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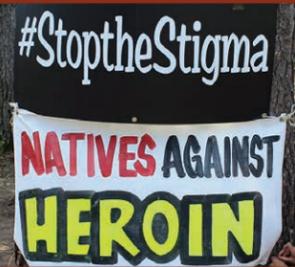
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Ho-Chunk's Higher Ed Division commends its summer interns at recognition luncheon

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Division of Higher Education acknowledged its summer interns during a recognition luncheon in Black River Falls earlier this month, to mark the end of their 10-week program.

"This class was fantastic," said Division Manager Marcus Lewis. "Just to hear the work that these folks did this summer is incredibly inspiring."

The event took place on Aug. 11, at the Skyline Golf Course clubhouse. There, the six students who participated in the 2017 internship program were recognized for everything they had accomplished during their two and a half months on the job.

First to address the audience was Executive Director of Education Nehomah Thundercloud, who expressed her gratitude to those in the Higher Ed Division. She praised them for their hard work, and for extending such a unique opportunity to young tribal members.

"I want to thank the Higher Ed staff," said Thundercloud. "The students had very successful experiences at their sites."

The executive director then explained the purpose of an internship, and all the benefits of taking part in one. She said that the experience helps college students find their forte while developing important, professional skills.

"They're honing in on a specialty," Thundercloud said, "and becoming young professionals."

Each of the interns were then asked to come forward with their site supervisor, to talk about some things they had done over the summer.

Breaking the ice was Ms. Brenna Two Bears, an Art History major who interned for the Ho-Chunk Museum Project. Her site supervisor, Museum Director Josephine Lee had nothing but praise for the recent college grad.

"Brenna really helped with the planning," Lee said. "She's been really valuable in helping to get some of our events off the ground."

Two Bears said that the internship helped her with a valuable skill she would need in years to come. Since the museum has not been built yet, much of her work involved what those in the professional world refer to as preplanning.

"It was really valuable for me to learn how to plan ahead," Two Bears said, "because that's basically what I was doing. Everything that she asked of me involved planning a year ahead."

The intern and her site supervisor said that they will likely remain in contact, to discuss matters relating to the museum.

Business major Dazha Pidgeon spent her summer in the Office of the President, conducting research that would help the department make many of its decisions. Public Relations Officer Collin Price served as her site supervisor.

"Our aids really took a liking to Dazha," Price said. "She's very pleasant to work with. It was just, overall, a really great experience."

The intern agreed. She



The interns dance around the drum during a performance of The Honor Song.

said that there was a considerable lack of direction from those in the president's office, but admitted that the autonomy helped her become more independent and ultimately boosted her self-confidence.

"I really enjoyed it," Pidgeon said. "And I'm really thankful for all the skills that I've gained through this internship."

Price said he hoped that the recent college graduate would choose to return and take up a career with the Nation.

UW-La Crosse student Ryan John Crain interned with Ho-Chunk's Department

of Business and took part in various simulations, such as creating a database that tracked the casinos' high-rollers. The college senior said that he could see himself one day working for the department.

"I had a great experience," Crain said. "About halfway through, I started to realize that this is somewhere I want to be. And once I graduate in May, I plan on applying for a position and coming back."

His site supervisor, Senior Marketing Manager David Greendeer expressed optimism about Crain's future with the Nation. He said

the department would even consider bringing him back on board.

"We hope for someday to see him in a leadership position with us," Greendeer said, "running our businesses."

Supervisory Management major Joy Snake spent her summer in the Education Department, handling the new financial-literacy pro-

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The 2017 summer interns celebrate the completion of their 10-week work experience.

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Transparency and accountable are key within tribal government

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Transparency and accountability are two words that get tossed around when a government takes on the responsibility to do what's best for the people on all matters.

Transparency is defined by Merriam Webster dictionary as free from pretense or deceit, readily understood, honest and open, not secretive, or characterized by visibility or accessibility of information especially concerning business practices.

Accountability, also defined by Merriam Webster dictionary, is the quality or state of being accountable, or an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions.

The Ho-Chunk Nation government is no different from local, state, or federal government when the demand transparency and accountability comes front and center.

But how we do differ is in the requirement to belong within the Ho-Chunk Nation, and that's through blood quantum. Tribal members must have at least a quarter Ho-Chunk blood that comes from a descendant of the January 18, 1881 official census roll.

There is no other requirement to be enrolled as a Ho-Chunk tribal member other than to have the requisite

blood quantum.

The voting age is the same for all forms of government, whether it's local, state, federal, or tribal.

The Bill of Rights, Amendments 1 through 10, are also the same within the forms of government.

The First Amendment prohibits laws preventing the freedom of religion; freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right to peaceably assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances.

The Nation's Employment Relations Act prevents employees from representing the Nation or communicating with the news media on behalf of the Nation, which infringes on freedom of speech.

The ERA states, "An employee may not present himself or herself as a representative of the Nation, or communicate with the news media on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation unless authorized or directed in writing by the Ho-Chunk Nation or its delegated representative(s)."

Individual tribal members and those not employed by the Nation are free from the ERA.

When legislative candidates were campaigning, I asked my district representatives specifically about transparency. Moreover, I asked if they would support of a free press law.

All agreed on the need for transparency and said that they would support such a law for the Nation.

Recently, I've heard executive side employees mention the need for transparency.

Sharing of information on new or changed programs, services, or projects is sorely lacking within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

This summer there were some great opportunities for youth to attend sport camps with recognized professional athletes, but not all people were privy to that information. That's a problem.

The Ho-Chunk Nation government is here and funded by all tribal members, not individual tribal members in positions to limit or misuse our resources for only select members benefit.

When the Hocak Worak staff sends emails to the various branches of the Ho-Chunk Nation government, we don't always get a response or phone call back. That's the opposite of accountability.

Legislators should be promoting their efforts to change laws to address what their constituents want, and what

the general council wants. Providing follow up information and the reasons for voting a certain way should be shared with all tribal members. Now that's accountability.

Executive Directors should be willing to share why they believe their department is needed and how it's fulfilling its intended purpose.

Recently, the Executive Director of Business Robert Mudd told a reporter he wasn't going to comment, essentially to all tribal members, on why he requested to draw from a \$20 million line of credit to pay for two "porte cochere" that have been added onto the Project Forward casino expansion project.

He told the reporter to contact Collin Price, the Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer. However, the reporter's first inquiry was with Collin Price, and he never got a response.

That's the opposite of being accountable. That's not being transparent as well, even though nearly all Establishment Acts call for the departments to "provide for effective communication and

dissemination of Tribal information to the Tribal population."

The Hocak Worak is the only tribal media of the Ho-Chunk Nation. We often hear Ho-Chunk Nation news first from non-native news sources before internal news is released.

Each department should issue press releases on any changes, or new programs or services. Maybe then, the only news about the Ho-Chunk Nation wouldn't be about casinos or 18 money.

In the end, if we, as a tribal government, talk about wanting or needing to increase transparency or accountability and our laws restrict it, we need to amend our laws to allow it happen. If those laws don't change, then we are only getting lip service.

True leadership is listening to people, making the changes that address the issues that matter, and making things better for all. Our leaders must represent all tribal members' interests.

Communicating with the people can make all the difference in the world.

Twelve Clans, Inc. Report from the Chairman

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Ho-Chunk Nation as Chairman of Twelve Clans, Inc. - your company for diversifying revenue from gaming for the Nation, thereby securing wealth and resources for future generations. As a refresher, we are a Section 17 federal corporation established by the Ho-Chunk Nation. We are separate from the government functions and have liaisons from the Legislative, Executive, and General Council branches that attend Board meetings.

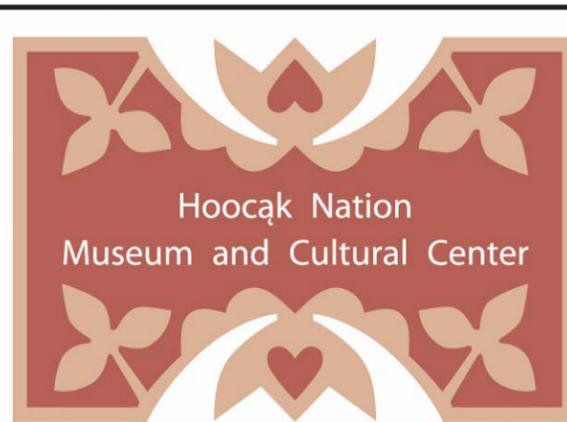
We have been very active over the last year to establish a strong foundation for our 30+ year strategy. Some notable accomplishments, which will presented in more detail at our Shareholders Meeting, include:

- Completion of Strategic Plan
- Completion of Investment Policy Statement
- Rewrite of Corporate By-laws
- Securing capital commitment from Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature
- Onboarding professional accountant services
- Securing custodial bank
- Investment of Reserve Account
- Executive Search

We remain focused on bringing long-term solutions for revenue diversification, which has led to us being very diligent in our initial set-up and actions. We have continued to work to keep costs low, while seeing positive gains from all of our short-term investments. Our goal remains to create a best-in-class sovereign wealth fund that breaks the mold of what other tribal nations have implemented. We feel that we are well on our way to that Mission.

We will be holding our Annual Shareholders Meeting on Friday, September 15, 2017 at the casino in Wisconsin Dells. More information will be forthcoming on the exact time and location. We hope you will be able to join us as we report and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. Should you have any questions to submit for Shareholders, please e-mail me at jlambert@12-clans.com

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HELP ENHANCE HO-CHUNK CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

ABOUT US

The Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center is currently in the planning stage. It is a small portion of the larger Department of Heritage Preservation. The Museum hopes to open its doors for the first time in Spring 2018. Currently the Museum is responsible for cultural programming efforts within HP.

WHY MUSEUMS?

We inspire young and old to enjoy learning about our cultural history. We make learning about the Ho-Chunk Story a "real" experience. As our society undergoes rapid changes, including global climate change and the information technology explosion, museums preserve and protect our cultural and natural history for generations to come. The faster our society changes, the more important it becomes for our citizens to have access to lifelong cultural learning.

HOW TO HELP

Not sure what to do with your old Ho-Chunk things?
Donate them to us and we'll put them up in our collections*

*Object must fit within our collection scope



Monetary donations of any amount are always welcome. All donations go directly to support the museum programs.

