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Nation's website is up and running again



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Electronic media with the Ho-Chunk Nation took a big hit on Monday, March 6.

That's when the Nation's website crashed, falling victim to some hacker in search of money.

The hacker, making the website inaccessible to anyone until a ransom was paid, encrypted the content of the website. Hence, the name of the software used by the hacker is called "Ransomware."

It was first noticed that morning, when someone was trying to access a form, but it wasn't appearing. Shortly after, several other people reported the same problem, said Ho-Chunk Nation Information Technology Director Lael Hall.

Because the national news had keyed in on accusations of Russian meddling in electronic activity in the country, one of the first questions people had was, "Did the Russians do it?"

In answer to that question, tracing the person or persons responsible is nearly impossible.

IT has access to a world map pro-

vided by Kasperski, a computer antivirus and internet security firm, that shows the real-time hits on computer systems worldwide. It shows that hundreds of systems throughout the world are randomly being hit every minute. Computer systems are constantly searching for a way to enter any available system.

They turned the information over to the Ho-Chunk justice department to get the legal authorities involved, but nothing was possible.

The version of web software that was being used had a standardized programming, meaning all the company's clients were using basically the same program. Therefore, if one of them was cracked, all were vulnerable.

They were able to recover data prior to the first of the year because it was saved, but anything newer than that was lost.

The Umbraco system they were using was vulnerable. In 2015, the IT department requested to have the system updated, but those requests were denied because of the costs involved.

"Umbraco is open-sourced," Hall said. "The version needed fixes or updates. This version we were using was out of date." Now

the system is through Visual Studios.

When the website went down, the first priority would be to reactivate the casino websites because, potentially, money could be lost by not having a connection with patrons.

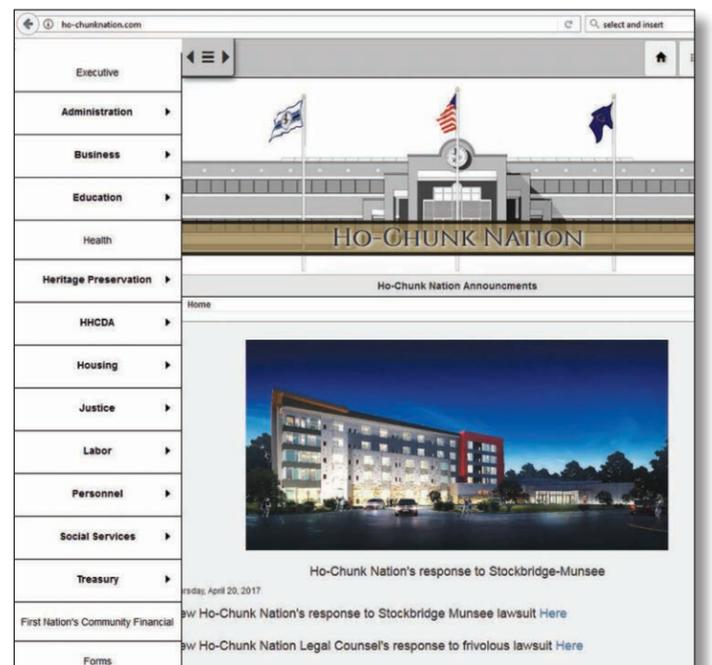
The Nation's web site could have been reactivated in relatively short time, but it would have been in the same situation as before – vulnerable to a hack.

To protect or secure the website, Shane Steindorf has built the new Ho-Chunk Nation website from scratch, therefore making it one-of-a-kind.

The previous website cost the Nation approximately \$25,000 to set up, which includes \$3,000 for training of staff to maintain the site. But now, because the website now is being produced in-house, the only cost is the time of the fulltime Information Technology staff, eliminating costs from outsourcing.

"Everything is in-house. No one can falsify our credentials and we make sure our password is safeguarded."

But beyond the security aspect of the website, the IT crew saw this as an opportunity to make the website more "user friendly."



The Ho-Chunk Nation's website has a new look and feel, providing more 'user-friendly' drop-down menus. However, the finishing touches are not in place yet. The website is functional and will be tweaked in the coming weeks and months.

"It is an easier format. From the Home page, a drop-down menu provides easy access to each department. Every department has its own page, which they can update and provide content."

Beyond the department pages, there is a common area, or "blogs," in which notices of special events can be posted.

