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Presidential Listening Sessions planned for February and March

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

The Office of the President and the executive directors are getting ready to venture out into Ho-Chunk Country and hear concerns from tribal members beginning this month and ending in late March.

These presidential sessions will mark the second visit from the president and his staff to Ho-Chunk communities which started this past October.

The first scheduled listening session was at the Madison Branch Office on Thursday, February 11.

“The listening sessions are hoping to accomplish and establish communication between the Executive Branch and our tribal members, said Kelly Funmaker, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Administrative Officer.

Since the Cleveland Administration has taken office it has been a long and strenuous journey to completing executive director appointments.

Currently, all of President Cleveland’s appointments have been confirmed except for the Social Services Executive Director nominee.

Tribal members will be able to meet and discuss important topics and concerns with executive directors.

The executive directors accompanying the president are; Robert Mudd (Business), Ona Garvin (Health), Carlyle Greendeer (Heritage Preservation), Nehomah Thundercloud (Education), Sandy Gleason (Treasury), Tracy Thundercloud (Labor), Amanda WhiteEagle (Attorney General-Justice), Carol Garvin (Personnel), Karena Thundercloud (Administration), Myra Jo Price (Housing), and Margaux Carrimon (Acting Social Services Executive Director).

“Tribal members can expect one on one conversations with executive directors or group conversations, whichever is preferred by the tribal member,” said Funmaker.

The listening sessions are from 5 to 7 p.m. and are in locations where regular legislative area meetings take place.

HO-CHUNK NATION PRESIDENTIAL LISTENING SESSIONS



| FEBRUARY 2016 | MARCH 2016 |
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| * Madison Branch Office Thursday Feb. 11 5-7 PM | * Chicago Branch Office Wednesday March 2 5-7 PM |
| * St Paul Branch Office Monday Feb. 15 5-7 PM | * Milwaukee Branch Office Thursday March 3 5-7 PM |
| * Black River Falls TOB Monday Feb. 22 5-7 PM | * Tomah Youth Center Monday March 7 5-7 PM |
| * Baraboo/Wis Dells HOW Thursday Feb. 25 5-7 PM | * LaCrosse Branch Office Wednesday March 9 5-7 PM |
| | * Nekoosa Community Bldg. Thursday March 10 5-7 PM |
| | * Green Bay Branch Office Tuesday March 15 5-7 PM |
| | * Wittenberg TAU Building Wednesday March 16 5-7 PM |

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Happy Valentine's Day

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Hocak Worak Staff

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Feb. 14th

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



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

I hope 2016 is treating you well and holding true to your goals for the New Year.

We had a successful Save the Mounds Rally on January 12. Regardless of the frigid temps hundreds of people joined us at the capitol in support of opposition of Assembly Bill 620. Speakers at the rally included: Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Clayton Winneshiek, Ho-Chunk Nation District 2 Legislator Henning Garvin, Ho-Chunk Nation District 2 Legislator David Greendeer, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Tribal President Shannon Holsey, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Councilman Brandon Stevens, Former Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Wisconsin State Representative Robb Kahl (District 47), Wisconsin State Representative Beth Meyers (District 74), Former Ho-Chunk Nation President and Associate Judge Joann Jones, Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member Boye Ladd and myself. It was a humbling feeling knowing

there was representation from all the tribes throughout Wisconsin in attendance. The Legislators followed up with the rally by meeting with several State Representatives to voice our concerns about this bill and to educate the representatives about the proposed legislation. We will be continuing our effort on with the Save the Mounds effort through education. If Assembly Bill 620 is passed there will be a drastic change in how burial mounds are preserved and catalogued within the state of Wisconsin. There will be changes in the procedures of cataloging burial sites.

The Legislature accepted the nomination of Margaux Carrimon as the Interim Director of the Department of Social Services. A confirmation hearing will be set up for Ms. Carrimon in the future. The Legislature passed a resolution to Adoption of Amendment to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance with a vote of 9-0-2. The HCN Legislature is planning a retreat for

prioritizing future projects on February 2-3, 2016.

The Tribal Census is now underway online and District 5 is in the lead with a 26% completion rate (458), District 2 is at 24% (327), District 1 is at 21% (260), District 3 is at 19% (171) and District 4 is at 19% (83). If you haven't completed the census yet, please do so now. Let your voice be heard, your information matters and it will impact how future funding and programs will be dispersed in the future. It is extremely important that you complete the census for accurate information for future projects and planning for programs. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Division at 715-284-9343. The Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Division will be attending District meetings, TAU's and Branch Offices to help tribal members complete the census online. Planning staff will be at the District meetings 1 hour before and after in February. The census will be available

online through the month of February. The paper version of the census will be mailed out in March. The Planning Division hopes to have results in May 2016.

You can access the Tribal Census at <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/planning/census.aspx>.

The next regularly scheduled Legislative meeting will be February 9, 2016 in Lynwood, Illinois.

Sincerely,

*Darren Brinegar,
Vice President of the
Ho-Chunk Nation*



**Ho-Chunk Nation
Vice President
Darren Brinegar**

Ho-Chunk helps county fund construction project

Reprinted with permission Juneau County Star Times Kevin Damask

The new bridge along Highway M in Juneau County was completed this fall with a matching grant from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

On Monday, Juneau County officials officially opened the new Highway M bridge with representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation. From left to right, County Section Patrolman Jim Nicksic, County Board Supervisors Dennis Kolba, Mike Kelley, Alan Peterson, David Arnold, Ed Brown, Rodney Seamans and Jon Schrader and Brett Blackdeer from the Ho-Chunk Roads Division.

Juneau County has a new bridge thanks to a helping hand from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The county highway department received a \$134,000 grant from the Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the replacement of a bridge along County Highway M. Total cost of the project was \$165,000 and \$31,000 was used from the net tax levy.

Construction was completed this fall and highway department personnel officially opened the bridge with representatives from the Nation on Monday. A plaque honoring the Nation's commitment to the project was placed near the bridge. The bridge, 26 feet wide, was constructed by the county highway department and the road was closed for three weeks earlier this fall.

Juneau County Highway and Public Works Commissioner Dennis Weiss said the Highway M bridge project is an example of how the Nation has worked with the county on infrastructure projects in recent years to help offset costs.

"The Nation has helped with several projects over the years," Weiss said. "For this project, the nation helped with a matching grant so (the county) didn't have to take it out of our tax levy. We still have money left over to do maintenance on our county roads."

Since 2009, the Nation has helped fund five large road construction projects. To date, the county has received \$3,046,570 in government grants, \$1,493,500 in Ho-Chunk/BIA funds and has used \$864,961 of the county's tax levy on highway improvement projects.

Weiss said the old bridge along Highway M had a double cement box culvert that was structurally deficient. The county decided to replace the old structure with a wooden surface.

"The decision was made to go with a Wheeler Bridge for several reasons," Weiss said. "The bridge offers a natural stream bed versus a culvert. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommends we have that. We have wooden bridge structures in Juneau County that are still structurally safe and have been in place prior to the inspection program, which was a safety program created in 1964 by the federal government."

Weiss said the life of the Wheeler Bridge should surpass 100 years and maintenance should be minimal.

"Also, the acidic water in the area deteriorates culverts, where the wooden structures stand up to it," Weiss said.

The county highway department is discussing another possible grant with the Nation for work along Highway HH, from Lyndon Station to the Sauk County line, but Weiss said plans are tentative.

Everyone is welcome to the

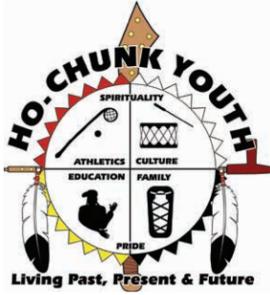
3RD ANNUAL HO-CHUNK STORYTELLING EVENT

February 17, 2016

5:30 pm. - 8:30 pm.

District I Community Center
N7160 Low Cloud Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Meal will be served:
Frybread, Indian Corn Soup, Wild Rice Casserole, Blueberry Pudding; Ants on a Log, Fruit, Beverages, and Carrot Cake.



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Dauids to receive 'Rising Star Award' for public service



Sharice Dauids will be awarded the 'Rising Star Award' for her volunteer work in the community. The Cornell Law School will present the award on February 26.

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Sharice Dauids has been selected to receive the prestigious Rising Star Award from Cornell Law University.

Dauids is a 2010 graduate of Cornell in Ithaca, New York.

