this summons. Failure to file a timely Answer is an admission by you of the allegations of the complaint and waives your right to a trial on the merits.

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

In the Interest of Minor: T.J.B., DOB 11/24/2015

Case No.: PA 16-11

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

Theresa Hindsley

You are hereby notified that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled paternity and child support lawsuit. This legal notice of the Answer to the Complaint is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Answer to the Complaint must be filed with the Court on or before the seventh day following the publication of this summons. Failure to file a timely Answer is an admission by you of the allegations of the Answer and waives your right to a trial on the merits.

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Theresa Hindsley, Defendant(s)

Case No.: CV 16-18

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(s):

Theresa Hindsley

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Complaint is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Complaint must be filed with the Court on or before the tenth day following the publication of this summons. Failure to file a timely Answer is an admission by you of the allegations of the complaint and waives your right to a trial on the merits.
Domestic Abuse Division offers services

Social Services advocates of the Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division want people to know their services are available to all, Native and Non-Native. Services available are:

- Advocacy and/or referrals for community resources, housing and court accompaniment.
- Transportation to a safe environment for court hearings, appointments and other business.
- Community education and awareness provided about domestic violence and sexual assault with topics related to school, work and the community.
- Supportive listening for people who need help.
- A Crisis Line for emergencies 24/7, Ho Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division (877)-847-8689
- Restraining order assistance help to protect people who are being abused.
- Sexual assault advocacy for people who need medical and legal assistance.
- Safety planning to be prepared for any crisis that may present itself.

Ho Chunk Nation Social Services Domestic Abuse Division
P.O. Box 40, 808 Red Iron Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615
Office: (715) 284-2622 Ext. 5135

Tribal Elderly Advisory Board Opening

There are two (2) vacancies on the Tribal Elderly Advisory Board.

Black River Falls TAU (1)
Tomah TAU (1)

If interested in serving on this board, please contact BRF and Tomah TAU for an application to be sent to you. Elections will be held on September 22, 2016 from 8am to 4:30 pm at the TAU office for BRF and Tomah.

You will need Tribal ID to vote. These are two separate elections.

John A. “Koz” Kozlowicz

John A. Kozlowicz (Koz) age 67, of Wisconsin Rapids died peacefully on August 5, 2016 after a hard fought 3 month battle with cancer. Per his wishes there will be no visitation of funeral services held. Ritchay Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids is assisting the family.

“Koz” was born March 31, 1949 in Milwaukee, WI to Richard and Helen (Wysocki) Kozlowicz. Following his graduation from Milwaukee Boys Tech High School in 1967, he attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls with a degree in journalism.

It was while attending the University of Wisconsin - River Falls he met the “love of his life”, Jeanne Andrews of St. Paul, MN. They married on April 4, 1970 and had 2 children Dan and Kate.


In addition to his wife Jeanne and children Dan ( Renee Schultz), Kate (Dave) Reber, he is survived by his grandchildren Zack Birkner, TJ and Birk Kozlowicz, Ellie and Drew Reber, and Renee’s children Maddi and Chayce Schultz. He is also survived by his sister Elaine (John Frodermann) Lukas, brother-in-law Larry and Mary Duvick, sister-in-law Barb MacNeill, niece Corie (John) Strange, nephew Bill (Heidi Iversen) Duvick, Ben (Janice) Duvick and Charley (Sara) Grover, and all their children and his many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Todd Lukaszewski.

“Koz” was an avid follower of Wisconsin sports teams and enjoyed golfing with friends and traveling to different parts of the United States. His proudest accomplishment was helping Jeanne raise their children. The family would like to thank Dr. Kirschling and the staff at UW-Cancer Center and the caring and compassionate nurses and staff at Strawberry Lane Rehabilitation Center.

In honor of Koz, please join us for a celebration of his life on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM at Tamarack’s Pub, 481 Ruby Ave., Wisconsin Rapids.

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- See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries
A community mural signifies the unity of people made real by Ahuchoga

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Little hands wave brushes back and forth as bright colors dance across the canvases. The busy hands, along with smiling faces, paint a story of how the newer generation invests in the hopes and dreams of the past.