"It is up and running,"

Steindorf said. "It is basic for now, providing all the forms and information, and we can add all the frills later."

It is functional, which is the most important aspect. One of the biggest needs is to be able to post legal material, such as proposals that need a 45-day public review.

However, some other websites, such as the Hocak Worak website, are not up and running effectively. Those websites are being worked on at the present time.



A world map of internet hacks in real time is provided by Kasperski, a antivirus and internet security firm, which shows the many attempted hacks that happen every second.

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Waksik Wosga Leave Policy is a positive for the Nation

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Editor

I firmly believe the Waksik Wosga Leave Policy is a positive aspect for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Ho-Chunks are praying people.

The recent discussion about Waksik Wosga leave attempted to address the abuse of the ceremonial leave policy. The forum, held at Ho-Chunk Cinema, seemed shrouded in negativity towards the use of the leave.

Perhaps the dimly lit theater added to the drama and the-atics.

One elder said that even the title, Waksik Wosga, is a bit deceptive. Although many Ho-Chunks believe waksik translates to native or Indian, the actual meaning refers to human beings. The translation of wosga to meaning 'way,' refers to a process of doing anything. It has nothing to do with ceremonial practices.

Our ceremonial leave is titled, Human Way or Human Process. It reminds me of George Costanza from the TV show Seinfeld handing out bogus Christmas gifts; he pretended to make \$1 donation to a fake organization, The Human Fund. "Money for People" is the Human Fund slogan.

The bottom line is whether

our ceremonial leave is being abused. Are we paying people to attend ceremonies?

Another elder thought amending the policy to include non-natives was abuse. If we think Waksik Wosga means Indian Ways, why aren't we reserving its use for Indians?

Did the deceptive title open the gates to native ceremonies for all to attend? Money for People, as a slogan, isn't too far off.

Some Indian nations do open up their ceremonies for all of their employees, native and non-native, to attend. Some tribes even require attendance of all tribal members during certain ceremonial doings. They exercise their sovereignty and close down governmental offices so all can attend.

The Nation currently has 11 paid holidays throughout the calendar year. New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter, Memorial Day, Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Ho-Chunk Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Of those holidays, Good Friday, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas are religious holidays, but the Nation doesn't have sign-in sheets at local churches for all em-

ployees to sign. There's no question asked and there's no abuse because it's a holiday.

Can we just add more religious holidays to our calendar?

I'd say New Year's Day could be considered religious as we are marking another year since Jesus Christ was born. Where is our Ho-Chunk New Year holiday?

Memorial Day, Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Day, and Veterans Day are all days of prayerful remembrance of our deceased and living veterans. Those are fairly religious holidays.

Labor Day and Thanksgiving are somewhat bountiful harvest observances. The Nation traditionally hosts a powwow in conjunction with Labor Day, when our Green Corn Dance is done.

Ho-Chunk Day is our Nation's day of bingo games and door prizes. It also gives us a reason to be off from work on Friday after Thanksgiving.

Recently, the City of Madison adopted a resolution to observe the Friday after Thanksgiving as Ho-Chunk Day, but they made it about remembering natives' connection to Thanksgiving and the Nation's traumatic history.

We could clearly have upwards of 20 or more paid

holidays within the Ho-Chunk Nation if we added clan and seasonal feast days. All employees, native and non-native, could attend.

In the documentary, Where to Invade Next, by Michael Moore, he invades Italy to take their labor laws and work efficiency. Italy has 7 weeks of paid vacation days, paid holidays, 15 days to get married, 5 months maternity leave, double pay in the month of December, two-hour lunch on work days, but remain one of the world most efficient work forces.

Extended lunch allows employees to go home and eat a healthy home cooked meal. They say the days off reduces stress, and stress leads to sickness. Italy has one of the world's highest life expectancy.

It takes 15 years to get 6 weeks paid vacation with the Ho-Chunk Nation. New employees with the Ho-Chunk Nation are eligible for 2 weeks and 2 days of paid vacation.

Waksik Wosga leave allows up to 5 weeks of paid leave to tribal members or spouses who are employees to attend ceremonies.

I wonder if Waksik Wosga makes employees less stressed and more productive.

Wosga leave hasn't been exercised evenly. Some employees were allowed to go to a sweat lodge ceremonies using Wosga leave, while others weren't. Some employees were allowed to go cut wood, while others weren't allowed. Prayer was most likely a part of both, but these gathering or events are not defined in the policy.