VOLUNTEER! There are many projects that need your help.

CONTACT US!

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Street signs in Wazee development reflect Ho-Chunk tradition

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Anyone driving around the new Wazee development area near the Mission area in Black River Falls, where the new District One Community Center is being constructed and new housing will soon begin, will notice the street signs with very non-typical names.

Those names include Big Bison Bull Street, Sharp Fang Avenue, Pigeon Nest Street, Five Horned Avenue, and Whirlpool Street.

Although the names seem out of the ordinary, there is a meaning behind every street name.

There are 12 clans in Ho-Chunk culture and each of the names represent each of the clans. The names had to be tweaked a bit to represent those clans without duplicating an already existing street name.

The issue first came to discussion at the Area 1 meet-

ings when tribal members were asked for suggestions. A list of 23 names was drafted from those suggestions, including some with common Ho-Chunk last names. There already are some street names with those last names, so the idea of using those were not allowed.

"We had to keep in mind the other streets in Jackson County using those same names, especially for emergency purposes," said Planning Division Director Mike Rave. "When Jackson County Sheriff's Department dispatch sends an ambulance to Elk Street, for example, there can't be any confusion where that might be. There already is an Elk Street in the city of Black River Falls and that might create misunderstanding when responding to an emergency."

To avoid that confusion, a new unique name had to be produced, although it has the

same meaning. For instance, "Five Horned Avenue" is the same as "Elk Avenue," just in a different, descriptive manner.

In that fashion, each of the 12 clans of the Ho-Chunk people are represented with a new descriptive manner, Rave said.

For instance, "Sharp Fang Avenue" represents the snake clan, "Trout Avenue" represents the fish clan, and "Lightning Bolt Street" represents the thunder clan.

Each of the street names has been established in Ho-Chunk, too, but the English names are what will be displayed on the street signs. The Ho-Chunk Language Department played the major role with this task.

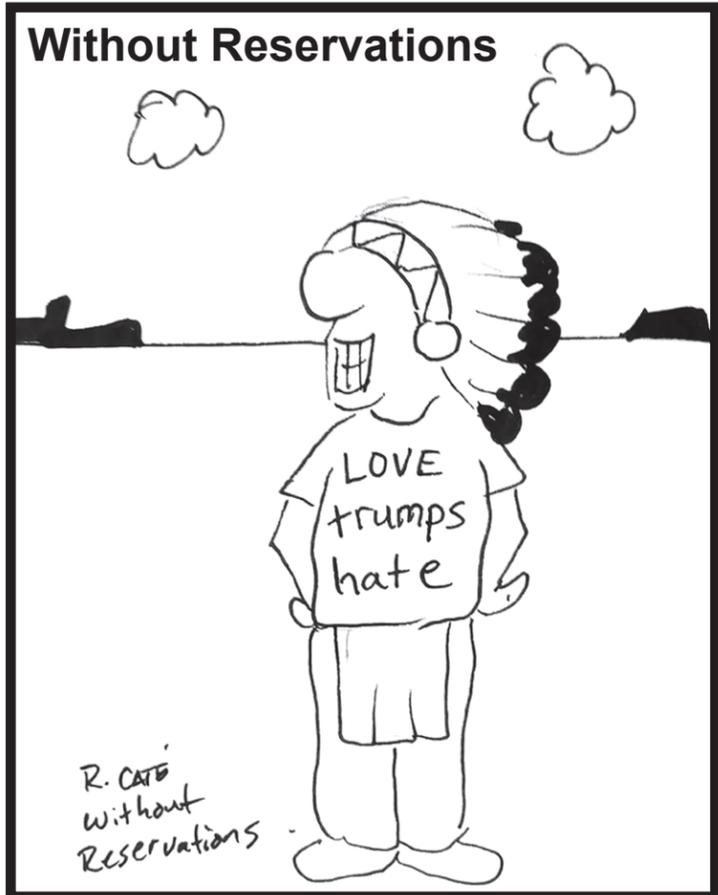


Each of the new street designations represent a clan within the Ho-Chunk tribe. Black Wolf Street and Five Horned Avenue denote the wolf and elk clans.



The streets in the Wazee subdivision are ready for further development and have street signs on display.

- Ceetok Xete Naągu Big Bison Bull Street
- Šuųkjak Seep Naągu Black Wolf Street
- Hee Saaca Naągu Five Horned Avenue
- Harupinj Naągu Whirlpool Street
- Hi Pa Hi Naągu Sharp Fang Avenue
- Hųc Xete Naągu Big Bear Street
- Hee Cakiwake Naągu Branched Antlers Avenue
- Woonągire Waąkšik Naągu Warrior Avenue
- Hoo Šušuc Naągu Trout Avenue
- Jaąjap Hawares Naągu Lightning Bolt Street
- Koogowa Naągu Golden Eagle Street
- Ruucge Hoomą Naągu Pigeon Nest Street



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Introducing Ho-Chunk Health Care Center's new providers

Dr. Lundberg began working on July 24th as our new Optometrist at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center. Dr. Lundberg will perform the following services: routine eye exams, order eyeglasses and contact lenses, evaluation and treatment of minor eye infections, dilated diabetic eye exams.

On August 28th, Dr. Cox begins working as our newest family practice physician at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center. Services Dr. Cox will provide include: acute care for minor injury & illness, diabetes wellness, obstetrics, prenatal care, physical exams all ages, sports physicals, reproductive health and adolescent health and well child care.



Rachael Lundberg, OD



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FITNESS-4-HUNTERS program offered in Jackson County

Train to Hunt – Hunt Strong

Angela Knaf Marketing Specialist Black River Memorial Hospital

As hunting season draws near, many hunters are gearing up to hit the woods in search of deer and bear. Getting physically prepared for the season is very important to having a safe hunting experience. Join Kathleen Clemons, exercise physiologist from Ho-Chunk Nation Health Care Center for a free, ten-session fitness program.

FITNESS-4-HUNTERS will take place on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. or Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m., August 26 through October 28. Participants will meet in a different location each week enjoying parks and trails in the area. The program will include walking, hiking and strength training. The workouts will start light and progress over the 9-week period. Weighted packs will be added throughout the program.

Register by August 23rd, by calling Kathleen Clemons at 715-284-9851 ext. 5308 or email kathleen.clemons@ho-chunk.com. Permission from your doctor and screening forms are required prior to your participation. The program is sponsored by Ho-Chunk Nation, Jackson In Action and Black River Memorial Hospital.



Participants from the 2016 Fitness 4 Hunters program take a short break during a hiking session.



Fitness 4 Hunters group has a little fun by taking a selfie while hiking on one of the beautiful county trails



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Sponsored by: Jackson In Action, Black River Memorial Hospital, and Ho-Chunk Nation

Wogixete Wi (Loving Us) Powwow advocates a compassionate approach to substance abuse

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Over two hundred tribal members attended a powwow in Black River Falls last weekend, to offer their support to those affected by drug and alcohol addiction.

“We have so many people that are sick and suffering,” said tribal member Tena Quackenbush. “And we just want them to know that we are here for them.”

The gathering was held on Aug. 12 at the Indian Mission, and called the Wogixete Wi Powwow. Its name came from the Ho-Chunk language, and has been translated to the ‘Loving Us’ Powwow.



Tena Quackenbush encourages everyone to show their support to those struggling with addiction.

“I was trying to figure out what we need to do to bring our people back to us,” said Quackenbush, who helped coordinate the event. “And the words ‘loving us’ came to mind.”

Quackenbush used the powwow as a way to advocate love and compassion toward those who are struggling, rather than bitterness or anger. She said that positivity is the only effective way to address the problem.

“Love is the ultimate key,” Quackenbush said. “That’s the very beginning – letting our people know that we love them.”

The event included traditional dancing and singing, and music from two local drum groups.

It also featured three prominent guest speakers, who each had a unique message for their listeners.

First to talk was tribal elder and Eminent Speaker Gordon Thunder, who discussed the way things have changed over the years. He said that time has brought with it many problems that simply did not exist in the past.

“Today’s society is a little bit different,” said Thunder. “There’s a lot of things that came to us.”

However, he said, they should not be allowed to become permanent problems. He said that a change needs to take place for the sake of future generations.

“Today is the beginning of a different way,” Thunder said. “This is the time to stand up and say that we’re going in a different direction.”

Next to speak was State Senator Kathleen Vinehout, who shared a story about an old man and his flock of sheep. The shepherd left the 99 sheep that he had in flock, in order to find one that had gone astray.

The story served as a metaphor for the people who have lost their way in life and may need help finding it again. The politician said that rescuing these lost souls should be a priority for everyone.

“Reach out to someone in need,” Vinehout said. “Bring them back from the brink of disaster.”

The senator then promised tribal members that she would do everything in her power to prevent future drug overdoses. She swore to stand up for what’s right, even if it meant losing friends at the capitol.

“I will be by your side,” Vinehout said. “I will be fighting in Madison for what you are fighting for now.”

The last speaker of the evening was a well-known Native American activist named Clyde Bellecourt. In the 60s, he cofounded the American Indian Movement (AIM) to address issues that were affecting indigenous people throughout the country.

Bellecourt said that the cur-



Head female dancer Jasmine Funmaker and another tribal member hang a #StoptheStigma sign.

rent drug epidemic is just as important as the social problems AIM faced years ago, and something that demands his people’s full attention.

“Better wake up,” Bellecourt said, “because we’re losing our children.”

He encouraged everyone to take action, rather than sit back and wait for a solution to present itself. He said that an active approach is needed, to truly confront the situation.

“We need to rally together,” Bellecourt said. “And we can take this issue on.”

Each of the speakers were presented with an honorary Pendleton blanket, as a symbol of appreciation for sharing their time and wisdom. Credit was also given to Tena Quackenbush, who played a large part in putting the event together.

“The purpose of the powwow was just to let all of our

people know that we love them,” Quackenbush said, “and that we want them to come back to us alive.”

In an effort to reduce the number of drug-related deaths in her community, Quackenbush has spent much of her adult life spreading awareness about the resources available to those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. She has also tried to make people more cognizant of the support network that surrounds them.

“We want our people to know that we are here,” Quackenbush said. “And we want them to know that we love them.”