"Each year they give out awards from Cornell graduates who perform public service, such as pro bono (free) work to the public," Dauids said.

Two years ago Dauids was nominated for the award, but the awards committee said she has performed wonderful service, they were not willing to give the award to her until she has more experience.

The people selected for awards are graduates who are working in the private sector but also offer their expertise in helping underprivileged residents. Six other graduates, besides Dauids, will be receiving public service awards in other categories, plus 11 who will receive Student Public Interest awards.

"I was awarded the Rising Star Award only five years out of school. They normally don't offer the award until they've been out of school for 10 years," she said.

For the last four years, Dauids has been working with Indian Country Economic Development, working to make a difference, she said.

Her work also includes a kindergarten through grade 12 entrepreneurial program, working in community service programs and helping solve problems with the housing shortage at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Dauids will be present at the Cornell Law School Public Service Awards reception and banquet on February 26 in New York City to accept the Rising Star Award.

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In the near future, discussion is being made about having bible study before worship services. And Sunday school for our young.



Information provided by George Greendeer, a member of the Indian Baptist Church since Easter 1976.

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Gookomis Endaad Treatment center site visit

Submitted by Jeff Crone

On January 26, 2016, Kijire Nagu Healing Center workgroup members, Jon Pettibone, Roberta Decorah, Jean Ann Day and Carole Lastrup traveled to Minocqua, WI to visit the Gookomis Endaad (your grandmother’s house) Treatment facility and attend a question and answer session meeting with their staff in Lac Du Flambeau. The visit was well worth the time and expense and will go a long way in this workgroup accomplishing their own task of getting the Ho-Chunk Nation their own treatment/healing facility.

The Lac Du Flambeau staff treated us well as we arrived at the Peter Christianson Health Center to be transported to the Gookomis Endaad Treatment facility approximately 3 miles away. We arrived at the facility and met all their staff. They had a House Manager, Recovery Coach, an Administrator, a Therapist, a Director of Clinical Services, a Counselor, a Consultant who assisted with the planning and implementation process and even a Peace Maker/Medicine Man. A remarkable thing about Gookomis Endaad is they are a 100% native staffed facility, in fact their policy is you have to be native to work in the facility since it is geared toward natives in recovery.

The tour revealed many components to the treatment facility the workgroup needed to see first-hand. The facility is situated on Pokegama Lake with 40 acres of fee simple land dedicated to the Gookomis Endaad a Community Based Residential Facility that is funded by partnerships with SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), DOC (Department of Corrections), the State of Wisconsin and of course the Lac Du Flambeau Tribe. Planners attributed the success of their 2 year planning and development project to an initial planning grant they received that had specific timelines that needed to be met and a strong multi-partnership effort.

The facility houses 10 males and 10 females, eligibility is all native but may also include non-natives who

have a connection to Indian country by way of marriage and or children with natives, or someone who perhaps has worked and lived many years in Indian country. These particular individuals are more comfortable living and working within Indian country, hence they are eligible for Gookomis Endaad treatment services. Programming runs for 45 days but can be as long as 90 days with a rolling curriculum. Sundays are family visit day with an I TV option or skype. Staff run a standardized group program but customized individual one on one’s with elders and traditional practices, art/music expression, etc. will be available as needed.

The LDF Tribe has also secured 6 plus million dollars to develop a community development project for an aftercare sober housing community, this is currently in the planning stage and will be built on the Gookomis Endaad acreage, not far from the treatment facility.

Notably The Treatment facility license is shared with the LDF Tribal Health and Human Services. This is also attributed to their quick successful planning and development. Also the treatment center was just one part of a larger comprehensive community service plan that was written several years ago by tribal planners.



Seven Legislators attended the site visit along with 4 Healing Center workgroup members.

Kijire Nagu workgroup members were impressed with the tour and the Q&A session and lifelong relationships were formed. One of the most encouraging aspects of the site visit was that 7 Legislators also attended the event, they are Andrea (Pepper) Estebo, Darren Brinegar, Henning Garvin, Shelby Visintin, David Greendeer, Kathy Decamp and Lori Pettibone. This indicates to all the full support of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislators for the efforts the workgroup is putting forward for this critically important community endeavor.



The Gookomis Endaad Facility situated on Lake Pokegama in Lac Du Flambeau.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

RSV is a virus that affects the respiratory system. For adults and healthy children, the virus is like the common cold. For infants, those with weak immune system, and the elderly, RSV can lead to more serious problems like pneumonia and bronchiolitis. Symptoms usually occur four to six days after being infected.

Symptoms

Mild

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Running nose
- Fever

Severe

- Fever
- Severe cough
- Wheezing/difficulty breathing
- Bluish colored skin

Prevention

- Wash hands!
- Cover sneezes and coughs
- Avoid sharing cups and utensils
- Refrain from kissing



Treatment

Most cases of RSV are not life threatening and can be treated with fluids and rest. If severe symptoms occurs like difficulty breathing, seek medical attention.

For more information, please contact your local Community Health Nurse, the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (888-685-4422) or House of Wellness Clinic (800-657-4431).



Submitted by
Laurel Meeks

Head Start Bulletin

LOOK WHAT OUR KIDS ARE UP TO

Our 118 children returned to school on January 12th, for what promised to be a really busy month! They hit the ground running, as they learned all about the color blue, the rectangle shape, the number 8, the letters S, Y, and R, the opposites of old and new, and the ever important value of sharing. In the spirit of our crazy Wisconsin weather, and with the theme of "winter fun", they learned all about skates and sleds as means of transportation!

February will mark the end of the second assessment period, so we will be very excited to share the growth outcomes with all of you! All parents will be attending parent/teacher conferences throughout February...it is always exciting to share all of the children's successes with their families, and to get family input as to new goals they would like us to work toward.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Can you believe it...the attendance at our Winter Festivals was unmatched...360+ family members! How absolutely wonderful is that?

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

Our Teachers were evaluated...and our thoughts of them were confirmed...they are AWESOME! Their performance, as measured by the Classroom Assessment Scoring System that in short evaluates Teacher Effectiveness and Child Engagement, was once again significantly higher than the national average. We are so proud of our teachers.

WHAT'S NEW IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Our friends at the Ho-Chunk Health Department have shared with us that RSV activity is increasing in Wisconsin. RSV can be spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes into the air, creating virus-containing droplets that can linger briefly in the air. Other people can become infected if the droplet particles contact their nose, mouth or eyes. Direct and indirect transmissions of virus usually occur when people touch an infectious secretion and then rub their eyes or nose. The best prevention is to cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently and correctly with soap and water for 20 seconds (the length of time it takes to sing the ABC song), avoid sharing cups and eating utensils with others,

and...yup...refrain from kissing.

We take every precaution at our Centers to prevent the spread of illness. Children are sent home when they become ill, staff stay away from the center when they are ill, cleaning and disinfecting daily, teaching children about proper handwashing and having lessons that help children visualize how germs are spread.

Our amazing Food Service staff served up 1,056 breakfasts and 1,076 lunches, for a total of 2,132 delicious and nutritious meals in the month of December.

Let's talk for a minute about the Ho-Chunk Nation Maintenance Department, and all of the heroes that are within. "I don't know...let's call Bobbi"...is a very common phrase here in Head Start. And you guessed it...Bobbi always finds us just the hero we need for the occasion; whether it be Zeke who has to haul away our playground equipment for restoration...year after year, or Brian who has to locate the horrible screeching sound and fix the flickering that is driving everyone nuts, or Rick who, bless his heart, keeps us warm in the winter and cool in the summer, or Ray who

work with children and has a CDL with a school bus endorsement, please refer them to the Ho-Chunk Nation job postings.

"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.

This month we were able to catch up with an amazing young lady, who we are proud to say is a 1992 graduate of the Sandpilot Head Start! She has a vivid memory of the layout of the "old" Center, and recollects a particular area of the Center where the television was located. It was there, off to the back, in that little area before the bathroom hall...and as it turns out there was a space behind it, which was the perfect place to hide with a certain someone, and have a kiss. However, as is still the case, Teachers not only have eyes in the back of their heads...they can also see around corners. Ms. Irene declared that there would be no kissing in Head Start.

Although she shared many other wonderful memories of her days in Head Start, since Valentine's Day is approaching, this seemed the perfect one to share. Her memories all involved the fun times spent with her Teachers; Ms. Irene, Ms. Millie, and Ms. Betty.