Defining events for the Wosga leave policy may lead to more abuse infractions.

Excessive use of Wosga leave has brought about joking trends like "Mahic" Monday, "Pour your Tani" Tuesday or Thursday, "Wosga" Wednesday, and "Fry bread (Fundraiser)" Friday.

Much of our ceremonies involve a meal or feast sacrifice accompanied by a prayer over it. It's almost as if wherever prayer is happening, Wosga leave should, or could, allowed.

A lot of the negative aspects come about from turnover within management. Annual trainings on Wosga leave ought to be done. Negative views of ceremonial leave are a result of no training and lack of understanding.

The Ho-Chunk Nation thrives and depends upon prayer. That shouldn't be looked at negatively.

Letter to the Editor,

On April 19th, the Federal Elections Committee released a list of donors to the Trump Inauguration, which was quickly reported as a who's who of those trying to influence federal policy.

Under a presidency that is riddled with accusations of operating a pay-to-play scheme, I was shocked to find that my own tribe had donated \$25,000 [1]. Other contributors included the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians, which gave \$25K, and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, which gave \$250K.

Packages of perks were granted to those who contributed to the inauguration [2], but I wonder what we actually received aside from the publicly listed rewards and our name on the donor list.

It's obvious that in Trump's governmental inexperience, he has actually formed very few opinions on many serious matters.

Maybe this gave us a chance to explain some of the issues important to us and Indian Country, but do the ends justify the means?

It would appear that those paying out to Trump were

in two camps: the ones who have always been supporters, and those who are apologizing for their opposition during his campaign. It's pretty obvious that we belong in the second camp.

The Nation stands to lose on two particular decisions. The Indian Healthcare Improvement Act is tied to the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and could be blindly repealed. And, one of our biggest financial stakes is in the Wittenberg and Beloit casino projects, but trust-land acquisition requires approval by the federal government [3].

Because only three tribes contributed, I suspect it wasn't some coalition to save our healthcare. It makes me uncomfortable to think of how many tribal members were out protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline while their government was funding the man responsible for its continuation.

There are no Ho-Chunk civics classes in school, so what are we doing to educate our members about their government and its workings?

Personally, I would like to know who has say over allo-

cating funds to such lobbying efforts and what oversight is there on these decisions.

Legislative minutes are recorded in the Worak, but there's no record of this decision to donate to the inauguration.

As a district 5 member, I rely on calls home and the Worak to learn of the Nation's news. What can our representatives do to better remain accountable to their constituents, especially those who cannot attend area meetings?

In addition, what portion of the tribe's social services are

funded through gaming? In other words, to what extent do the casinos run our government? And because I suspect it's quite significant, to what extent do the casinos drive our political decisions?

I respect that decisions like these are not taken lightly and that many people in the Nation are working to better the lives of our people. So I suspect our Legislators can explain the necessity of this decision.

At a time when many of us are pushing for more federal transparency, we have a

unique opportunity to provide it locally.

John Lee (linekimaqani)

[1] <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/286/201704180300150286/201704180300150286.pdf> page 390

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Tribes throughout the country take part in Nation to Nation Indigenous Relay

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

On April 22, the world celebrated Earth Day and tribes all across our country ran the Nation to Nation Indigenous Relay through their respective lands to encourage environmental awareness.

“We’re running with other indigenous nations that are in our country,” said Ho-Chunk tribal member Paul Roberts. “And I think the idea of it is absolutely beautiful.”

The event was promoted by a prominent Native American activist and motivational speaker, Waylon Pahona Jr., who went live on social media in March to announce the challenge.

“We are calling all our native runners to relay across their homelands,” said Pahona.

na. “The purpose of this run is to connect ourselves to the lands where we come from, to pray for our water. Since the beginning of time, our ancestors have carried vital messages from tribe to tribe through endurance running. Before the railroads and before the automobiles, we used our natural energy to get us where we needed to go. The non-renewable natural resources of our planet are under attack. And as indigenous nations, we have the strength and the ability to show the world a better way.”

Pahona called upon his fellow Native Americans to stand up for the rights of nature by joining him and showing support. Hence, he said that the entire event was a call to action.

“This is a call to action for water,” said Pahona. “This is a call to action for our indigenous land. This is a call to action to get everybody moving.”