The scene was made possible from the children of the Nekoosa Youth and Learning Center, who traveled to Reedsburg on Wednesday, August 17, and painted the imagery on plywood panel murals to be displayed on a former hardware store building in the city as a reminder of the legacy of Chief Ahuchoga.

The project is a combined effort of the Little Eagles Arts Foundation and Reedsburg Artslink. To help with the mural, Wesley May, nationally-recognized native artist, of Red Lake, Minn., is providing his skills and to provide guidance to the volunteer painters. Also helping was Chris Sweet, a Ho-Chunk artist who was invited by Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, LEAF director. He mainly works on paintings of a smaller size, using acrylics, so the mural was a new experience for him, he said.

Children from the Tomah Youth and Learning Center came to do the same the following day, on Thursday, August 18. Community members are welcome to paint on the mural project as well.

“Chief Ahuchoga was a kind, gentle man who brought the people, both Ho-Chunk and the people of the community, together,” Tallmadge Sainz said. “When soldiers came to this area to remove the Ho-Chunk people from the land, the people of the community stood up to the soldiers out of respect for Chief Ahuchoga and the people. They stopped the soldiers from taking the Ho-Chunk people away.”

This Reedsburg incident may have helped put an end to the federal government’s inhumane policy of Native American relocation, she said.

Chief Ahuchoga, also known as “Blue Wing,” is buried near Tomah and has a Ho-Chunk community there that is named after him. In 1974, the cemetery was dedicated in his name.

“Ahichoga: Blue Wing’s Legacy” is a documentary produced by Lance Tallmadge, a direct descendant of Ahuchoga, in which he retells the story of forced removal of all Native Americans from southern Wisconsin in 1873.

That documentary was shown August 16 at the Reedsburg Public Library.

The Dane County Fair brings attention to HCG-Madison

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Some like drawing attention to themselves. HCG-Madison proves to be among them. So from July 20 to July 24, the casino sponsored the 2016 Dane County Fair at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. By sponsoring the event, the Marketing Department hopes to strengthen its relationship with the local community.

“We look at the Dane County Fair as not only a great way to help a great local event but to connect with our guests on a more personal level,” said a departmental representative who chose to remain anonymous. “It is all about bringing some sort of ‘fun’ game to the events which helps us connect with our guests on a personal level outside of the actual casino.”

This year was not the first time that HCG-Madison backed the county fair. The casino has now sponsored the event for several years.

“We were actually approached by a local radio station several years ago to help sponsor the event and it’s been something that we’ve loved doing ever since,” the Marketing rep said.

The fair provided a great opportunity for HCG-Madison to market itself. In multiple places, one could find large banners promoting the casino. The Marketing Department also manned a trade show booth where visitors could have fun and win prizes that advertise HCG-Madison.

The art of advertising is that it happens whether we realize it or not,” said the anonymous representative. “We use this event as a way to be out in the public with our logo and brand all while being able to communicate with our current and potential guests.”

The Madison-area casino even sponsored a music stage at the fair. There, listeners could hear great music throughout the event.

“‘Naming’ rights to the stage is something that we’ve been doing for several years and continue to do based on several factors,” the departmental representative said.

“Our stage sponsorship we receive great exposure on several radio stations and radio station websites leading up to the actual event.”

Like every year, the Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Music Stage and the Dane County Fair drew a significant crowd. Thanks to the efforts of Marketing, many in the crowd then visited the local casino. Their presence proved highly important for the business. After all, HCG-Madison needs the attention.

Representatives of HCG-Madison man a trade show booth at the Dane County Fair. Visitors to the booth can play for prizes that advertise HCG-Madison.

GOOD NEWS

 Melanie Tallmadge Sainz displays the artist rendering of the “Blue Wing” mural design to symbolize Chief Ahuchoga, the leader of the Ho-Chunk people in the late 1800s.

Wesley May, a professional native artist, offers his guidance to the children in delivering the correct colors with just the right brush strokes.

Children from the Nekoosa and Tomah Youth and Learning Centers help with the mural project, along with assistance from Ho-Chunk artist Chris Sweet.