Since her graduation from Head Start, she attended and graduated from Black River Falls Senior High School, became a Certified Nursing Assistant and worked at the Heritage Nursing Home here in Black River Falls, married her sweetheart, incidentally not the special friend from Head Start, had three beautiful children, worked for 10 years in the Education Department, became state registry certified as an Assistant Teacher, and we are happy to say that we are now lucky to have her back in Head Start. The kiddo's fondly address their Teacher as, Ms. Jackie.

The time you give so freely to the children today, will be forever in their memories.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING Ms. Jackie Gunderson.

CUTE THINGS KIDS SAY
WITH THE WEATHER THAT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING, "MAKE UP DAYS" ARE BECOMING A REALITY!!! ONE OF OUR KIDDO'S OVERHEARD MS. GINA SPEAKING WITH HER MOM ABOUT THE MAKE UP DAY THAT WE WOULD BE HAVING ON A FRIDAY. SHE WAS DISTRAUGHT AS SHE DECLARED "BUT MS. GINA, I DON'T HAVE ANY MAKE UP TO BRING ON FRIDAY!"

To date, only 7 children are missing a well-child checkup and 11 are missing a dental examination. We are working together with these families, to make sure that any barriers they may be facing are removed, so these kiddo's can gain access to medical care.

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.

How can we possibly begin to thank our Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Shop buddies; Pat, Mark and Larry. You can only imagine how important it is that our buses are always ready to hit the road...regardless of what our Wisconsin winters throw our way. These guys make it happen. It doesn't matter how often we call them, how many times we have to switch out the busses, no matter how many times they have to move seat restraints from one bus to another, in order to accommodate a new route...or the many times we call with the various renditions of the sounds that our vehicles are making...they are always there to help us out. AND...they never complain. Even though we talk to them over the phone...we can tell by their voices that they are smiling on the other end. We have owed them cookies for so long...I think it adds up to a bakery by now.

THANK YOU GUYS FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN TRANSPORT OUR CHILDREN SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL EVERYDAY...AND JUST FOR BEING AWESOME!

can create anything we are picturing in our mind, or Ted and Brent who are our waterworks aficionado's taking care of our pipes and leaks therein, or Louis the "grounds keeper" that can handle that mower like no one else I've ever seen. Bobbi always makes sure we are well taken care of.

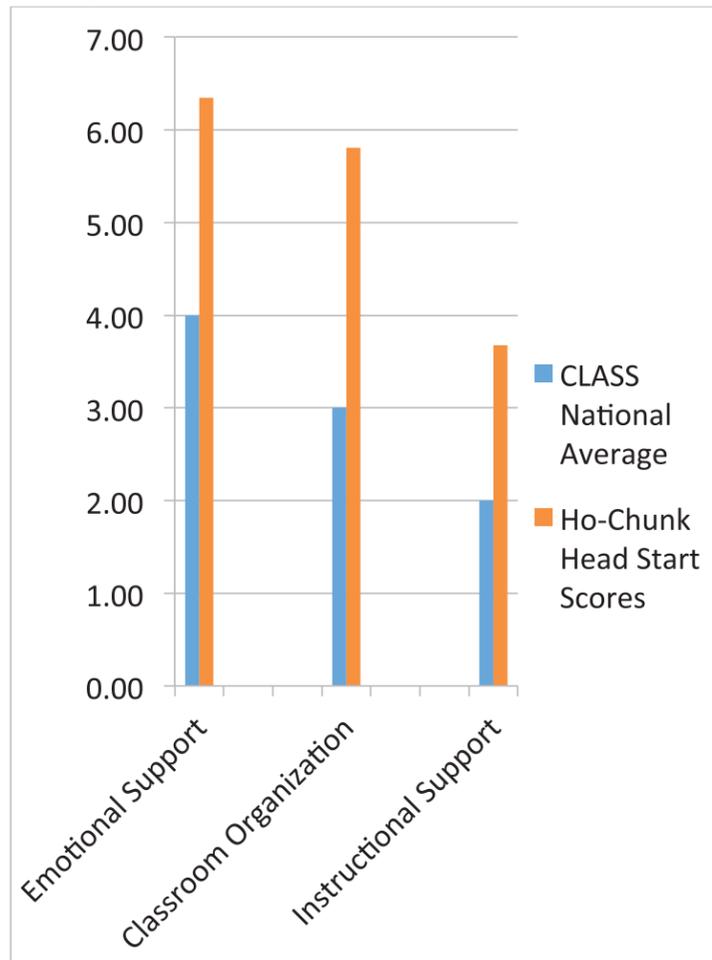
FOR ANYONE WHO WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES, OR ANYONE THAT WE MAY HAVE MISSED, AND YOU GUYS THAT WE SEE DAILY... THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR BUILDINGS UP, RUNNING AND SAFE FOR CHILDREN EVERY DAY. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!

SPECIAL INVITATIONS

Our Dr. Seuss literacy events are beginning to take shape. We would love to have President Cleveland and the Office of the President join us for this special time. As the time nears, and as dates become firm, we will be forwarding to you this information. It is so wonderful for the children to see that reading is fun and special, even to important people, like the President.

We need to extend our apologies to the Legislature, as we set your special event on a day that there was a Finance Subcommittee Meeting, making it impossible to attend. Because we know you are very busy, instead of establishing a "scheduled event", we want to make sure that you know that our special invitation to you will be a standing invitation. Whenever you have a moment please stop by and join us for lunch, a story, a project, or just to see what we're up to. We can't wait to have you visit.

We are desperately seeking bus drivers. If you know of anyone who would love to



The above scores were provided by our Internal CLASS Certified Observer, who has undergone highly specialized training, and has received from Teachstone the determination of continued reliability.

CLASS is a valid, reliable observational tool that objectively measures the quality of teacher-child interactions in early childhood programs and early elementary classrooms. Before becoming the standard for determining Teacher effectiveness and child engagement, it was researched for over 15 years in more than 3,000 early childhood settings; including a diverse range of teachers, children, and programs, showing that the types of classroom interactions measured by the CLASS tool are effective across settings. This research, from early childhood classrooms across the country, indicates that children in classrooms that score higher on the CLASS tool make greater gains in language, math, and early literacy development. Children in these higher-scoring classrooms also show more positive social development over the course of the year than their peers in lower-scoring classrooms.

Scores range from 1 to 7, with 7 being the highest that can be achieved.

Yellowbank offers skills and height to Neillsville Warriors



AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

Fern Yellowbank is an eighth grader attending Neillsville Middle School. Fern is a student that is not only on the girls' basketball team but also plays the flute in the school band.

"I love basketball. It has always been there because of my older brother," said Fern.

Fern plays either 4 or 5 on the basketball team. Four and five or otherwise known as the "taller ones" that make up the team and shoot by the banks or the blocks.

The best part about basketball for Fern is the anticipa-

tion before the start of a game.

"I like being in the rush of going in, I'm always smiling when I'm out on the court," said Fern.

Fern finds inspiration for her game from Carmelo Anthony and Badger Men's player Bronson Koenig.

Off the court Fern finds inspiration from her mother.

"I look up to my mom. She's loving, caring, and amazing," said Fern.

Fern's parents are Marty and Velvet Cooper.

Fern's favorite subjects are science and physical education.

When Fern isn't on the court she enjoys riding horses, swimming, and riding bike.

Thinking of a career, Fern would like to one day become a veterinarian.

"I really love my animals and when they die it's because of really simple things that I could've taken care of on my own," said Fern.

Students thinking about playing basketball are encouraged to do two things.

"Be as good as you can be and make sure to have fun," said Fern.

Fern Yellowbank is advancing as an athlete and student in Neillsville.