To continue her mission, Quackenbush has founded the #StoptheStigma campaign in Black River Falls. She said that it will be sponsoring more events like the powwow, in years to come.



Eminent Speaker Gordon Thunder talks about the way times have changed.



Senator Kathleen Vinehout vows to advance the welfare of all indigenous people.



The head dancers receive honorary Pendleton blankets from the pow-wow’s coordinator, Tena Quackenbush.



Tribal members dance around the arena during this month’s Wogixete Wi Pow-Wow.



The tribe’s women perform the Swan Dance.



A fire burns next to a ciproke where many tribal members spent the night.

Ho-Chunk athletes recognized at Indigenous Games banquet

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

It was a celebration of trials and triumphs, successes and defeats, but mostly it was about the gathering of Ho-Chunk athletes who competed on an international stage at the Indigenous Games.

A banquet to recognize those efforts was held on Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Athletes and their families gathered to talk about their journey to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, their competition experiences, and the results of their efforts. The Indigenous Games were held July 16 to 23, which involved athletes from the United States and Canada. The event is conducted every three years.

Damian Thundercloud was the master-of-ceremonies. Lanette Walker said she was

grateful that Nicole Oknewski provided the leadership this year for the Ho-Chunk group in Team Wisconsin, since she had previously been in that capacity for many years.

"Watching our young people compete at a high level in their various forms of athletics is something that, as a spectator and a tribal member, I will take with me forever," Thundercloud said.

"Seeing their excitement, from the opening ceremonies to when they're on the medal podium, is something they will not forget. The excitement will be taken back to their families and inspire the next group of athletes," he said.

Team Wisconsin won the Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy for wrestling, which included Ho-Chunk wrestlers Josh Ryckman and Justice Blackhawk. Josh was present for



Accepting awards for their participation in the 2017 North American Indigenous Games are (front row, from left) Alyson Giroux, Hallie Beversdorf, Olivia Anderson, (back row) Serena Goodbear, Gabriela Goodbear, Anntaya Corbesia, Zabbastian Brown, Alijas Whitegull, Marty Ybarra, Joshua Ryckman, Elijah Smith, Victor Bird, Olivia Curley, and Tobias Brown.

the awards banquet and he and coach Marty Ybarra displayed the trophy.

"Overall, the kids did great," Oknewski said. "The

best part of the trip was being with them, making sure they had their schedules and making their games and practices – the daily runaround.

"I'm surprised at how well they did, not just with earning the medals, but also how well they behaved and how much fun we had," she said.

Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy

Editor's note: Team Wisconsin wrestling, with two Ho-Chunk wrestlers Josh Ryckman and Justice Blackhawk, won the Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy

The Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy was named after Todd Diabo who in his short life made an impact as an athlete and as a citizen of the Mohawk Nation.

Todd grew up in the Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) territory of Kahnawake, located just south of Montreal. While in elementary school Todd wanted to go to high school to wrestle, so much so that he would often run home from Kateri School which is located in the village of Kahnawake then ride his motorcycle 3 kilometers (2.2 miles) to the Kahnawake Survival School which is located at the far, east end of the territory.

Once in high school Todd attended the Kahnawake Survival School Todd was not the best student. Todd's interests were not into the typical high school curriculum, although the Kahnawake Survival School offered Mohawk Language and taught history through Mohawk eyes, Todd was a staunch Mohawk Nationalist. Often times Todd would skip school, and would be found at the longhouse learning traditional teachings or carrying out various responsibilities.

As a wrestler Todd had shown his talent early in his career. There was no "off days" Todd would push himself at every practice. His commitment to excellence was proven on the mat, Todd finished his high school career as a 3 time G.M.A.A. champion. Todd was Captain of the K.S.S. Wrestling team and led the team to win its first G.M.A.A. team Champion-

ships in 1990.

During the summer of 1990, 16 year old Todd Diabo was training to compete in the First ever North American Indigenous Games in Edmonton Alberta. As a team co-captain, Todd led as an example by pushing himself and his team harder with each practice. At the 1990 NAIG Todd would go on to win a Gold medal and helped lead Team Kahnawake (Current Eastern Door and the North) to its first ever North American Indigenous Games Team Wrestling Championships.

While at the 1990 North American indigenous Games in Edmonton, politically things back home were heating up. (Our sister community of Kanehsatake was locked in a land dispute with its neighbour Oka. The town of Oka was moving forward on plans to develop a golf course and condominium project into the Pines, a pine forest that the Mohawk people of Kanehsatake have had a 270 year old land claim with Canada. The pines area is sacred to the Mohawk people of Kanehsatake as this is where they have a cemetery where they have buried their dead for over 200 years.) At the closing ceremonies in Enoch while observing the RCMP involvement in the NAIG closing ceremonies, it was commented that there is a real possibility that we could be facing each other's barrels when we get back home.

Within three days of returning home the Surete Du Quebec (Quebec Provincial Police) SWAT team raided the Mohawk barricade across a dirt road leading to the Pines in Kanehsatake. The police fired teargas, then concussion grenades then opened fire as they stormed the barricade

attacked Women and children at the barricade. The men of the Mohawk Warriors society defended the women by returning fire. After a short fire fight the Surete du Quebec retreated to reinforce before making a second attempt to storm the barricade.



The Warrior Society in Kahnawake sprung into action barricading all roads leading into Kahnawake including highways 132 and 138 which lead to the Mercier Bridge which is a major thorough fair into Montreal. This was done in an effort to force the Surete Du Quebec to divide their forces and make it impossible for Surete Du Quebec to make a second attempt on the barricades in Kanehsatake. This would spark the beginning of a 78 day standoff with the Surete du Quebec, the R.C.M.P. and later the Canadian Army. (Check out Kanehsatake: 270 years of resistance on Youtube. The story did not make news in the U.S. due to a news blackout and the launch of the Desert Shield in Iraq.)

Like all men of fighting age, Todd picked up arms to defend his community and his nation. Approximately two weeks into the standoff, the Province had announced that they had called in the army to

take over for police manning the barricades. The warriors in Kanehsatake had called for reinforcements to help man their barricades. Todd again answered the call. The police were not allowing food to be shipped into the communities of Kanehsatake and Kahnawake, the only way in and out of the communities were by boat. Todd along with a few other warriors loaded up onto motorboats that dangerously overloaded with food. The boat ride to Kanehsatake was not without risk as the Surete du Quebec were on the water boarding boats caught on the water. Todd would arrive in Kanehsatake where he would remain till the end of the 78 day standoff. Todd would end up being one of the last holdout warriors to leave the Treatment Center which was the home base of the warriors as they declared an end to the standoff. During the 78 day crisis the Canadian army sent 2500, Canadian Soldiers to face the warriors in Kanehsatake and Kahnawake, yet Canada sent only 200 soldiers to Iraq as part of the coalition during the Operation Desert Shield.

In 1993 Kahnawake was gearing up for the 2nd North American Indigenous Games which were going to be held in Prince Albert Saskatchewan. Todd was again taking on the role of co-captain in preparing the team to compete in the NAIG. With a championship to defend and Todd wanted to lead that Team that would ensure Kahnawake would repeat in 1993. This was not to be, just about a week prior to Team Kahnawake leaving to the Games Todd was killed by a drunk driver as he left a wedding. As a Team we buried our captain within days of boarded a

flight to Saskatchewan.

Prior to Todd's death, Team Kahnawake was donating a trophy to the North American Indigenous Games to be awarded to the Wrestling Team Champions. Upon arriving in Prince Albert the NAIG games committee was asked if the trophy could be named in Todd's honour. This started the process which culminated in the Todd Diabo Memorial trophy officially being accepted and written into the NAIG Governing rules at the 2008 North American indigenous Games in Cowichan to be awarded to the Men's Wrestling Team Champions. The Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy is the oldest trophy that is awarded at the North American Indigenous Games.

Whenever Team Kahnawake/Eastern Door and the North wins the Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy we return the trophy to his mother. Todd's mother decides where Todd will reside until the next North American Indigenous games. Each Indigenous Games Team Kahnawake/EDN wrestlers strive to return Todd back to Kahnawake, it's personal for us as we are bringing our brother home. When another team wins the Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy we see it as Todd travelling. We ask each team to honour him as a guest in their territory.

In Todd's short life Todd Diabo has embodied the spirit of the Games Strong, Brave and True. As an athlete he worked to be the best, as a student he worked to learn his culture, language and traditions. As a citizen of the Mohawk Nation he put his life on the line to defend his people.

Wisconsin forward looks back fondly at NAIG experience

Victor Bird may have played his last game, as Wisconsin loses to Manitoba 81-70

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Victor Bird realized that Wednesday's under-19 basketball match versus Manitoba might have been his last at the North American Indigenous Games.

The 19 year old, who was part of Team Wisconsin's under-16 men's gold medalist team at the Regina Games three years ago, thus set out with a nothing to lose mentality against Team Manitoba.

"I felt like once we got on the court in the second half we said, 'Screw it. This is our last game – we might as well go out with a bang'," he said. "That was my mentality, to go out there and give it my 100 per cent."

The Wisconsinites certainly made a game of it after being down 52-26 heading into the break. Though the final was 81-70 they did outscore their undefeated opponents by 15 points in the second half.

Bird and his teammates will closely watch Thursday's Manitoba-Washington match and they may be rooting for the team that defeated them today. If Manitoba can win again, then Wisconsin will technically have a shot at the playoffs.

The Wisconsin forward was understandably disappointed by his team's performance after going all the way in 2014.

"I'm kind of saddened that we didn't get as many people (out) as we did (at the Regina Games)," he said. "But it's not something I can control."

There are three other carryovers from that 2014 U16 team, Tavian Risingsun-Doud, Anthony Hernandez, and Crimsen Powless.

Bird grew up in western Wisconsin, about 45 miles (70 kilometres), from La Crosse, the home of

Milwaukee Bucks prospect Bronson Koenig.

The former University of Wisconsin star point guard led the Badgers to two straight Sweet 16 appearances, and he was recently signed as a free agent by the Milwaukee Bucks.

Bird and Koenig are both from the Ho-Chunk Nation, a Tribe of roughly 6,500 people.

Someone from his home state, from the same Tribe, who is on the brink of making the NBA – you might think that Koenig would be an idol for Bird.