He indicated that indigenous people have a responsibility to protect their land and water when they’re in danger. So he summoned those in the Native community to step up now that they are.

“Understand that when

we were called to action as indigenous people,” Pahona said, “we did it. There was no questioning what we could do, the strength we had in our hearts, the strength as indigenous people – to move, to run hundreds of miles, for hundreds of years. Back in the day, that’s how we carried our messages. We ran. We went from place to place, hundreds of miles, carrying these vital messages. And we want to bring that back.”

One tribe that took part in the relay was Wisconsin’s own Ho-Chunk Nation – which held its run at the House of Wellness fitness center in Baraboo. Approximately 25 people participated in the event.

“The run today was awesome,” said fitness specialist Paul Roberts. “It was really nice to come together like that.”

Before they took to the road, participants gathered in prayer over an open fire. Native American Church leader Stuart Lonetree led the proceeding.

“I wanted to impart a few



Relay runners at the House of Wellness, in Baraboo, stand in support of the environment on Earth Day.

words of encouragement,” Lonetree said. “That positive mental attitude is the most important thing.”

Lonetree talked about the sacredness of our planet, and how we need to think about the future generations who will be affected by actions we take today. He thought it was a good thing, too, that people have started to see error of their ways.

“It’s good that there’s an awareness about Mother Earth,” Lonetree said. “She’s in peril and has been for some time.”

Roberts said that the next Nation to Nation Indigenous Relay may include an actual baton that tribes will hand off to one another, all the way across the country. He and Pahona encouraged everyone to attend.

“Let’s continue that resistance,” Pahona said. “I know you’ve been wanting to push and do something for yourself. Well this is something that you can do. We need your hearts. We need your minds. And we need your legs to help us.”



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'Neither Wolf Nor Dog' film portrays Native American real life struggles

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Staff Writer

The new Native American film, "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" made its Wisconsin debut at the Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah.

In the film, Lakota elder and actor Dave Bald Eagle makes a huge impact on viewers with his wisdom and knowledge of his near century of living. He passed away last July at the age of 97.

The film began showing on Friday, April 21 and will continue until at least Thursday, May 4. The directors of the cinema are considering extending it for another week. Show times are at 1:15 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m. and 10 p.m.

It's based on the 1996 novel, "Neither Wolf nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder."

The independent film is a low-budget production, but the producer and director, Steven Lewis Simpson, has created a high-quality movie that is competing with high-budget films from Hollywood.

Tomah is the first town in Wisconsin to show British director, Steven Lewis Simpson's film adaptation of acclaimed, best-selling Native American novel, "Neither Wolf Nor Dog," authored in Minnesota by Kent Nerburn. The film's narrative is a road trip from Minnesota through the Dakotas, and was filmed mostly in South Dakota.

The film entered selected theatres recently ahead of its wider release. In Bemidji, Minn., "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" was the number one film at the city's 10-screen theatre. The nine others were all big Hollywood movies, typically with \$10 million marketing budgets.

"Reaction to the film has been incredible," Simpson said. "There are reports of applause at the end of the film and people being rooted to their seats after the lights had come back on. The audiences have been a great mix of Native and non-native people. They have driven from as far as 300 miles away to see it."

Marcus theatres felt the film would be a wonderful fit for the Ho-Chunk Cinema, he

said.

Simpson took a different approach to distributing his film. In the Hollywood film industry, movies usually premiere in New York City and then branch out across the nation from there. Instead, Simpson approached the individual theaters, starting with the Native American populations in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. A lot of the demand has come through the excitement spread from one person to another.

"Word of mouth is remarkable," Simpson said. "The film is so embraced by the audience."

Nerburn, author of the book and screenplay, "Neither Wolf Nor Dog," has high praise for the movie.

Having had enough of empty Hollywood promises, Nerburn approached Simpson at a screening of Simpson's movie "Rez Bomb" that he filmed on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Nerburn gave Simpson a copy of the novel. He accepted the project and tweaked a screenplay Nerburn already developed.

"Yes, Steven changed the book. Yes, he adapted it; yes, he augmented it. But he nailed it. The choices he made were exquisite. His film is at once different from the book and better than the book. In an act of astonishing creative transformation, one stubborn, incredibly talented man with a camera did something I did not think was possible: he made a completely new work of art that honored the original work of art while carrying it to a new level. He took my literary child and made a man of it."