FEBRUARY 2016 *Ho-Chunk Nation 2015 Census Calendar of Events*

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT/SUN |
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| 1 Niz haci woruc ra – Wisconsin Dells TAU 11:00am to 2:00pm | 2 Nioxawani s'ak hosto woruc ra Black River Falls TAU 11:00am to 2:00pm | 3 Pac cinak woruc ra Wittenberg TAU Rescheduled Ahu co woruc ra Tomah TAU-Cancelled | 4 S'ak Hosto woruc ra – Nekoosa TAU 8:00am to 11:00am | 5 | 6/7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Baraboo Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Black River Falls Area District Meeting 6:00pm to close | 11 House of Wellness 8:00am to 12:00pm Tomah Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Pres. Listening Session-Madison 5:00pm to 7:00pm | 12 | 13/14 |
| 15 Wittenberg Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Chicago-Rescheduled For March 2nd La Crosse Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Pres. Listening Session-Saint Paul 5:00pm-7:00pm | 16 Pac cinak woruc ra Wittenberg TAU 8:00am to 12:00pm La Crosse Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm Wisconsin Dells Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Pres. Listening Session-Green Bay-Cancelled | 17 Madison Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Milwaukee Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Wisconsin Rapids Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Pres. Listening Session-Wittenberg-Cancelled | 18 Milwaukee Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm Green Bay Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close Saint Paul Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close | 19 | 20/21 |
| 22 Pres. Listening Session-Black River Falls 5:00pm-7:00pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Pres. Listening Session-HOW 5:00pm-7:00pm | 26 | 27/28 |
| 29 | 1 | 2 Pres. Listening Session-Chicago 5:00pm – 7:00pm | 3 Pres. Listening Session-Milwaukee 5:00pm - 7:00pm | 4 | 5/6 |

Ryli Decorah shares her study abroad opportunity

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

Ryli Decorah spent her junior year studying abroad in Canterbury, England at the University of Kent.

Ryli is currently a senior and finishing her bachelor's degree in art education and art history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

In the United Kingdom she traveled throughout Europe to destinations like Scotland, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, and Greece.

Last January, Ryli traveled 3,993 miles to England. Her goals were to attend school and travel as much as she could in five months. First place traveled was neighboring towns around Canterbury.

The first big trip Ryli took was to London.

An important place to her in the city was Big Ben, the name often used to describe the tower that stands at the north end of the Houses of Parliament.

"I was in awe, and probably because I thought of [my] mom. She went to England when I was younger, and told me Big Ben was her favorite. That's what I remember her talking about the most," said Ryli.

Along with seeing Big Ben, Ryli also went to the Westminster Cathedral, Trafalgar Square, and the National Gallery of Art.

On her second trip to London she toured Tate Modern, Courtland Gallery, Victoria and Albert Museum, and Saatchi Gallery.

"Saatchi is contemporary art and wow, it was very fun. I've never heard or seen any of the artists' works before and it made me miss Artists Now lectures at UW-Milwaukee, hearing artists talk about their ideas on their art. I kept thinking, we should have this person come to Milwaukee to talk," Ryli said.

In April, Ryli traveled to Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland.

In Edinburgh, Ryli toured more art museums and found

The Elephant House.

The Elephant House is a famous eatery where J.K. Rowling started writing the Harry Potter books.

Paris was another destination Ryli traveled to in April. Among the list of stops for Ryli were Musée d'Orsay, Musée de l'Orangerie, Louvre Museum, the Louvre Pyramid, and the Eiffel Tower.

"When we got to the Eiffel Tower, it was surreal. We came from behind and walked underneath it and to the front. Laid out in front of it and took selfies. Laying back down for half an hour and looking at it, it was still surreal. The tower looks like a toy that I can just pick up. It's not how I imagined the Eiffel Tower. But it's still beautiful," said Ryli.

At the end of April was the trip to Amsterdam where Ryli saw the Anne Frank House and got to paddle boat on the canals.

Ryli went to Ireland in early May and went to the cities of Dublin, Belfast, and Galway. Traveling through Ireland Ryli got to see many castles as well as the Spanish Arch in Galway and St. Anne's Cathedral in Dublin.

The next destination towards the end of May and by far one of Ryli's favorites was Santorini, Greece.

"It was like a dream, it was unbelievably beautiful. You know how people say, photos don't do it justice, well look at my photos it is even more breath-taking when you are standing on that island. I whined all day when traveling back to Canterbury, England because who would ever want to leave a place like Santorini? There is no doubt, I will be returning someday," said Ryli.

Ryli ended her study abroad adventures going to Italy and Spain.

Ryli went to the ocean in Barcelona, Spain.

"The waves were crazy big, but I got used to it. It was like the wave pool at the Wisconsin Dell's [Amusement and Water Parks], takes me a



Houses of Parliament and Big Ben in London, England, courtesy of Ryli Decorah.

while to consider and to do it. It was great until I spotted a dark pink jelly fish about two feet in front of me," said Ryli.

Ryli completed her coursework and returned home to Milwaukee in June.

"Europe taught me that there are so many places to see in the world, it just is not possible to see them all even though we all so badly want to. Planning my last few months of trips, I just could not fit it all in no matter how much I tried. Money and time is always the issue," said Ryli.

Ryli recommends students to study abroad if they have not because it is an experience like no other.

Ryli owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to her family and her friends for their support in her exchange adventure.

"A huge thank you to my whole family who supported me from applying for the exchange program to flying home after five months. To the people who sent me letters and skyped me. To those who awarded me my scholarships and grants that made it more possible. Lastly, of course, my grandmother Ann who helped me with every bump to get there, stay there, and come back," said Ryli.



Louvre Pyramid in Paris, France, courtesy of Ryli Decorah.



Castle in Dublin, Ireland, courtesy of Ryli Decorah.



Ryli Decorah, courtesy of Ryli Decorah.



Scenic overlook of Santorini, Greece, courtesy of Ryli Decorah.

The making of a role model

Justice excels with the books and on the mat

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Justice Blackhawk doesn't see himself as anyone special. But to many people, he's a good example for other Ho-Chunk youth.

Justice enjoys wrestling and football as a junior at Tomah High School.

"He is doing exceptionally well on the wrestling team," said Courtney Funmaker-Dick, a family friend. "We went to Tomah's Wrestling teams Parents night last night (January 28) and to watch this young man wrestle was such an awesome sight, he won his match and to see the whole crowd jump up and cheer for him. He is very talented and such a good role model to all young Ho-Chunk boys, even for my own son who is on his team." I am very proud of this young Ho-Chunk youth."

Justice, 16, said he likes football more, but thought he'd try wrestling in the eighth grade. But after a good try, he decided he like basketball better, so he quit and went out for basketball.

"I liked hitting the three-pointers," he said.

But then, as a freshman,

Justice went back to joining the wrestling team when he began a freshman. That year was more or less considered a training year and he wasn't relegated to any particular team. But when he returned for his sophomore year, he jumped into the competition scene.

"When I started J.V. (junior varsity), I did pretty well," Justice said. "They say I have a different style of wrestling – it's a mix of everything. They told me it should work, but it works out pretty good for me."

He wrestles in the 170-pound weight class, but sometimes the coach bumps him up into the 182-pound weight class.

Last year his record was 19 wins and 20 losses. This year his record is 30 wins and 14 losses.

In his sophomore year, he won at the regional competition and advances to the sectional. There, he was defeated in the first round to the number one seed.

Justice has stepped up his game this year because some of the guys on the team motivates him to do better, plus he

has developed a great working relationship with the coach.

"I was thinking I could get on the Oshkosh team," he said.

"I'm proud of him. He's come a long way," his mother Alicia said. "He's gained a lot of confidence in himself. He mostly keeps to himself and is very mature for his age."

Justice has a brother, Van, and two sisters, Vanicia and Savanah.

He got all his "naughtiness" out of his system during his younger years, she said. He was a handful from the time he started kindergarten through fourth grade. Then, in fourth grade, he started playing football and that seemed to calm him down.

"I didn't want him playing football. I was afraid he was going to get hurt," Alicia said.

Justice has been a good student, consistently being on the B honor roll. His favorite subjects are gym and history.

As for his future after high school, he thinks he has the possibilities narrowed down.

"I want to go to college," he said. "I want to be involved with sports, but if that doesn't work out, I want to be a cop."

"I remember ever since he was about 3 years old, he always wanted to watch 'Cops' and he had this little metal lunchbox-type case," Alicia said. "He would always carry a pair of fake handcuffs, a badge, a little note pad and a pencil and told me he was going to be a cop someday or in the FBI."

Justice has been planning his future for a long time.

"He's been looking at schools since he was 10," Alicia said.

Since his favorite school colors are black and gold, he figures on attending UW-Oshkosh, although Missouri's colors are also black and gold,



Student athlete Justice Blackhawk, a junior at Tomah High School, has been excelling both in sports and in academics, making his a good role model for Ho-Chunk youth.



so that is a possibility.

"I'd like to study criminal law," he said. He figures, by being in law enforcement, he gets to get out of the office and into the community. "That way I get to stay active."

Jeff Von Haden is Justice's wrestling coach and he's quite impressed with how Justice has developed as an athlete and a student. He's also the assistant football coach.