"Not really. I guess my biggest role model was the 'Worm' Dennis Rodman," Bird said, after Wednesday's loss to Manitoba. "I (think) it's cool but lining up our games we weren't exactly the same type because I'm more defensive, while (Koenig) is more of an offensive player."

Despite being four years his senior Bird remembers watching Koenig play basketball in high school.

"We were in the same conference in high school," Bird explained. "So whenever Aquinas (Koenig's school) and Tomah (Bird's school) played, we'd always go in after our freshman game and watch."

"I thought it was cool."

Wisconsin's success at NAIG is significant because of the state's relatively small Aboriginal population. With around 50,000 people, the team has a much smaller pool to choose from, compared to Manitoba and other Canadian provinces.

Whether or not Wisconsin moves on, it will be a bittersweet end to Bird's time at these Games.

"I bonded with these guys pretty well," he said. "I wish I got to play more games with them. It was a cool experience."



Victor Bird

Veterans Advisory Board meets to discuss concerns

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Advisory Board met to discuss concerns faced by tribal veterans. The board consists of voting board members from five districts.

The board member from District 1 is George Stacy. George Stacy is an Army veteran and has served on the board for one year.

Jim Greendeer is the District 2 board member. Jim Greendeer is Marine Corps veteran, who served in Vietnam, from Tomah.

The District 3 board member is Dave Radtke. Radtke is an Army veteran, who retired from the Kohler Company in Sheboygan. He has served as a board member for four years.

District 4 is represented by Anthony Winneshiek. He served in the Marine Corps from 1992 to 1996, and lives in Milwaukee.

Dale Stevens, an Air Force veteran, is the District 5 board member.

The first order of business was to elect a new chairperson. Dave Radtke was the acting chairperson, since he is the vice-chairperson.

Winneshiek was elected to serve as the new Veteran Advisory Board chairperson, and took over the meeting from then on.

Veterans Home Ownership Program Project Manager Kyle Funmaker and Residential Service Coordinator

Michelle Winneshiek gave an update on the program and the process to home ownership.

Currently, Home Ownership Program operates on a 10-10-10 selection process, where annually, 10 elders, 10 non-elders, and 10 veterans are selected for home ownership opportunities.

The selection of applicants are from those who applied in 1994 to 1996.

"Our list is extremely long, but we only heard back from two people in the last selection pool. We send out a letter and give them 30 days to respond," Funmaker said.

"If we don't hear from them, we go back and pick 10 more applicants."

"Home Ownership Program is using addresses from Enrollment, so if your address changed, be sure to update our office," Winneshiek said.

"Once selected, we do an affordability assessment."

Veterans must meet income requirements to pay their mortgage, taxes and insurance. They must not have debt that is delinquent or in default.

Funmaker did say they were working on presenting changes to the Act to address wording that limits their ability to fund veteran's home purchases.

"Veterans get very excited when progress goes their way," Chairperson Winneshiek said.

The Act doesn't address having IRS payment arrangements in place, there's no ap-

peal process included, and is a once in a lifetime benefit.

Radtke mentioned his concerns about being able to build on his own to build a home with more value.



"I could build myself a \$250,000 valued home with the \$125,000 allowed in the program," Radtke said.

"I'd still have to get a loan, or have a lender, since the program would only pay off a mortgage."

The deferral process was also discussed. Deferrals used to have two year time limit, then that changed to no time limit.

Dale Stevens brought up the issue of who and how DD214s were verified. The Veterans Home Ownership Program is currently having Jackson County Veteran Service Officer Randy Bjerke to verify military and combat service.

Veterans must have an honorable discharge to be eligible. Combat veterans receive a grant, not a loan, for home ownership.

The Reality Division has a listing of tribal trust land

property for tribal members to build on.

The Veterans Advisory Board had made a plaque to give to the family of Domonic Bell. Bell served as the chairperson for the veterans' board. Bell passed away in 2015 and served on the board from 2004 until the time he passed.

Next, the Veterans Advisory Board heard from Conroy Greendeer Jr. about the proposed Veteran Service Award, which would be a monetary award to all tribal veterans.

Greendeer Jr. presented the award in which all Ho-Chunk veterans regardless of discharge would be eligible.

"I came here because I wanted to hear what the board would recommend to determine eligibility requirements. I want to know who will determine the amount of the award, and if it should be awarded annually, quarterly, or monthly," Greendeer Jr. said.

"Legislature says they value veterans. We'll leave it up to them to show much they really do with this the proposed Veterans Service award."

Greendeer plans to present the Veterans Service Award at the annual General Council meeting. He plans to have two tiers for the award. One for honorable discharges, and one for dishonorable discharges from military service.

General Council Advocate Joy Thompson-Bonanno represented information to the veterans' advisory board

about the upcoming General Council meeting.

She shared a listing of all General Council resolutions that were passed since 2000 to 2016. There were 134 passed resolutions included in the information.

"I've been requesting update from the Legislative attorney, but no update was given," Thompson-Bonanno said.

"They do a lot of it in executive session. They form committees and workgroups but you must be invited to attend those meeting."

The discussion moved to the General Council resolution that passed in 2015 to create a Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Veterans Home Ownership and other veteran programs.

Legislature has yet to put forth an Establishment Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Affairs remains a division under Heritage Preservation, and Housing is running the Veterans Home Ownership program.

In the same year, 2015, the General Council also passed a resolution to create a Department of Natural Resources and Agriculture. Both departments have Establishment Acts created.

The Veterans Advisory Board will meet four times per year based on budget constraints.

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Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Doug Greengrass-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. Carly Lincoln-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-Cc
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-EX/Cc
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P Rep.
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit
-P

Cc: conference call

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the agenda with adding under Unfinished Business Item D. NAIG Update. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting

Minutes:

Regular Legislative Meeting – July 6, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the July 6, 2017 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Office of General Council (Standing Agenda Item)

No report.

Economic Diversification

Rep. Matthew Mullen mentions a meeting of the Economic Diversification Work Group will take place on August 9, 2017 at 10:00a.m., Tribal Executive Offices, Black River Falls, WI.

NCAI Update:

The NCAI 74th Annual Convention will be taking place in Milwaukee the week of the October 17, 2017 Legislative Meeting. The Ho-Chunk Nation is a platinum sponsor for the event.

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to hold the October 17, 2017 Legislative Meeting in Milwaukee, WI. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

A conference call will take place with the NCAI Work Group on Friday, July 21, 2017 to provide an update on where the Ho-Chunk Nation is on planning purposes, since the Ho-Chunk Nation is a platinum sponsor. Collin Price, Public Relations Officer provided information on the Welcome Reception this request will be forwarded to the Finance Committee. Collin Price, Public Relations Officer explained that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Conference is represented by 567 recognized tribes throughout the United States. The majority of them will be in attendance at this conference.

Native American Indigenous Games Update

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. gave an update on Team Wisconsin. The team did make it to Toronto, Canada. Team Wisconsin consists of 330 athletes. To keep updated on the athletes the following website is available: NAIG.2017.TO.

General Council Update

Wendy Running Horse, Office of General Council was present and mentioned that the Annual General Council Meeting will be at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI.

The bus transportation cost was increased in the budget, so additional bus lines will be added. Wendy Running Horse, Office of General Council mentioned there is no planning committee, but there

are three people doing the work. A list is being compiled to get volunteers from the areas.

New Business:

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #2530 on Lot #37 of the La Grange Hills #439 T 2123

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 A**, Cancellation of Lease #2530 on Lot #37 of the La Grange Hills #439 T 2123. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #37 of La Grange Hills #439 T 2123 for Arlene Blackdeer

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 B**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #37 of La Grange Hills #439 T 2123 for Arlene Blackdeer. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Modification and Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #3 on Winnebago Heights #439 T 2100 for Angela Mc Cabe

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 C**, Modification and Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #3 on Winnebago Heights #439 T 2100 for Angela Mc Cabe. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Placing the Lot 12 Timber Run Property 5.058 Acres into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 D**, Placing Lot 12 Timber Run Property 5.058 Acres into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Green Bay Branch Office Concerns

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr to **TABLE** until later in the meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of 06-0517B

Authorization to Seek Approval to Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provisions for Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt the resolution Rescission and Restatement of 06-0517B Authorization to Seek Approval to Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provisions for Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg. Second by Vice President Douglas Greengrass. **MOTION RESCINDED**, **SECOND CONCURS**.

Scott Marachek, Department of Business will have Department of Treasury available to explain the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provisions.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to **TABLE** the Resolution Rescission and Restatement of 06-0517B Authorization to Seek Approval to Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provisions for Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg for additional information. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Project Forward HCG-Dells Miron Construction Change Order #2

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt the Resolution Project Forward HCG-Dells Miron Construction Change Order #2. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. **MOTION RESCINDED**, **SECOND CONCURS**.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to **REFER** the Resolution Project Forward HCG-Dells Miron Construction Change Order #2 to the Development Committee with the requested changes. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to request a written justification by the Department of Business on the Change Orders. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo requested a timeline on Project Forward that could be distributed at the upcoming District Meetings.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of 06-05-17B Authorization to Seek Approval to Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provisions for Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg

Anthony Falcon, Chief Investment Officer was present to provide more information on the PNC Bank Revolver Loan. Rep. Robert TwoBears requested a report to the Finance Committee on the monitoring of this provision. Rep. Kristin White Eagle questioned the interest rate and would like that addressed as well. It was suggested to show the difference in change from the Greenshoe to the Loan Revolver and to have that documentation attached to the resolution, or in the resolution.

The Department of Business and Treasury will work on bringing the updated information that is requested for later in the day, as these two projects have deadlines.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the resolution-Rescission and Restatement of 06-05-17B Authorization to Seek Approval to Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provisions for the Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg until more information is available. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion was on the resolutions being addressed at the Development Committee.