For the 20 years since the novel was published, film producers had circled it trying to make it into a movie. It ended up having the reputation in Hollywood of being the great unmade, contemporary Native American novel, Simpson said.

"Invariably, producers strived for Hollywood budgets tied with Hollywood sensibilities that distorted the narrative. Hollywood's treatment of Natives in cinema has been atrocious and in many cases were actually pro-geno-

cide. This was too important a novel for it to be subjected to the Hollywood treatment. Thus, the budget would be very low and the elements as real as possible."

Simpson said that most Hollywood producers don't understand the Native American culture.

"Hollywood doesn't understand it. They think that they have to include a powwow in the movie, just a stereotypically way of thinking of Native Americans," he said.

It was a gamble to produce such a movie and because of that, it was impossible to insure it. After all, the main character was a 95-year-old man, who might not be able to finish the movie. Still, it was important to have him because he was the center of the story and the message was directly connected to him.

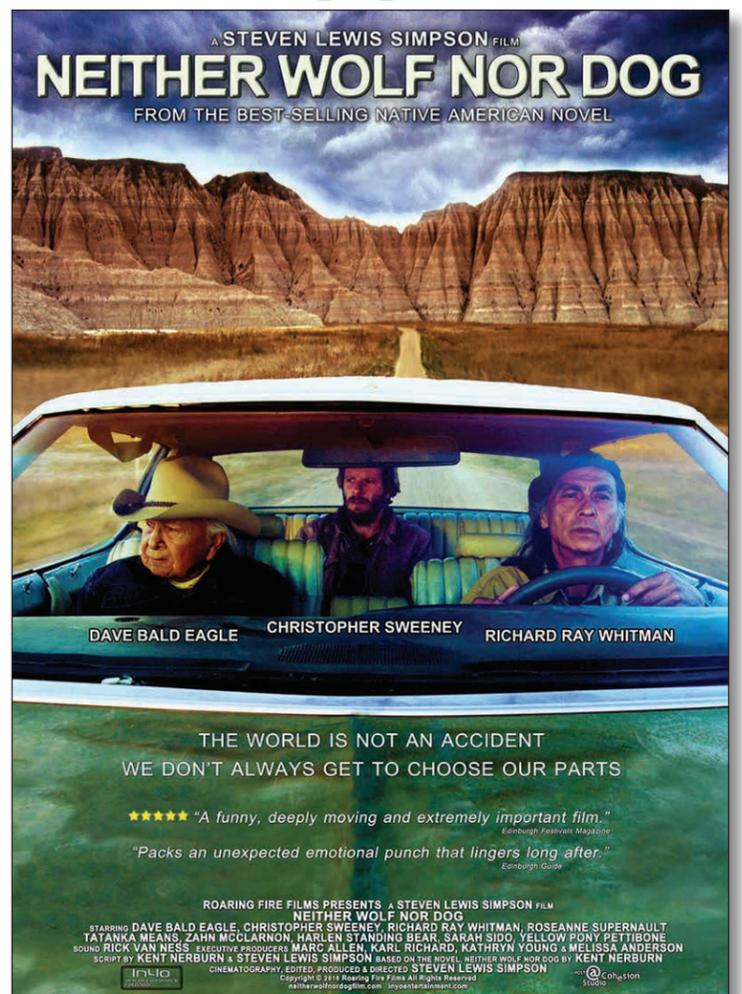
The film adaptation of the book was a challenge, Simpson said.

"Neither Wolf Nor Dog' is different to any other feature film I have done," he said. "It is the first I have directed based on another writer's work, which indicates how the work spoke to me. The story, about an outsider getting introduced into the heart of Lakota County, is a story that I can relate to in a way few people can."

"But within that, there were huge differences in my experience and that of Kent Nerburn, the author and screenwriter, and he had based the central character on himself. That in itself was a great gift as it allowed me a third viewpoint, external to the two sides of the dialogue within the film and allowed me to bear witness and know best how to convey that dance."

The cast for the movie includes Lakota elder Dave Bald Eagle, Christopher Sweeney, Richard Ray Whitman, Roseanne Supernault, Tatanka Means, Zahn McClarnon, and Harlen Standing Bear Sr.