"He's been having a great year," Von Haden said. "He's been a big part of the team. He's the guy I look to in the big matches. I've been doing that pretty much this year."

Von Haden said he feels comfortable moving Justice into the larger 182-pound weight class when he is needed, even though it requires wrestling someone larger than him.

"He's going to be another big part of the team next year," Von Haden said. "He's

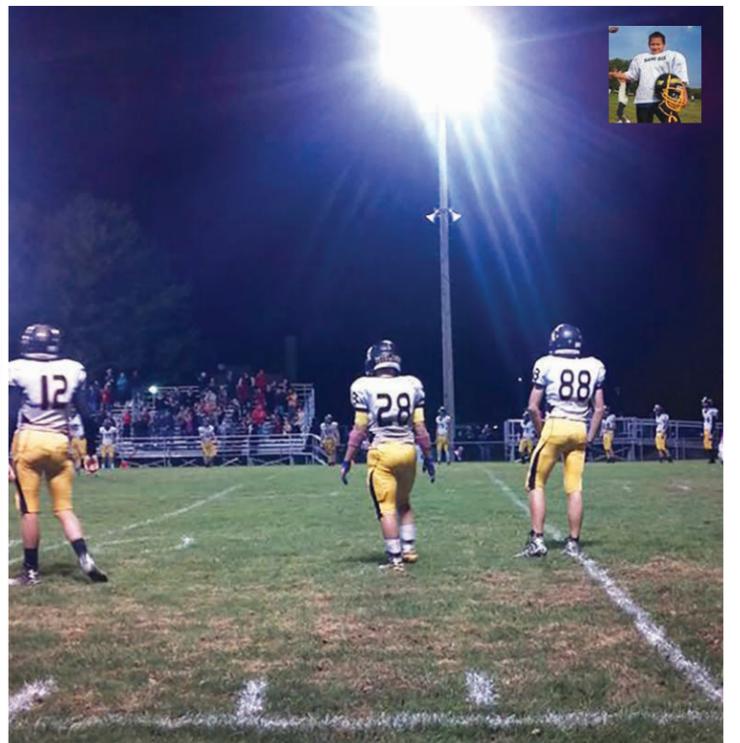
always a good competitor. He's a good wrestler."

He recently has been suffering through a bruised knee, but he figures he just has to tough it through, including all the aches and pains that goes along with wrestling injuries.

"He's improved a ton and growing by leaps and bounds. He was about .500, but now he has a lot more experience. There's good spots and bad," Von Haden said. "He's come a long way."

In football, he plays outside linebacker. He was both on the second team All-Conference in football and the same in wrestling.

Besides being a scholar and an athlete, Justice is an artist who enjoys working in ceramics. In fact, he has been chosen to display his work in a regional competition on February 11 at the Heider Center in West Salem.



Wynonna sings to a packed house

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls received Wynonna Judd and the Big Noise on the evening of January 29.

“We had 580 people in attendance at the Wynonna concert, we can only seat 600 so it was a pretty full house,” said Tris Harris, Senior Manager of Public Relations.

Wynonna mixed her biggest hits with stories of her career as an artist.

“I liked her songs and voice. I liked how she took pictures with the audience during the show,” said Gina Whiteeagle.

Wynonna did not have time for a meet and greet with con-

cert goers due to the Stories & Songs Tour’s heavy schedule but did autograph posters before the concert.

Marian King, a Dena’ina Athabascan from Tyonek, Alaska was in Black River Falls for part of her vacation and attended the concert with her mother and her cousin Michaelene Stephan (Ho-Chunk/Athabascan), both also from Tyonek.

“I can’t wait, I wish I could meet her in person. I sing the Judd’s in karaoke,” said King before the concert.

The Stories & Songs Tour ends in Bangor, Maine on March 12. Wynonna and the Big Noise album comes out for sale on February 12.



Wynonna singing her new song, Ain’t No Thing.



(L-R) Marian King, Mary Chuitt, and Michaelene Stephan fans and visitors from Tyonek, Alaska before the start of the concert.



Wynonna in front of a packed house.

Film explores Native American child displacement

Reprinted with premission Keith Uhlig of the Wausau Daily Herald

A Wausau-area video production company is shining a spotlight on the need for American Indian children to be connected to their culture.

Rucinski & Reetz Communication unveiled last week its video titled “Missing Threads: The Story of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act.” The hour-long documentary represents nearly three years of work and “explores the connection between family, tribal culture and children, and the consequences of severing those ties,” said Susan Reetz, a partner in the communication firm.

At one time, one in four American Indian children were removed from their homes and placed with white families, according to the film. The Wausau Daily Herald reports the practice occurred well into the 20th century, spurring the passage of a 1978 federal law called the Indian Child Welfare Act was passed, requiring state, county and private agencies to follow specific processes when removing Indian children from

their homes, according to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Those processes sought to ensure that government and private agencies would make an effort to place children in Indian families. The film documents the passage of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act, which became law in 2009, and was designed to bolster and add to the federal law.

“It really was the deprivation of a race,” said retired state senator Robert Jauch, one of the sponsors of the 2009 law. “It was inexcusable, unacceptable and avoidable.”

Indian children could have been removed from their families for a variety areas, but many were “taken from their homes simply because a paternalistic state system failed to recognize traditional Indian culture and expected Indian children to conform to non-Indian ways,” wrote B.J. Jones of the Dakota Plains Legal Services in a piece published by the American Bar Association.

The documentary explores how the practice of placing children in non-Indian families affected individual lives. Forest County Potawa-

tom Chief Judge Eugene White-Fish and Loa Porter, a Ho-Chunk Nation grandmother, both talk about their experiences of being taken from their families and placed in non-Indian households as children.

“When I was removed from my family, I was 6, maybe going on 7 years old,” Porter said in the documentary interview. She remembers her sister screaming as white social workers took them away, her mother watching helplessly.

“It was very, very traumatic,” Porter said. “I remember it like it was yesterday.”

White-Fish recounts being shuffled from family to family. “I went through six different foster homes in the time before I turned 18,” he said. “I went through six different organized religions. It was very confusing because ... I didn’t feel like I fit.”

The goal of the act is to ensure that child welfare officials, when placing American Indian foster children, do whatever is possible to place them with Indian caregivers, Reetz said. The law means that all efforts should be made to place Indian children with close family members.



Loa Porter talked about her experiences of being taken from her mother and placed in a non-Indian household as a child.

If that’s not possible, they should be placed within their tribe, and if that’s not possible, with another Indian family.

Reetz, who co-produced the documentary with Michelle Danforth, said the project was distinctive. “I feel it is an important social issue,” she said.

The piece will be used to educate social workers, attor-

neys, judges and the general public about the issue and how the law works. It debuted at ArtStart in Rhinelander on Dec. 19. Plans call for the documentary to be shown again to the general public on March 5 at the Green Bay Film Festival. By late spring, the film should be widely available for free viewing on YouTube, Reetz said.



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Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. David Greendeer-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
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. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under Committee Reports-D1. Resolution-Supports for Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. Health to Pursue the School-Based Restorative Dental Care Unit to move the item after lunch, Under E3. Corrected-Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Federally Chartered

Corporations Act (5 HCC § 12); Under New Business-A. Travios Contract Amendment moved under Executive Session; move New Business C. Elder Advisory Board after Legislative Meeting minutes and to add Under New Business: D. Resolution-Authorization and Creation of Real Property Act Work Group; E. Resolution-Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business and F. Request for Extension-Executive Director of Social Services.

Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-2 (Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Regular Legislative Meeting November 17, 2015

MOTION by Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the November 17, 2015

Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elder Advisory Board-D2

Elders from the Tribal Aging Advisory Board were present to address numerous concerns and have made motions to try to ascertain information to address specific concerns with appropriate parties for actions but they have not received a response. Request was to address concerns with the Legislature.