Resolution-Project Forward HCG-Dells Miron Construction Change Order #3

Change order #3 addresses issues related with HVAC and power source issues with an increased contingency amount of \$400,000.00 to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to **REFER** to the Development Committee the Resolution on Project Forward HCG-Dells Miron Construction Change Order #3. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Project Forward HCG-Black River Falls Miron Construction Change Order #3

Change order #3 at HCG-Black River Falls addresses the reduction to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amount of \$400,000.00. **MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to **REFER** to the Development Committee the Resolution on Project Forward HCG-Black River Falls Miron Construction Change Order #3. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of Nomination of Greg Blackdeer to be Interim Director of the Department of Natural Resources

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 E**, Acceptance of Nomination of Greg Blackdeer to be the Interim Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Indian Summer Sponsorship Request

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer the Indian Summer Sponsorship to the Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Restricted Account for the Ho-Chunk Nation Fire Engine

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 F**, Establishment of Restricted Account for the Ho-Chunk Nation Fire Engine. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln 10-0-2 (Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

District 1-Black River Falls District Meeting

Rep. Robert TwoBears out of the

room.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Cecilia Krause to get documentation from legislators, on the reasoning for disbanding the Ethics Review Board, with clarification to be presented at the next meeting and the process that was taken. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Cari Fay to have workers mow the lawns of the elders to completion, and in a routine manner, so snakes and other animals will not encroach upon their property. In addition, for accountability reasons, she asks for workers to get signatures from the elders when they are finished mowing their lawns. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to approve funding from the District 1 Community Improvement Fund and payable to the vendor (SEE NOTE BELOW) the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to approve the bid amount of \$1,600.00 for the Indian Mission Church tree trimming at the cemetery. Second by Vice President Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: At the August 2, 2017 Finance Meeting a motion was made to approve funding from Charitable Contributions, instead of District 1 Community Improvement Fund. Funds will go United Church of Christ in the Indian Mission in the amount of \$1,600.00 for tree trimming.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to the next Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Gina White Eagle to approve the budget for a 2017 Labor Day Pow-Wow, honoring the Chief and the Traditional Court Leaders. Second by Vice President Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Crystal Pettibone to look into why Whitetail Crossing charges tax, for "Hot/Cooked Food", on tax free land. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Cari Fay to get a faucet or water source installed at the Decorah Cemetery to be able to water flowers. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Cari Fay to implement an employee satisfaction survey to the gaming facility employees. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-La Crosse District Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Mike Sallaway that Ho-Chunk Nation vendors and contractors who employ tribal members pay federal wages/ rates for the Nation's expansion projects. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Tomah District Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Housing Committee and Legislative Attorneys the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah for the Legislators to look into the Eviction Ordinance regarding the drug activity at HHCDA Housing. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert TwoBears returns. **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Administration Committee and the Legislative Attorneys the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah for the reinstatement of the Ethics Review Board. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President, Treasury Department, and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Francis Decorah to request a report of all information regarding Project Forward to include plans, budget, loan amount/payback and return on investment to have this by the end of the month for next month's area meeting. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Madison District Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President, Administration Department, Social Services Department and Language Department the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle requesting support services provide a report to the area meeting explaining happenings in the area as it pertains to youth & other services available to keep members apprised on services in the Madison area. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President, Tribal Aging Unit the **MOTION** by Maryls Whiteagle for Madison to receive a support worker-specifically a community outreach worker/driver for the elders. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President, Department of Administration, and Information Technology Department the **MOTION** by Maryls Whiteagle to make Wi-Fi accessible to the general membership throughout the Nation in all the facilities. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Maryls Whiteagle for the annual Christmas bonus to tribal members be increased to \$1,500 elders, \$1,000 adults, \$500 children. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wittenberg District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Clint Beversdorf to request a park pavilion with bathrooms that have running water including electricity for the Softball Field/ Playground (50' x 100'). Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **MOTION AMENDED** to refer to HHCDA. **SECOND CONCURS**. 11-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee and HHCDA the **MOTION** by Clint Beversdorf to Re-do the infield and make it a dirt infield, new bases, stadium lighting, the whole re-work of the field, concrete dug-outs, scoreboards, PA System, MC stand, bleachers and shaded canopy for dug-out. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wisconsin Dells District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to BIA Roads through the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Roger Thundercloud to have speed bumps, permanent if not temporary speed bumps at Indian Heights and Timber Run. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Department of Justice, and Law Enforcement Commission the **MOTION** by Charles Hindsley requests speed sensors for Indian Heights and Timber Run areas. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Home Ownership Program and the Housing Committee the **MOTION** by Jim Delarosa to have a separate HOP list for Elite Elders/Elders 60-70 and Tribal Members to be

instituted as soon as possible. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **MOTION AMENDED**, to include the Attorney General's response to the General Council Resolution. **SECOND CONCURS. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Housing Department the **MOTION** by Charles Hindsley to request use of the Distribution Center for the Wisconsin Dells Judo Club. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION AMENDED**, to refer to Office of the President, and Department of Administration (Realty Division). **SECOND CONCURS. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **District 3-Wisconsin Rapids District Meeting** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Administration Committee and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Dodie Topping to reinstate the Ethics Review Board. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Ona Garvin for the Law Enforcement Wood County Sheriff's Department to have an officer assigned to our Tribal Action Plan to coordinate with our Law Enforcement on our effort to educate & prevent drug abuse & the opioid epidemic. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **District 3-Green Bay District Meeting** The reason for the wording on the motion, is because HHCDA did not have funding to finish the landscaping on the property. It is becoming a health and safety issue. **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to HHCDA to obtain bids for the **MOTION** by Landis Hill requesting D3 Legislators obtain three-bid contracts (RFP) with timeline to accompany bids for landscaping for residents on TIP Road and Ho-Chunk Boulevard. Funds to be allocated for landscaping from D3

Community Improvement Funds to be completed by August 13, 2017. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** It was recommended by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to put a stop payment on the original check. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel mentions that the check has not been returned yet. **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Counsel and the Treasury Department the **MOTION** by Pam Wilber requesting to donate \$50,000 to Colburn Pool, coming out of Compact Deduct. Pending verification that the original \$100,000 was returned to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and the Treasury Department to put a stop payment on the prior compact deduct check that was issued to Colburn Pool, if it turns out that they did not cash the check already. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **District 5-Chicago District Meeting** *Rep. Carly Lincoln was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer to the Finance Committee and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Debbie Neer, to ask for the same amount from Ho-Chunk Nation to help sponsor this event with the same request approved last year, the sponsorship "Official Sponsorship \$5K" from the Ho-Chunk Nation. For the 2nd Annual Gladstone Park Throwback Musical Festival that is being held from September 8-10, 2017. Also, requesting the HCN Business Marketing staff to be present and provide current marketing promotional material for our casinos, brochures and giveaways. Asking for assistance from Lynette LeGarde, Legislative Chief Communications Officer and Collin Price, from the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President for this event. Second by Rep.

Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **District 5-St. Paul District Meeting** *Rep. Carly Lincoln returns. Rep. Kathy De Camp on conference call.* **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of General Council, Legislative Counsel, and Administration Committee the **MOTION** by Cassandra Bell to appoint Robert Pilot to represent District 5 on the General Council and Curtis West as the Alternate. Second by Rep. Matthew Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Cassandra Bell to approve \$1,500 dollars for the Backpack Back to School supplies request to be referred to Finance and the contact person be Danielle DeLong. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Curtis West to approve the \$2,500.00 Community Catalyst sponsorship, which will include the LISTING recognition in emails, website, social media, and other marketing materials. LOGO recognition during the event via signage and onscreen. LOGO recognition in the event the program book and the standard seating at the event. Second by Rep. Matthew Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President and the Finance Committee, for reimbursement back into the Office of the President line item the **MOTION** by Curtis West to approve the purchase of 40 tickets for the MN Lynx game during Native American Heritage Night, for our local Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members and ask Legislature to make this happen. Second by Rep. Matthew Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** Due to time constraints and the event will take place on July 25,

2017. Assistance is requested by the Office of the President given the short notice. **Re-Visit Green Bay Branch Office Concerns** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to re-visit New Business, Item E. Green Bay Branch Office concerns. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **Green Bay Branch Office Concerns** Tribal members were present to address concerns with the current branch office being too small and to address their concerns regarding the new Green Bay Branch Office Building. The area is requesting support for a larger building due to the area seeing an expansion in tribal membership at the area. **Introduction of Robert Pilot:** Robert Pilot, District 5 Tribal Member from St. Paul, MN gave an introduction to the Legislature and spoke about the radio station that he manages and operates. He hosts a radio show in the Twin Cities, AM 950 Radio Show called Native Roots Radio, "I'm Awake," he is trying to get the word out on it. **Executive Session:** *Rep. Andrea Estebo was out of the room. 12:57 p.m.* **MOTION** by Rep. Matthew Mullen to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle and Rep. Shelby Visintin were excused. Rep. Kathy DeCamp was on the conference call until 4:00 p.m. Rep. Andrea Estebo returns. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit was out of the room.* **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *4:30 p.m.* **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **Release to Open Session**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to **REFER** to Legislative Counsel, and Husch, Blackwell Law Offices, LLC, if necessary, to negotiate a purchase price, to conduct due diligence and to close upon the purchase of the property at 2413 Hazelwood Lane, Green Bay, Wisconsin from the Restricted Account for the Green Bay Branch Office, subject to total purchase price not to exceed the \$800,000.00 purchase price, at the listing and appraised amount and allowing the additional costs for closing costs and authorize the Vice President to sign the purchase agreements, settlement statements, and all the documents required for closing upon the purchase, this motion should be released into open session once the meeting minutes are ratified. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED** *Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns.* **Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of 06-05-17B Authorization to Seek Approval To Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provision for Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 07-18-17 G**, Rescission and Restatement of 06-05-17B Authorization to Seek Approval to Utilize the PNC Bank Loan Revolver Provision for Project Forward Porte Cocheres at HCG-Black River Falls and HCG-Wittenberg. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **Adjournment:** **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on August 8, 2017 at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** The Legislative meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

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

Black River Memorial Hospital, Petitioner, v. Candice M. Green, Respondent.
Case : CG 17-41

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Candice M. Green
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 published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). 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.*, Rule 54.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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

Gunderson Lutheran Admin Services., Petitioner, v. Toni R. Blackdeer, Respondent.
Case : CG 17-45

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Toni R. Blackdeer
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 published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). 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.*, Rule 54.
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IN THE
HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor Children:
M.C., DOB 01/01/2009
M.S., DOB 10/16/2011
SUMMONS
Case Nos.: JV 17-11
JV 17-12

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S):
Krystal Cloud
You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed Child/Family Protection Petition is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named children is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Emergency Removal Hearing* as permitted by HOCĀK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.33. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the children must appear at the Hearing described below.
The Court shall commence a proceeding at **11:00 a.m. CDT on the 28th day of September 2017** for the following purpose: **Emergency Removal Hearing.** Pursuant to HOCĀK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.
NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.
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¹You can obtain a copy of the applicable law by contacting the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature at (715) 284-9343 or (800) 294-9343 or visiting the legislative website at www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageID=254.