"Only Dave Bald Eagle could have played Dan. He is beyond perfect," Simpson said. "Audiences are falling in love with him on-screen. He saw it before he passed and said 'it's the only film he's



'Neither Wolf Nor Dog,' a movie by Steven Lewis Simpson, is the second-highest grossing film at Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah.

been in about his people that told the truth," Simpson said.

Dave Bald Eagle had relatives at the infamous Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890. The movie's climax was filmed at Wounded Knee, which is considered sacred ground.

Neither Wolf Nor Dog feels part feature film, part documentary. It is a funny, deeply moving and extremely important film.

The story surrounds Kent Nerburn (Christopher Sweeney), who is made an offer he cannot refuse. On his quest for a story, he is taken on a bizarre road trip with two Native Americans, Lakota elder Dan (Dave Bald Eagle) and his friend Grover (Richard Ray Whitman), neither of whom cut him any slack.

As the trappings of his modern life fall away, Nerburn begins to understand the intentions of both men. The physical and spiritual heart of the vast Dakota plains, the contemporary Native American people, and an emotional tragic and shameful history are the main components of the narrative.

Dan (Dave Bald Eagle) appears and disappears as silently as the single buffalo. A heart-wrenching monologue begins in the front seat of a Buick and continues by the grave of the fallen at Wounded Knee. Dave Bald Eagle brings a veracity and weight to the film that is mesmerizing. The dialogue is sharp and the superb soundscape echoes Dan's words and prayers as he speaks to the dead.

One aspect that is captured accurately is Native American humor, which often confused the main character.

Neither Wolf Nor Dog is a painful and truthful dialogue

between the Indian and the white man. What it lacks in structure it makes up for in honesty and heart, and the humorous symbolism of the final scene is dramatic.

"We shot it in 18 days. Shooting that fast normally means long 16-hour days, but we had a 95-year-old star and a very unreliable Buick and so typically we shot around eight hours a day. It was essential for another reason, which was when I rolled into the reservation six days before the start of shooting, little was in place. Not even where we would be staying. But I knew that, in an odd way, that's how things work best on the reservation — last minute things fall into place more," Simpson said.

"So I spent most evenings preparing for the next day, including sometimes casting and location scouting or making props. We were chasing our tails, but the weather was spectacularly reliable for the Great Plains and things fell into place," he said.

Director of Communication Mari Randa of Marcus Theatres Corp. said that ticket sales for the movie at Ho-Chunk Cinema did extremely well.

"At Marcus Theatres, our philosophy is to provide diversity and choices of movies for all our guests to enjoy," Randa said. "This past weekend, we were excited to show 'Neither Wolf nor Dog' at the Marcus Ho-Chunk Cinema. This film, based on a popular book by the same name, was embraced by the community, as it was the second highest grossing film at the theatre. We were pleased to offer the film and excited that the community responded so positively."

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Youth tribal member Aspen Lonetree makes a name for himself in lacrosse

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Staff Writer

High-school senior Aspen Lonetree fell in love with the sport of lacrosse at a game his mom took him to when he was 12 years old.

“He didn’t want to go,” said his mother Georgianna LaMere.

However, her hopes had long been for her son to take interest in an active sport such as lacrosse. So she insisted that Aspen attend, and see if it is something that he might want to try for himself.

She got what she hoped for, as Aspen instantly took to the sport.

“I thought it was really cool,” Lonetree said. “And I just wanted to do the same thing as them.”

So he got a lacrosse stick and started to play around with a ball, just to get a feel for the game. He soon realized how hard that was to do.

“I didn’t know how to do anything,” Lonetree said. “I was really bad. But I thought it was cool.”

And at age 13, after a year of practicing with whatever wall was around, Aspen joined a lacrosse team that had just started up near his hometown. There, he had help from teammates and a great learning experience.

“I played for Baraboo my first year,” Lonetree said. “And that’s what got me better with my stick and everything.”

The next year, he moved to Tomah and joined the lacrosse team there. During his time in Tomah, Lonetree improved so much that he eventually became the best player on the team.

“I knew I was the best player,” Lonetree said. “There weren’t guys that were good. And I was like the only guy there that actually knew how to play.”

Lonetree led Tomah in goals and assists both years that he played on the team. But before the start of his senior season, he received some unfortunate news.