Rep. David Greendeer out of the room at 10:46 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to request from the Treasury Department to pay Care Providers through the Time and Attendance system so these employees can be paid on a regular and timely basis. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: Although ratified, this motion was vetoed by the President on December 22, 2015, pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, Article VI, Section 2(a). See discussion under New Business of January 5, 2016 Legislative Meeting minutes. Housing – November 19, 2015

Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Henning Garvin out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the November 19, 2015 Housing meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendment to Housing for the General Welfare of Veterans, Elders and Non-Elders Act for Forty-Five Day Public Comment.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 A**, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendment to Housing for the General Welfare of Veterans, Elders and Non-Elders Act for

Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED. Development-December 1, 2015

Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 11:10 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the December 1, 2015

Development meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Social Services & Insurance-October 27, 2015(Correction)

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the corrected-October 27, 2015

Corrected Health, Social Services & Insurance meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED. Health, Social Services & Insurance-December 1, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the December 1, 2015 Health, Social Services & Insurance

meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Supports for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health to Pursue the School-Based Restorative Dental Care Grant.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to table the Resolution-Supports for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health to Pursue the School-Based Restorative Dental Care Grant until after lunch. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 8-2(Rep. Robert Two Bears, Rep. Kathy DeCamp)-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Henning Garvin returns at 11:17 a.m.

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Disability Code Restricted Account.

Department of Treasury to provide financial report to the HSSI Committee so the Legislature has an update. HSSI Committee would keep a record of it. The resolution will include language that funding is a payer of last resort.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 B**, Establishment and Funding of Disability Code Restricted Account with included the amount of \$150,000.00, with additional language that funding is a payer of last resort to the resolution. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen.

10-0-1(Rep. Robert Two Bears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Committee-December 3, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the December 3, 2015 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Audit Law Forty-Five Day

Public Comment.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 C**, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Audit Law Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution- Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Federally Chartered Corporations Act.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 D**, Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Federally Chartered Corporations Act (5 HCC § 12). Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to hear next on the agenda New Business Item B. Resolution-Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial next on the agenda, and after that D1. Resolution-Supports for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health to Pursue the School-Based Restorative Dental Care Grant. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution- Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 E**, Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 4-5(Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit)-2(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Henning Garvin) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

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of Health to Pursue the School-Based Restorative Dental Care Grant. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 10-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Retreat-Rep. Kathy DeCamp:

Discussion was on Legislative Retreat, first part of February 2 & 3 2016, location to be determined. This would be Legislators and Legislative Legal Staff.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to schedule the Legislative Retreat for February 2 & 3, 2016 with options for the location to be determined at a later date. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

LUNCH

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to break for lunch at 12:10 a.m. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 11-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Vice President Darren Brinegar (1:30 p.m.)

Rep. David Greendeer- (1:28 p.m.)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX

Rep. Lori Pettibone-CC (1:18 p.m.)

Rep. Henning Garvin-P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin- (1:16 p.m.)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Matt Mullen-P

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

*Note – (CC) Conference call in.

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established.

Rep. Shelby Visintin in the room at 1:16 p.m., Rep. David

Greendeer in the room at 1:28 p.m., VP Darren Brinegar in the room at 1:30 p.m., Rep.

Lori Pettibone-CC at 1:18 p.m.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk

Nation Energy Efficiency Eco-Park Project Grant

Proposal to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands.-Sustainable Energy Work Group

Presentation-Ho-Chunk Tribal Sustainability Taskforce-Collin Price & Charlie Opferman, Greenfire Management Services, LLC.

The Ho-Chunk Tribal Sustainable Taskforce is looking to grant program funding request in the amount of \$1,000,000, to comply with the application, and to ensure the sustainability of the Ho-Chunk Nation Eco-Park project. This will not generate revenue but it will be an opportunity to start going towards energy independence. This is a project that started five years ago. Bryan Van Stippen, Legislative Attorney mentions this is a request for a matching grant. If the grant is awarded, it would be

determined in March 2016, 90 days from that the Nation would be notified if grant is awarded. If the Nation does receive the grant award that is when funding would need to be available for the project.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 H**, Ho-Chunk Nation Energy Efficiency Eco-Park Project Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 6-3-(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathy DeCamp)-2(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization and Creation of Real Property Act Work Group.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 I**, Authorization and Creation of Real Property Work Group. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of Application of Robert Mudd to be Interim Director of the Business Director.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 J**, Acceptance of Application of Robert Mudd to be Interim Director of the Business Department. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 K**, Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business, pending updated background a successful passing of that and providing new fingerprints, and his contract is acceptable to the Attorney General. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. Vice President Darren Brinegar **WITHDRAWS MOTION.**

Rep. Kathy DeCamp as the **SECOND CONCURS 1st-EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 2:22 p.m.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit out of the room. Return is in Executive Session.

Executive Session:

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

Staff was asked to leave the meeting during Executive Session and the recorder was off.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 2:54 p.m.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. David

Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lori Pettibone was not on conference call.

Resolution-Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 12-08-15 K**, Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business, pending updated background investigation, and successful passing of that, providing a new set of fingerprints, upon approval of contract by the Attorney General and recommended changes by Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns.

Request for Extension of two weeks to recruit Executive Director of Social Services-President Wilfrid Cleveland

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the request for extension of two weeks to recruit an Executive Director of Social Services. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

Madison Area Meeting:

Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Matt Mullen out of the room, Rep. Lori Pettibone not on the conference call.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to appoint Cher Laubmeier as the Madison Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to appoint Miriam Whiteagle as the Madison Area Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to HHCDA, the motion by Joy Thompson-Bonanno to request from HHCDA the policy criteria, how many applicants applied, how many applicants were awarded and the selection process for Urban Assistance pilot project. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to HHCDA, the **MOTION** by Joy Thompson-Bonanno to include Madison in the subsidy through HCCDA Urban Assistance pilot project. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Office of the President and to have a report for the next Area Meeting the **MOTION** by Saresa Ryckman to request a report of the overpayment to the ERB. To find how much was paid out and if any of the overpayment has been returned. And to include the Attorney General's opinion. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea

Estebo to refer to Vice President Darren Brinegar and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle for the Legislature to provide legal assistance on Ho-Chunk Madison Community becoming a 501(c) 3. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 8-0-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Matt Mullen returns. **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President, the **MOTION** by Joy Thompson-Bonanno to address the deficiency in staff at the Madison Youth and Learning Center immediately and to fill all of the positions that were approved in the d2015/2016 fiscal year budget. This deficiency is having a negative impact on our Madison youth. Positions are as follows: 2 Youth Coordinators and 1 Home School Coordinator. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Maryls Whiteagle to have the Legislature take the Madison Area meeting minutes.

Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Office of the President and HHCDA the **MOTION** by Myrna Thompson that Leonard Walker HHCDA WI Rapids Commissioner vote in support of the Waąšik Maa Community Center to continue with the allocated funding to complete the Community building. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 9-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:15 p.m.

2nd EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Executive Session:** **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

4:29 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to Tribal Executive Offices, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on January 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears 9-2 (Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. David Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES- BLACK RIVER FALLS DECEMBER 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Darren Brinegar calls the Special Legislative meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland-Ex Vice President Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Lori Pettibone-Ex Rep. Douglas Greengrass-Ex Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. David Greendeer-P Rep. Henning Garvin-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-Ex Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Matt Mullen-Ex Rep. Robert TwoBears-Ex Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-Ex

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: David Radtke offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS: **Removal Hearing - Election Board Chairperson** Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel requests the court reporter to begin recording. The removal hearing began at this time, the court reporter transcribed the proceedings. Taken before Terri A. Stacken, RPR, attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 2:18 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 3:53 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adjourn. Second Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

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DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: David Radtke offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adjourn. Second Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI DECEMBER 21, 2015 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P

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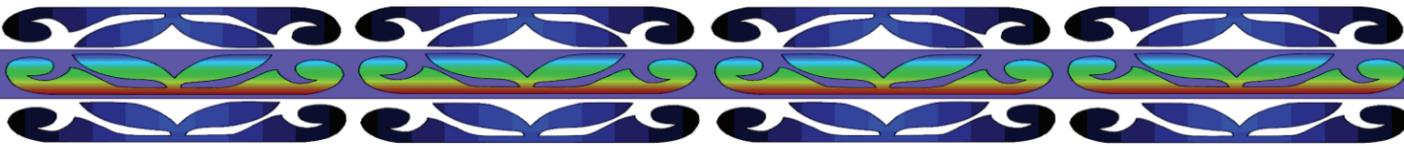
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Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-CC
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-CC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX
*Note: (CC) Conference Call
Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President

Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
NEW BUSINESS:
Save the Mounds Campaign Request-Collin Price, Public Relations Officer, OOP
The issue is regarding the recent legislation that aims to eliminate cultural and religious sites throughout Ho-Chunk country. The initial phase of the "Save the Mounds" initiative focuses

on Education & Information. The issue at hand effects not only the Ho-Chunk Nation but also Indian Country and the general public. The room was full with tribal members, tribal leaders and supporters of non-profit organizations in support of "Save the Mounds" initiative. Rep. Kathy DeCamp wanted it noted for the record, she wasn't opposed to the request but didn't think the Ho-Chunk Nation should fund the entire amount.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve a true increase for the Save the