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

Creative Finance, Inc., Petitioner, v. Myshell L. Mike And Troy A. Stumblingbear, Respondent.
Case : CG 17-48

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Troy A. Stumblingbear
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 published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). 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.*, Rule 54.
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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Brittany Robertson, Petitioner, v. Charles Yellowthunder Brown, Respondent.
Case : CS 17-51

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Charles Yellowthunder Brown
You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. 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 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. 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.*, § 7.36(b)(v).
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.

Wendy Helgemo Appointed Director of Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy

Former senior advisor on Indian affairs to Sen. Harry Reid will lead AT&T-funded center for research and advocacy

By Jason Shevrin | Media Relations Specialist | George Washington University

Wendy Helgemo has joined the George Washington University as inaugural director of the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy (CIPP), a GW-based research and advocacy center established in February that provides support to tribal leaders and promotes public awareness on issues of national significance to indigenous communities, including public health, adequate housing, economic security and education.

"I am grateful to Wendy Helgemo for agreeing to lead the challenge of launching a new center," said Ali Eskandarian, dean of the College of Professional Studies. "She brings a tremendous level of experience and knowledge as well as enthusiasm and energy to GW."

"CIPP is a place where politics and policy meet GW's research capability and expand upon its existing

commitments to diversity and to the Native American community," Ms. Helgemo said. "We're also mere steps from Capitol Hill, where decisions are made every day that impact Indian country. So our goal is to be a bridge between GW, lawmakers, tribes and tribal leaders to develop stronger policy in support of Native Americans."

Ms. Helgemo, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, has more than 20 years of experience in indigenous law and policy. She most recently was senior advisor on Indian affairs to Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), J.D. '64. Before her tenure with Reid, she worked as director of governmental affairs for the National American Indian Housing Council and as in-house counsel for multiple federally recognized Native American tribes.

"We're very fortunate to have Wendy in this position," said Gregory Lebel, director emeritus of NAPLP. "Obviously she knows national

politics, having worked in the Senate, but she also has experience in tribal government as well as policy research and advocacy."

Ms. Helgemo said that CIPP "will work with tribes and tribal leaders to identify areas of need, whether that means studying economic development issues, health care or anything else. We'll also partner with other programs across the country, including universities out west that have significant Native American programming and national tribal organizations that do advocacy and policy work. So the center will be able to assist in meeting the needs as they evolve."

Since 2006, approximately 250 Native American, Alaska

native, and native Hawaiian students have developed their academic and leadership skills in Washington, D.C., through GW's Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) and the INSPIRE Native Teens Pre-College Program. Both programs provide full scholarships for indigenous students, funded by AT&T, and will continue to be offered under the auspices of the new center.

"What struck me when I arrived at GW was the energy," Ms. Helgemo said. "There is an intellectual creativity and curiosity here that is really exciting. I'm especially inspired by the Native American students whom I met in the summer session: They're like sponges, committed to taking



Wendy Helgemo

in all the information coming at them. You can tell how personal these issues are to them, because they want to take what they've learned back to their tribes and their communities."

Ho-Chunk applique team dance wins at Fort Hall

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

A group of Ho-Chunk applique dancers teamed up to win third place in a team dance at the Shosone-Bannock annual powwow in Fort Hall, Idaho on August 10 through 13.

The applique team dance group was made up of Arienne Sheka, Tia Lonetree-Grey, Stephanie Swallow, and Vickie Hindsley.

"We just wanted to represent our Ho-Chunk Nation.

A lot of people were snapping pictures as we used part of the Swan Dance in our routine," Hindsley said.

"It sure was fun, and a proud feeling was felt. We just had fun showing our style to them."

It was the Fifty-fourth annual Shosone-Bannock Festival Powwow held on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The festival is held on the second weekend in August



Arienne Sheka, Tia Lonetree-Grey, Stephanie Swallow, and Vickie Hindsley won third place in a team dance contest at Fort Hall powwow.

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Education Department staff all pitch in for animal shelter donation

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

It was an idea of helping animals who needed it most. It was an idea of compassion and caring for pets.

That idea, by Hannah Myers, was a fundraiser to help the dogs and cats at the Jackson County Animal Shelter.

Myers and her co-workers in the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department raised \$265 for the shelter.

A board of cards was on display in the Tribal Office Building for several weeks. People would pay to put their names on each of the cards. When the contest ended, the cards were overturned and anyone with a Joker would receive prize money.

"I just came up with the idea a few weeks ago," Myers

said. "I really enjoy animals and thought a little donation would help the shelter. The Jackson County Animal Shelter does a lot for the community in regards to taking care of animals."

Jackson County Animal Shelter Manager Barb Pfaff accepted the check on Monday, Aug. 14.

Myers said she received a lot of support from co-workers in the Education Department. Most of them have pets at home and are concerned about the welfare of all animals, she said.

"The Education Staff all care for animals, and they helped support this little fundraiser in some way or another. We just wanted to do our little part in showing our support," Myers said.



Making the check donation possible to help the Animal Shelter pets are (seated, from left) Vanessa Wagner, Jackson County Animal Shelter Director Barb Pfaff, Hannah Myers, Natasha Decorah, (back row) Melody Gesicki, Joy Snake, Bethany Redbird, and Jessica McMillan.

Ho-Chunk Nation DNR delivers trees to the community

Submitted by Greg Blick,
Community Forester

The 2017 Ho-Chunk tree planting bonanza was a complete success. This spring the Ho-Chunk Nation used about \$17,000 worth of funds provided by the Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant program to purchase trees. A little over 100 were planted by HCN DNR staff members at the pow wow grounds and the Tribal Office Building grounds, and at all of the area TAUs. Another approximately 390 trees were distributed to Ho-Chunk tribal members for planting in their yards. Ho-Chunk DNR helped with the planting of about 80 of the yard trees for elite elders. Ho-chunk who received trees have promised to water and take care of them for the first three years of their lives at their new homes. This is a big commitment over the next few years and the Ho-Chunk DNR would like to acknowledge the participants, who are helping to make our neighborhoods greener, more attractive places to live.

The following people are currently raising some new young trees provided by the HCN DNR (In no particular order): Bill Goodbear, Jean Stacy-Snow, Clint Beversdorf, Jamie Decorah, Lucy Vargas, Ernestine Helgeson, Vanessa Carriaga, Lionel Pettibone, Dan Libke, Shelly McCook, Rae Ann Garcia, John Garcia, Andi Cloud, Jamie Goodbear, Quincy Garvin, Lorinda Bird, Darrell Bird, Lois Behrens, Toni Thayer, Roger Youngthunder, Bill Youngthunder, Paul Youngthunder, Wayne Cooper, Roy Greengrass, Eileen Funmaker, Earlywind Funmaker, Byron Goodbear, Jerry Jones, Sylvia Casarez, John Steindorf, Hattie White, John Greendeer, Michelle Cloud, Henning and Kjetil

Garvin, Melody Gesicki, Vicki Shisler, Pamela Wilber, Roxanne Tallmadge-Johnson, Hinu Helgeson-Smith, Kelvin Decorah, Valerie Carrimon, Tom Redbird III, Division of Cultural Resources, Blackdeer homestead, Dave Radtke, Berna Bighunder-Hindsley, Martina Littlewolf-Falcon, Cleo Goodbear, Lila Blackdeer, Ho-Chunk Behavioral Health, Leslie Warrington, Cecelia Kraus, Leslie Warrington, Carol Garvin, Anna Reichenbach, Willie Cleveland, Herb Cleveland, Cornelius Decorah, Virgil and Lori Pettibone, Tina McArthur, Jeriah Rave, Kathy Cutting, Chloris Lowe Sr., Kirk Hopinka, Cameron WhiteEagle, Sheila WhiteEagle, Chris Mach, Tribal Courts, Jo Deen Lowe, Corey Hindsley, Heather Beal, The Alvarez family, Cathy DeCamp, Shirley Petersen, Bonnie Tech, Sandra Radtke, Connie Radtke, Macy Goodbear, Lanette Walker, Martina Littlewolf, Lorenzo Funmaker, Gloria Visintin, Greg Johnson, Peter Oknewski, Doug Johnson, Erik Lincoln, Daniel Whitehorse, Michelle Winneshiek, Maria Blackhawk-McCabe, Fawna Bish, Lynette Bird, Liane Brown, Andrea Estebo, Terri Kipp, Alicia Blackhawk, Bluewing Cemetery, Christy Johnson, Donald Greengrass, Mercedes WhiteEagle, Three Rivers House, Perry Carrimon, Edith Funmaker, Paul Krause, and anybody else we have failed to mention.

This fall we may have a few more trees (probably less than 20) for people who missed out during the spring. With any luck we will receive more funding to buy trees again for next spring.

Anybody who has young trees, make sure you water a couple of gallons every day for the first three or four

weeks, and then once a week if it doesn't have a good soaking rain. In sandy soil, even more often.

The HCN DNR would also like to thank all the people who have enjoyed the pow wow grounds since the new planting. No damage was done during either of the events since planting. If we keep rolling, we will have a lot of beautiful maturing trees five years down the road. After that the trees will be big enough to resist drought, hungry deer and mice, and careless humans.

Thanks for helping keep Ho-Chunk lands green!

Possible caption: Mason (left) and Gavin WhiteEagle of Chakh-Hah-Chee pose with the white fir they planted as part of the 2017 Ho-Chunk tree planting bonanza.



Mason and Gavin WhiteEagle of Chakh-Hah-Chee pose with the white fir they planted as part of the 2017 Ho-Chunk tree planting bonanza.

HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking two (2) qualified candidates to serve as Committee members responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

Eligibility for an interview: Must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst
- ◆ An Associate's or, preferably, a Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or finance
- ◆ Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP, CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, and PFS.
- ◆ At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf
- ◆ Must be able to obtain a financial bond

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and criminal background check. Potential Committee members shall not be eligible for service if the criminal background check reveals a felony or any crime of dishonesty, including, but limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or deception in any form.

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: August 31, 2017 to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615
anthony.falcon@ho-chunk.com

Leader in Native American issues offers her insight on national level

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A national leader in Native American development came to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Jacqueline Pata, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, attended the Aug. 22 Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature meeting.

At that meeting, Pata was presented with a \$100,000 check, donated by the Ho-Chunk Nation, to the National Congress of American Indians.



National Congress of American Indians Executive Director Jacqueline Pata.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is an organization to lobby federally elected officials and to help form policies and laws to reflect the interests and cultures of Native American people.

Pata is from Juneau, Alaska, and a member of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and currently serves as

the Central Council's fourth vice president. That tribe has 36,000 members.

She's been in her position as executive director since June 2001, a total of 16 years, which makes her the longest servicing NCAI director. She has lived in Washington D.C. since she was hired for the job.

"I love it. It's so challenging every day. I don't get bored," she said.

Her current priority is to get ready for the annual conference, which will be held Oct. 15 - 20 at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. The Ho-Chunk Nation will be sponsoring the opening night ceremony.

Pata is working in several issues in her capacity in Washington D.C. One of the issues is the potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act and, as a result, what will happen with Medicaid.

Other issues include the land-into-trust procedures and permitting processes and infrastructure and energy development among tribal nations.

"It's an opportunity to be at the table in energy development. They are posed to be leaders in energy in their areas," she said.

She is working on receiving recognition to have Native American culture revitalized at the United Nations level.

"We deal with all the issues that affect Indian Country," she said. "We put together a clear and concise way to address some of the issues facing the 567 tribes in this country," Pata said.

Another issue she's looking at is how the administration and congress deal with tax policies, such as opposition to dual taxation.

"If the tax bills move forward, our policies will be included.

The NCAI has put together a booklet, Tribal Infrastructure.

"If we're going to talk about it, we need to be at the table and best position Indian Country for those conversations," she said.

One of the contentious issues is charter schools, private schools and the school voucher program.

"In the areas around Native American communities, charter schools are usually alternative schools, not the magnet schools that attract children seeking a better education," she said.

Another area she strives to improve upon is through the justice system. Historically, when Native American cases go before the Supreme Court, Native Americans are losing at a higher percentage than any other group.

"We need to pick and choose cases that can move forward and examine the ongoing strategy of our litigation," she said. "We need to turn the tide of our wins and losses."

When faced with cases that have poor odds of winning, it is often beneficial to settle out of court and only pursue issues with stronger cases.

NCAI representatives met with President Trump's transition team three times when



The president and legislators gather around NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Pata as she accepts a check from the Ho-Chunk Nation for \$100,000. President for the check passing are (from left) Rep. Karena Thundercloud, President Wilfrid Cleveland, Rep. Carly Lincoln, Rep. Larry Walker, Pata, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. Kristin WhiteEagle, and Rep. Kathyleen Lone-tree Whiterabbit.

the new administration was being formed, one of only a few groups who sought to do so.

"We can't be throwing rocks from the outside. We have to be inside, making the changes we need to have happen," Pata said.

Pata opened the floor to questions or comments from those present.

President Wilfrid Cleveland asked if it were possible to streamline the land-into-trust process. He indicated that it was frustrating to have to go to town and county officials and meetings to get approval

at a local level to change the land to a trust basis. He asked if it could be streamlined to have it be approved only on a federal level.

"I don't disagree, but it probably won't happen," Pata said. "There's no leadership at the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs). (Department of the Interior Associate Deputy Secretary) Jim Casen is making the only decisions. Decisions made by the BIA is the problem. I would advise to be very careful what you say and be very clear what you say, and let it known what your recommendations are."

Beloit Ho-Chunk Casino proposal gets a boost

Beloit Daily News, By
AUSTIN MONTGOMERY
Staff writer

Interests from the federal, state and local level to bring a Ho-Chunk Nation casino to Beloit are hailing progress on the plan following a meeting last week with the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

The most recent meeting follows efforts last winter by officials to confirm the project would not be impeded

by President Donald Trump taking office. The plan is currently pending with BIA, with the project's environmental impact study complete on the 38-acre site.

Officials said Monday the project is set to be decided by the BIA within two years, and if approved would head to Gov. Scott Walker for final approval or denial.

Parties involved in the process believe Beloit's plan could get favorable BIA re-

view due to strong support in the city and public need due to Beloit's high unemployment and poverty rates. The casino plan could create 2,000 jobs, according to previous estimates.

"The decision makers at the BIA have told us the application will be moving forward in the process toward a final decision," said City Council President Kevin Leavy. "We don't know what a final decision will be, but at least we now know that review of the application will continue and we feel we made significant progress."

The next step, which still may be a while off, would be for BIA to issue a notice of availability in the federal register, prompting a public hearing on the project in Beloit.

The Ho-Chunk Nation, city and Rock County also have an agreement in place to share a percentage of revenue from the facility which will be used for building needed infrastructure projects in the area, officials say.

Ho-Chunk has agreed to pay two percent of the net win proceeds generated by the casino, and 30 percent of the two percent revenue would be allocated for the county.

Payments of net win proceeds would be in lieu of property taxes at the proposed development, much of which would be on designated tribal land not subject to the tax.

The project includes a hotel and conference center, with officials hoping the project could spur other developments in the area.

"This facility will help the Nation provide desperately needed services for our tribal members," said Ho-Chunk Nation District IV Legislator Shelby Visintin. "Area tribal members will also be employed at the new facility and the revenues will allow us to expand educational opportunities, housing, health care services and nutritional programs for our members."

Beloit City Manager Lori Curtis Luther said she was "thrilled to see the project moving forward" adding, "We need to see these jobs and economic growth in Beloit as soon as possible."

Nation officials previously said they believe the project will move forward due to a 1990s compact between Ho-Chunk and the state specifying the tribe could open one additional Class Three gaming facility. Some of the most

recent action on the plan included a 2015 extension of an intergovernmental agreement on the site near Colley and Willowbrook roads adjacent to Interstate 39/90.

The casino proposal has a long history in Beloit. The original proposal - submitted by the Bad River and St. Croix Chippewa bands - dates back into the 1990s. The Bad River and St. Croix plan lingered and never came to fruition, eventually being superseded by the Ho-Chunk designs for the property.

During the administration of Democrat Gov. Jim Doyle, it appeared the message from Madison was negative toward approving any casino plan that might be brought forward.

Gov. Scott Walker has handled one casino proposal, killing a plan to locate a facility in the Kenosha area. Because of its compact with the state calling for one additional site, the Ho-Chunk Nation has expressed optimism Walker would treat its Beloit plan differently than his decision in Kenosha. The governor has not said directly how he would decide a Beloit plan if it comes to his desk.

AAAHC random inspection

On Good Friday, April 14th an inspector from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) made a random inspection of the Health facilities. Although the clinic doors were closed, Daniel Libke, Quality Improvement Director and Joan Greendeer-Lee Medical Services Director reported to work & responded to the inspection, as required to maintain ongoing accreditation certification. The Health

Department was just notified that we passed the random inspection and were awarded continued Accreditation and scheduled for resurvey in 2019.

With this stated, Ho-Chunk Community should be proud & our Patrons should be pleased that the Ho-Chunk Health upholds the highest standards of care and cleanliness in its clinics.

Kudos to Ho-Chunk Health!

Summer interns

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gram. Executive Director Nehomah Thundercloud said she was highly impressed with her work.

“This has been a really great summer working with Joy,” Thundercloud said. “She was very dependable, and

provided great service to our families and students.”

During her internship, Snake took over the financial-literacy program almost single-handedly. She said the responsibility was unexpected, but nothing that she

wasn’t able to manage.

“It was kind of dropped on me,” Snake said, “but I was able to pick it up and keep it going.”

The director said Snake’s work has been of so much value to the department that, for the time being, she will continue in her position as an LTE.

Psychology major Salena Lemieux worked for the Health Department at one of the Nation’s clinics, where she spent substantial time with an intake specialist learning the ins and outs of the job. The clinicians said she learned quickly, and that she was a huge help to the team.

“It was awesome having Salena with us,” said Hera Lonetree-Reindahl. “She was really able to develop a rapport with our clients.”

Lemieux claimed that the experience changed her life. She said it confirmed her decision to go into the medical field, and made her realize everything that she was capable of.

“This summer was truly life-changing,” Lemieux said. “I went from not knowing what I wanted to do to being

confident that I could do this, if this is what I really wanted to pursue.”

Members of the Health Department said that they would love to see Salena come back.

Last but not least was Biomedical Sciences major Alyse Machuca, who interned at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. During her internship, Machuca worked on a colon-cancer-screening project for tribal members over the age of 50.

Dr. Amy Delong witnessed the intern’s transformation throughout her time there.

“It’s been an absolute pleasure spending the last nine weeks with Alyse in the clinic,” Delong said. “We had a medical student also doing an internship with us. So it was great for her, as a recent graduate, to talk to someone who was in the throes of medical school about that experience.”

The recent graduate said that she was nervous coming up from Florida, where she attended college, but was pleased with the way things went. She also said that, from the time spent in the doctor’s office, she has now realized that the field of medicine is

not suited for her.

“This experience has probably been the best of my summers,” Machuca said. “And I found out that family medicine – or just medicine, in general – is not what I want to go into.”

Those involved in the program were happy for Machuca, and said that discovering what one doesn’t want to do is just as important as finding out what one does want to do.

“That’s part of the purpose of this program,” Lewis said.

After their presentations, the interns were each given a Pendleton blanket in recognition of all their achievements. A drum group commemorated the event by performing a song in their honor.

Lewis said that he and his colleagues in Education were extremely proud of their 2017 interns, and all their hard work.

“It was really a pleasure to get to know these individuals,” Lewis said.

The division manager then revealed that this year’s class was, by far, his favorite group of interns – but that he also looks forward to working with next year’s group.



Higher Education Division Manager Marcus Lewis tells about this year’s group of students.



Salena Lemieux, Psychology



Ryan John Crain, Business Management



Brenna Two Bears, Art History & Visual Cultural Studies



Joy Snake, Cultural & Community Education



Dazha Pidgeon, Business Administration



Alyse Machuca, Biomedical Sciences



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9:00-9:45 a.m. Keynote: Trudy Gregorie, Executive Director, National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), National Triad Association Board Member

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Workshop topics will include elder abuse, safe driving strategies, psychology used by con artists, heroin/opioid treatment projects, tools for tech savvy seniors, elder depression and suicide, identity theft, personal safety tips, aging in place, hoarding, elder rights project.