Mounds Campaign Request in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Office of the President Special Events line item 01-1000-631-4021, based upon the budget presented on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-1 (Rep. Kathy DeCamp) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Note: Request by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to change vote to abstain.
Time: 10:13 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Everybody remained in the room during Executive Session.
MOTION by Rep. David

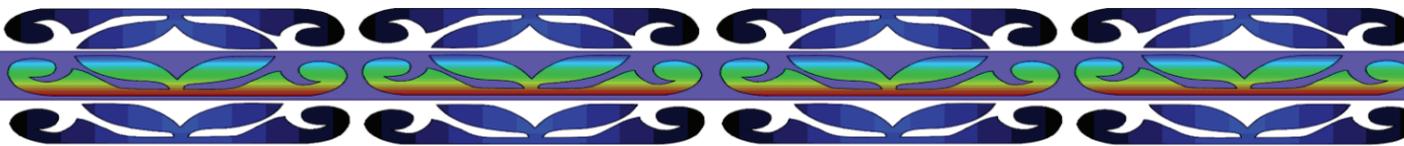
Greendeer to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Greg Blackdeer left at 10:58 a.m.
Save the Mounds-Collin Price, Public Relations Officer
Lengthy discussion took place from various tribal members and community members. Collin Price, Public Relations Officer was looking for two designated legislators from the Legislature to assist with media issues.
Save the Mounds Rally
A tentative rally is scheduled for January 12, 2016 in Madison, Wisconsin with Administration Leave for employees to attend. Collin Price, Public Relations Officer will be working out the details. He has also requested point of contact through the Legislature. Contacting Senators and other high government officials, the President and the Vice President.
Lower to midlevel media contact would be Rep. David Greendeer and Rep. Henning Garvin, along with keeping Lynette LeGarde, Communications Officer will also be included in any communication.
Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns.
Five minute break:
Meeting returns to Executive Session only with Legislative Counsel.
12:49 p.m.
Out of Executive Session:
Vice President Darren Brinegar out of the room.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Darren Brinegar returns.*
Adjournment:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to Whyte, Hirschboeck & Dudek, S.C. in Madison, WI on January 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Respectfully submitted by,
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary



Ho-Chunk Nation
Emergency Assistance Program
888-343-8190 or 715-284-2622
715-284-9486 Fax

We would like to give you some tips to making your application process a little less stressful.

1. When applying for Rental Assistance you must submit the "Eviction Notice". You will also need to apply with the county you live in for "Rental Assistance". Then attach their "Letter of Decision" with your application. A copy of your "Lease" is also required. The time to apply is on the day you receive the "Eviction Notice", do not wait until the actual Eviction Date. You are usually given two weeks' notice. This will allow you to complete the application and submit the required documents in a timely manner. Remember, the **Emergency Assistance Program has 5 days to make a decision on the application once we receive a completed application.**
2. When applying for Energy/Utility Assistance you must submit the "Disconnect Notice". You will also need to apply with the county you live in for "Energy Assistance". Then attach their "Letter of Decision" with your application. The time to apply is on the day you receive the notice, do not wait until the actual Disconnect Date. You are usually given two weeks' notice. This will allow you to complete the application and submit the required documents in a timely manner. If this is done before your disconnect date you will avoid having to pay reconnect fees. Remember, the **Emergency Assistance Program has 5 days to make a decision on the application one we receive a completed application.**
3. One tip to help you in the future is to see if you can be placed on a **budget payment plan** for your **electric/gas bill**. That enables you to know what your monthly bill will be for a year. This way there are no surprises, it is a constant. If the company has to adjust your amount based on your actual usage they usually let you know before your next bill.



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

Ericka Totzke, Petitioner, v. Mister M Walker, Respondent.
Case : CS 15-101

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Mister M. Walker

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

Jamie L. Davis, Petitioner, v. Gregory C. Johnson II, Respondent.
Case : CS 15-104

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Gregory C. Johnson II

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Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Building
1308 E. Franklin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

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| Tuesday, March 8th | 10 am – 2 pm |
| Thursday, March 17th | 10 am – 2 pm |
| Friday, March 18th | 10 am – 2 pm |

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor - Tribal Workforce Development is seeking enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members, 18 years of age or older, resident of Minnesota, who are seriously interested in a career in the

For more information please contact Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Workforce Development
715-284-5877 | william.collins@ho-chunk.com | julie.rodriguez@ho-chunk.com

GREETINGS TO ALL THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS,

IN REGARDS TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOP), THERE IS NO LONGER A POINT SYSTEM AS OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WILL NOW BE GOING BY THE DATE OF ORIGINAL APPLICATION. THIS WILL CHANGE WHERE YOU ARE ON THE HOP WAITING LIST.

THE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM NEEDS TO HEAR FROM THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON THE HOP WAITING LIST. ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER SINCE APPLYING FOR HOP. PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES STAFF BY E-MAIL, HOUSING@HO-CHUNK.COM
POSTAL MAIL, P.O. BOX 170, TOMAH, WI 54660
TELEPHONE, 608-374-1225, ASK FOR MICHELLE WINNESHIEK OR SHEILA STOUT
FAX, 608-374-1233, ATTN: MICHELLE WINNESHIEK OR SHEILA STOUT

IF YOU ARE HO-CHUNK ENROLLED AND A VETERAN WITH A DD-214 WHICH MUST STATE, "**HONORABLE DISCHARGE**" - PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, AND A COPY OF YOUR DD-214 TO BE PLACED IN THE VETERAN HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING VETERAN HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RESIDENTIAL SERVICE STAFF BY
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Become a Ho-Chunk Nation Placement Parent Short and Long Term, Emergency or Respite Only

Please contact:



Karen Loewenhagen, CSW
Placement Parent Coordinator,
Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services
1-855-659-8820 or
Email: PlacementHomes@ho-chunk.com

New HHCDA Program: METRO RENT SUBSIDY PILOT Chicago Metro Area

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: *This Metro Rent Subsidy Pilot is a federally-funded program administered by HHCDA. The **Metro Rent Subsidy Pilot (MRSP)**, often referred to as **Rent Assistance Program (RAP)**, is designed to help low- and moderate-income families rent privately owned housing. The rental subsidy, known as a housing assistance payment, is paid directly to the property owner or designated payee each month. This program is available to a limited number of families and allows them to pay approximately 30% of their income toward their monthly rent. The program pays the balance of the rent to the landlord in the form of a monthly check.*

As a pilot program, the Metro Rent Subsidy Pilot provides ongoing rental assistance to eligible low-income Ho-Chunk Nation and other Native American households in the following **Chicago Metro Area** counties. Preference is given to Ho-Chunk Nation members.

- o IL counties of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, and Will.
- o IN counties of Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter.
- o WI counties of Lake and Kenosha.

Preference is also provided to veterans, elders, households with children, persons with disabilities, homeless households, and very-low- and extremely low-income households.

To be eligible for the program an applicant must have an annual income equal to or less than the following (broken down by household size; incomes over \$78,000 not eligible):

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| o One person--\$46,100 | o Four person--\$65,800 |
| o Two person--\$52,650 | o Five person--\$71,100 |
| o Three person--\$59,250 | o Six person--\$76,350 |

FY 2015 HUD Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL HUD Metro Fair Market:

- o Efficiency--\$812
- o 1 Bedroom--\$922
- o 2 Bedroom--\$1,093
- o 3 Bedroom--\$1,393
- o 4 Bedroom--\$1,624

Monthly subsidy is calculated by taking annual household income and dividing this by 12 months. Multiply the income by 30 percent to determine the tenant contribution to rent. Subtract the result from the monthly Metro Fair Market Rent (or the actual rent, if it is lower) for an apartment that is the proper size for that household. The subsidy is capped at \$1,200 per month.

Example: \$12,000 ÷ 12 = \$1,000
 \$1,000 X .30 = \$300
 \$922 - \$300 = \$622
 \$622 HHCDA Rental Subsidy for a 1 Bedroom

HHCDA will be taking applications for initial recipients of rent subsidy beginning on **Monday February 15, 2016**, and will accept initial applications through **4:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2016**. (Applications will be accepted after this, but these will go on a waiting list for future program openings.)