Major Sponsors: Old National Bank, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Foundation, Ho-Chunk, Area Agency of Dane County, Dane County Sheriff's Office, Triad of Wisconsin, RSVP of Dane County, Corporation for National & Community Service



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- Learn ways to keep from falling when out in your community.
- What to look for in safe footwear.
- How to eliminate fall hazards from your home.



LABOR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Labor, which houses the Divisions of Federal Programs; Tribal Workforce Development; Safety, Emergency Management & Residential Inspections; and the Elder Community Work Program is seeking nominations to fill five vacancies on its Board of Directors. The Board serves in the advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director. Board members shall have the requisite skills, knowledge and education to provide professional and expert advice and provide recommendations to the Executive Director.

The Board shall be comprised of five Ho-Chunk Nation members selected by the Executive Director, approved by the President and confirmed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to the Establishment Act of the Department of Labor.

Board of Directors serve two year terms and may serve more than one term. The terms will alternate so that two Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two years thereafter and three Directors are appointed or re-appointed in the alternate years.

To be considered as a nominee, please send a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to Sharon Pettibone, Executive Administrative Assistant, Department of Labor, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 or Sharon.Pettibone@ho-chunk.com to be considered. Deadline is September 1, 2017.

Notice to creditors

Notice to creditors of the estate of Marion Vera Stacy White: You have ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Dallas White, P.O. Box 473, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.



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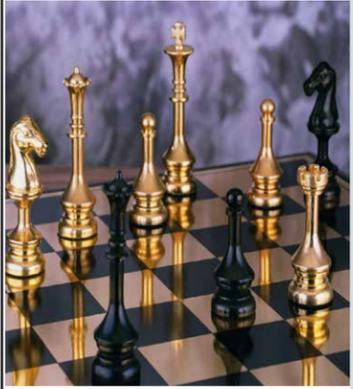
We are very happy to announce the 1st Birthday of our son Wacozu Phillip Cloud! We will be celebrating his life, and The Great Spirits goodness at our hallowed grounds of the Native American Church Wisconsin Dells. An all-night prayer meeting will be held Sunday night September 24th, with Stuart Lonetree officiating. Wacozu will also be receiving his spiritual name and baptized at this time. It is our wish to have you present with us as we celebrate this momentous occasion!



Atlas Blackdeer

Proud parents Brittany & Jonathan C. Blackdeer would like to announce the graduation of their little Titan son Atlas Blackdeer from L.C.O. Early Head Start on August 25th 2017 in Hayward, WI.

Chess Tournament



Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Registration Time: 5:30-5:50 pm
Time: 6:00pm-9pm
 District One Community Center
 District One Community Center is sponsoring a Chess Club on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 starting at 6PM. Must be 18 and Older.
First Place Winner: \$100
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 Contact Melissa or Lois at 715-284-0905






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 - The Individual Education Program (IEP) Including the Postsecondary Transition Planning (PTP) Process
 - Parent Involvement in the IEP Process
 - Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination
 - Guest Parent and Youth Transition Stories
- **October 27 (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) & October 28, 2017 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)**
 - Explore Postsecondary Education and Employment Opportunities
 - What is Your Journey? How Can Your Family and Community Help You Discover Your Path?
 - Learn About Adult Agencies that May Assist with the Transition Planning Process
 - Guest Parent and Youth Transition Stories
- **November 17 (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) & November 18, 2017 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)**
 - Understanding Health Care and Transition Programming
 - Supportive Decision Making vs. Guardianship-The Best Choice for Your Child
 - Healthy Relationships
 - Guest Parent and Youth Transition Stories

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm each Friday evening. On Saturday, Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am – 9:00 am with lunch at 11:30 am.

Youth, ages 14-21, who are currently attending Middle/High School, along with their parents/guardians, must attend **All Three** weekend sessions. Lodging will be provided for Friday Night of each event.

Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Cheryl Funmaker at 800-362-4476. For more information visit www.witig.org calendar of events.

Registration must be in by September 15, 2017.

All tribes welcome. Limit to the first 15 families to register.



September



Elders Birthdays

1 Antoinette Thayer Betty La Mere Roderick Greengrass 3 John Perry Jr. Isabelle Mallory Bertha Gleason 4 Mary Jacobs Roger Youngthunder Pamela Snowball 5 Alvena Foss Randy Schoenacher Marilyn De Cora 6 Arnold Darnell William Lowe Carla Kingswan 7 Bernice Blackdeer James Whitehorse Norbert Dick James Lincoln Kathleen Massouri 8 Luther Lonetree Douglas Johnson 9 Sonja Walker Twila Garvin Pamela Winneshiek Monica Cloud Dr. Jose Contreras 11 Celestine Contreras 12 Adam Hall 13 Bernice Humphrey Jonette Pettibone 14 Gale White Glen White 15 Roy Garvin Jr William Winneshiek 16 Cecelia Kraus Terry Payer Faye Begay Clarice Jackson	16 Judith Whitehorse Jeffery Lowe 17 Mary Houghton Wayne Falcon Josiah Thunder Roger Thundercloud Steven Thundercloud Marsha Mahoney 18 Luanne Macomber James Cabasos Donald Greengrass Sr. 19 Donna Sommers George Stacy 20 Susan Mallory Jeanine Heffner 21 Ernst Naquayouma III 22 Georgia Lonetree Curtis West 25 Martha Angell Mary Dumas 26 Libby Fairchild Linda Gleason-Strupp Kimberly Baker 27 Herman Decorah Guadalupe Salinas 28 Anne Mallory Sheryl Winneshiek Ward Linda McHugh Kenneth Monegar 29 Henry Swan Darlene Greengrass Deforrest Funmaker Marilyn Whiterabbit 30 Elaine Whiterabbit Blaine Twinn
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White Bison Wellbriety program graduates recognized at ceremony

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Thirty-five participants of the White Bison Wellbriety program were recognized with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 15, in the Tribal Office Building atrium.

Each of the graduates present were called up front to receive his or her certificates.

The White Bison Wellbriety training was held June 26-28, 2017 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

“It was an honor to be a part of the Fathers and Mothers of Tradition Wellbriety training and certification of completion sponsored by the Workforce Development Division of Labor,” Elder Community Work Program / Labor Administrator Jean Stacy-Snow said. “Completion of the three-day training will allow for elder workers to offer recovery support in addition to Warrior Down, to tribal members seeking alternatives to addictive behaviors.”

Elder Community Work Program staff involved in the training are Connie Lonetree, Richard and Cheri Snake, Larry Littlegeorge, Gladys Ebata, Jeanine Heffner, Amelia Ortiz, Roger Thundercloud, Charlie Hindsley, Sherman Funmaker, Francis Decorah and Sandy Winneshiek.

The White Bison is a non-profit company that provides a culturally-based “Wellbriety” healing program, according to the company’s charter. Wellbriety means to be sober and well. The Wellbriety program teaches participants to find sobriety from addictions to alcohol and other drugs and recover from the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol on individuals, families and whole communities.

The “Well” part of Wellbriety is the inspiration to go on beyond sobriety and recovery, committing to a life of wellness and healing every day, the White Bison website said.

White Bison holds these trainings throughout the country. Some tribes have them open to anyone who wants to attend or closed to just their members to attend.

“I feel that these trainings are a step in the right direction for the tribe in working on combatting the epidemic we are facing currently,” Tribal Workforce Training and Development Division Manager Angela Ward said. “Each of these participants can take this training and form it to fit their respective

Tribal members completing the course are:

Mothers of Traditions

- Barbara Blackdeer-Mackenzie
- Gladys Ebata
- Quincy Garvin
- Macy Goodbear
- Eliza Green
- Gail Greendeer
- Jeanine Heffner
- Maxine Kolner
- Carole Laustrup
- Josephine Lee
- Constance Lonetree
- Deana Mitch
- Amelia Ortiz
- Tari Pettibone
- Laverda (Birdie) Richter
- Cheri Snake
- Unga Stacy
- Jean Stacy-Snow
- Lanette Walker
- Kimberly Waukau
- Kimberly Whitewater

Fathers of Tradition

- Reiss Blackhawk
- Ritchie Brown
- Albert Carrimon
- Pierre Decorah, Jr
- Thomas Eades
- Timothy Gamble
- Donald Greengrass, Sr.
- Charles Hindsley
- Larry Littlegeorge
- Ken Mitch
- Richard Snake
- George Stacy
- Damian Thundercloud
- Roger Thundercloud



Participants receiving certificates are (front row, from left) Larry Littlegeorge, Ritchie Brown, (second row) Lanette Walker, Cheri Snake, Constance Lonetree, Tari Pettibone, (third row) Quincy Garvin, Carole Laustrup, Jeanine Heffner, (fourth row) Kimberly Whitewater, Jean Stacy-Snow, Kimberly Waukau, Gail Greendeer, (back row) George Stacy, Richard Snake, and Pierre Decorah Jr.



Jean Stacy-Snow shows her certificate, something she achieved from the White Bison Wellbriety Program.

White Bison's Philosophy

We believe...

Mother Earth is governed by a set of Principles, Laws and Values

Leadership exists to serve the people first

Leadership existence is to ensure that information (Truth) is given

to the people

Changes are the result of implementing Natural laws

All Native people believe in a Supreme Being

In the Elders and teachings as a guiding force to direct ourselves,

families and communities

That there is a natural order running the universe

That our traditional ways were knowledgeable about the natural

order

When the community leads, the leaders will follow

Alcohol and drugs are destroying us and we want to recover

That change comes from within the individual, the family and the

community

That within each person, family and community is the innate

knowledge for well being

The solution resides within each community

Interconnectedness - it takes everyone to heal the community

Healing will take place through the application of cultural and

spiritual knowledge

Alcohol is a symptom...not the cause, drugs are a symptom...not

the cause, Domestic Violence is a symptom...not the cause. To

“heal a community” it needs to deal with the cause

That the Circle and the Four Directions are the Teachers

In the Four Laws of Change

Change is from within

In order for development to occur, it must be preceded by a vision

A great learning must take place

You must create a healing Forest

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