To receive an application for the pilot program, contact:
Tenant Services Department
Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency
P.O. Box 730
Tomah, WI 54660
Tel. (608) 374-1245 or 1-800-236-2260
Fax (608) 374-1270

Notice of HHCDA Annual Meeting February 25, 2016 Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decora, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Robert Funmaker, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze and John Dall. Will meet on Thursday, February 25th, 2016, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, February 17th, 2016 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

MEETING NOTICE

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Veterans Work Group

Monthly meeting

**Monday, February 15, 2016
10:00 am**

**Legislative Conference Room
W9814 Aiport Rd
Black River Falls, WI 54615**

All veterans are encouraged to attend



Ho-Chunk Nation HIV Prevention Program



Presents:

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Event

When: March 21, 2016

Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: House of Wellness-Food court area
S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI



Activities:

10am to 12pm: Educational Booths, HIV Testing

12pm to 1pm: Lunch and Presentations

1pm to 2pm: Educational Booths, HIV Testing

Presentations:
Ho-Chunk Nation Community Member's personal story

Lunch Provided By: BP's Smokehouse
Raffle drawn at 1:30pm

HIV Testing
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Please Contact: **Jess Tyler, CHN Supervisor/RN at 608-343-0918/x5555** or
Pam Reimer, CHN/RN at 715-323-3566 with Questions!



HO-CHUNK NATION
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

GCA REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

WHO: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY

WHEN: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2016 @ 10 AM.

WHERE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
27374 STATE HIGHWAY 21 SUITE 2
TOMAH, WI 54660

AGENDA:

GCA MONTHLY REPORTS

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

GCA AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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Notice of Vacancy and Deadline For District 3- Wittenberg One (1) Election Board Delegate

| District | Number of Election Board Delegate | Alternate |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| District 3: (2014 – 2016) | 1 | |

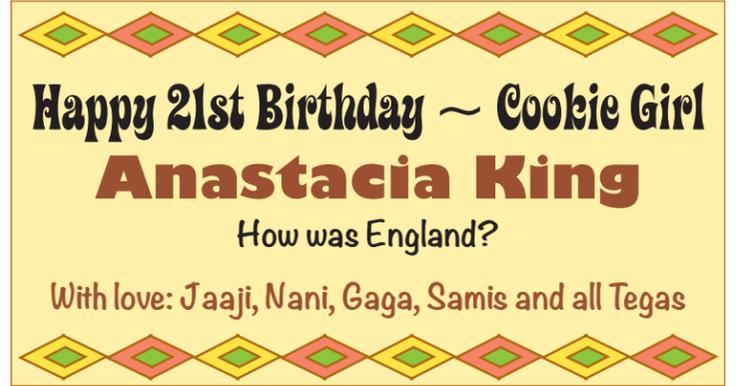
TERMS: All Election Board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one (1) term. The Delegate for District Three (3) will be serving out a term which will end December 2016.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for (1) Delegate member to represent Wittenberg District must be voted at your District monthly meeting in February 2016.

The District's meeting minutes must include each District's nomination for Election Board Member. The minutes must be presented or can fax will be acceptable to the Election Board office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, February 19, 2016

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
206 SOUTH ROOSEVELT ROAD, P.O. BOX 756, Black River Falls, WI. 54615
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Posted 1/11/2016 MO



To All Relatives and Friends:

The family of Janette Smoke would like to express our gratitude for the overwhelming support we received from relatives and friends. We want to convey a heartfelt thank you to all for your kind thoughts, prayers, love, strength, and empathy that was shared with the loss of our mom, gaga, aunt, and friend.

Our mom will be remembered for her love, strength, encouragement, and at times a mom (Maette) to others. She will be dearly missed but not forgotten as she will always remain a memory in our hearts.

The family extends a special thank you to everyone that assisted us during our time of need.

With much gratitude and appreciation,

The Family of Janette Smoke

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

Soil & Water Conservationist
Department: Land Conservation
Full-Time
Hiring Salary Range: \$36,000-\$40,000
Deadline: February 19, 2016

Justice Program Specialist
Department: Justice
2 Full Time positions
Hiring Salary Range: \$15.00/hr.
Deadline: February 19, 2016

Economic Support Specialist
Department: Human Services
Full Time position
Hiring Salary Range: \$13.00/hr. - \$15.00/hr.
Deadline: February 19, 2016

On-Call Drivers
Department: Senior Services
On-Call Positions, Sparta and Tomah area
Hiring Salary: \$9.12/hr. + mileage reimbursement
Deadline: Open until filled

On-Call Transport Officer
Department: Sheriff Department
On-Call Position
Hiring Salary: \$11.98/hr.
Deadline: Open until filled

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:

Registered Nurse
Part-time
Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request

Licensed Practical Nurse
Part-time (weekend shifts) and On-call
Minimum Salary: \$13.48/hr. plus shift differentials

Certified Nursing Assistant
Full-time, Part-time, and On-Call
Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request

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

Student Dietary Aide
On-Call
Minimum Salary: \$9.53/hr. (Must be a full-time student and be at least 16 years old, up to the age of 25)

Picotte wins 'Best in Show' in art contest

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Renita Picotte, West St. Paul, was chosen as the winner of the 2015-2016 Best in Show in the 6th Annual Exhibit and Awards of the National Arts Program.

The contest was open to all employees of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Picotte, who lives in West St. Paul, MN, is a member of the Ho-Chunk and Yankton Dakota Sioux communities.

At an awards ceremony held Friday, Dec. 4, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport ARTS@MSP Program Steering Committee and the

National Arts Program organization recognized 126 artists who are taking part in the 6th Annual Exhibit and Awards of the National Arts Program for MSP employees, volunteers and their families.

Jeff Hamiel, executive director for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and Robyne Robinson Arts & Culture Director for Airport Foundation MSP and chair of the ARTS@MSP Steering Committee, presented awards to the winning artists, as well as recognized all participants.

"What makes our news more exciting is Renita's brother Sam works as a TSA Agent at MSP Airport, and en-

ters the contest every year as a professional artist," Robinson said. "He entered a work-on-paper, "Beauty, Grace and Speed."

The sixth annual MSP Airport Employee Art Exhibit, located on the Thomson Reuters Concourse C Art Gallery at Terminal 1-Lindbergh, includes artworks created by 126 artists from 13 companies operating at MSP Airport. Artworks include mixed media, sculpture, painting, photography, craft, and works on paper.

The exhibit was curated by and Robyne Robinson, ARTS@MSP Director at Airport Foundation MSP, and juried by two independent judges from the creative arts and media community: Carolyn Payne executive director at SOO Visual Arts Center in Minneapolis, and Joan Vorderbruggen, Cultural District Arts Coordinator for Hennepin Theater Trust in Minneapolis. Sixteen winners were chosen from 126



Renita Picotte's entry in the contest is called "Untitled" and is in the mixed media class. It earned 'Best in Show.'

entrants and awarded cash prizes.

This exhibit gives employees, volunteers and their family members an opportunity to display their artwork to

an international audience of thousands. The exhibit opened November 23 and will continue to be on display through April 15, 2016.



Robyne Robinson (left), and Jeff Hamiel present the Best in Show award to Renita Picotte (center) for her entry in the 6th Annual Exhibit and Awards of the National Arts Program.



6TH ANNUAL MSP AIRPORT EMPLOYEE ART SHOW

NOW SHOWING

Thomson Reuters Concourse C Art Gallery near Gate 12

Nov. 23, 2015 through Apr. 15, 2016

11th Annual **Men in the Kitchen**

Chef Teams Led By:

- Jeff Bakunowicz
- David Farmbrough
- Matt Andres & Jason Becker
- Zach Vruwink
- Kristopher Gasch
- John Fanta
- Joel Goodness

Chef Teams Led By:

- Thomas Reichert
- Bryan Ringer
- Joel Flewellen
- Darren Brinegar
- Chad Lewis
- Brad Prohl
- Lloyd Lacasse

A Fundraising Event Benefiting:

The Family Center
Your Shelter From the Storm

Tickets

- \$75 per person
- Reserved seating
- Call 715-421-1559 for more information

Saturday, February 27, 2016

The Ridges Golf Course & Supper Club
3211 Griffith Avenue Wisconsin Rapids

5pm – Social and Cash Bar • 6pm – Dinner
Following dinner – Raffles, Live Auction, and Prizes

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