“We didn’t have enough guys for a team,” Lonetree said. “And that really sucked. I didn’t know what I was going to do – because I was playing and doing really good. Then all of a sudden,



Lonetree defends against a pass down the field.

it was my last year. And I didn’t know what to do.”

That is, until he heard about the La Crosse Lightning and being able to play on their team for his senior year.

“I heard that I could play here,” Lonetree said. “And that was really cool. So that’s why I’m here.”

He and his teammates started the season with back-to-back wins at a doubleheader in Dubuque. Aspen scored twice in each of those games.

“They expected me to do that,” Lonetree said. “It’s cool how I get on a new team and I’m already a main guy.”

The senior said that the high expectations of his teammates gives him motivation to become a better player, and that wouldn’t want to disappoint them with poor play.

“I knew I had to be in that role,” Lonetree said. “So that’s what made me be more of an overall player.”

The team has lost their last four games, leaving them with a losing 2-4 record. But they took away some good things from those early wins.

“We know how to get the ball going,” Lonetree said. “And we know how to get the ball down the field.”

They could still end with a winning record, if they win just six of their remaining games. That would look better on the team’s résumé, which is important for the three seniors – like Lonetree – who will be considering college soon.

“I want to be good,” Lonetree said. “I want to be the best.”

He has committed to Genesee Community College in New York, where he will play at the Division I level. He said that his main focus will be on the sport of lacrosse.



Tribal youth Aspen Lonetree is playing in his senior year at La Crosse.

Tribal court and Wisconsin Supreme Court justices meet at historic conference

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Justice in Wisconsin recently broke new ground when groups from the state and tribal justice systems met.

An inaugural joint meeting of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association was held on April 11 in Madison. There were roughly 30 to 35 officials in attendance, including the full Ho-Chunk Judiciary, which includes all three trial court judges and the full Supreme Court.

“It was such an awesome experience and I observed a real respect for Indian country in our collaborative discussions,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Justice Tricia Zunker.

The two groups joined together at the conference, in a formal effort, to gain better communications and plan for future cross training. They also looked at how they can address the ability to access certain information.

They offered their concern for the need to access court data bases, so that courts can share that information. That’s important, especially when it comes to protective orders, said Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe.

“Most of the Wisconsin Supreme Court judges don’t know what goes on in tribal courts, so this conference helped everyone understand each other,” Lowe said. “Tribal judiciaries are expanding and maturing. We want to remove the mysteries about tribal courts. Although that has been happening on the local levels, such as with county courts, it needs to happen at a state level.”

One of the primary advocates for the joint conference is Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Gableman, who visited the Ho-Chunk Tribal Courts last summer. He has seen how the Ho-Chunk courts system operates and now is looking at the Wellness



Members of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association join together for a joint conference on April 11 in Madison. Ho-Chunk members include Todd Matha, Tricia Zunker, Samantha Skenadore, JoAnn Jones, Mary Jo Hunter and Jo Deen Lowe.

Courts.

At the conference, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justices were invited to visit the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court in the future.

“It was history in the making,” said Judge Jo Deen Lowe. “There hasn’t been an outreach like this since

former Wisconsin Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson joined Supreme Court justices with tribal court justices with Walking on Common Ground about eight to 10 years ago.”

Ho-Chunk Nation Judge Mary Jo Hunter and Judge JoAnn Jones also said that the conference was a great

opportunity to advance communication and working together.

“This effort, begun years ago by former Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, is long overdue in Wisconsin. I’m proud and happy to have participated in this historic event,” said Judge Hunter.



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Re: Opposition to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Wittenberg
 Ancillary Gaming Facility
 Our File No. 97-9.19

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe's frivolous lawsuit

Submitted by Les Marston, Special Counsel, HCN Office of Public Relations

Although the Ho-Chunk Nation has not yet been officially served with the complaint filed in Federal Court yesterday by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, attorneys for Ho-Chunk have had an opportunity to review the documents which has prompted the attached letter to be sent to Stockbridge-Munsee from Ho-Chunk.

For many months Stockbridge-Munsee has been very publicly slandering the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin over the plan to improve and expand the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg location. Now that Stockbridge has actually had to provide evidence and make its legal arguments to a court, it has revealed just how

weak and trivial their opposition is. This has spurred the Ho-Chunk Nation attorney Les Marston to demand that Stockbridge voluntarily withdraw its Federal complaint or face serious sanctions by the court for filing a frivolous lawsuit.

"If the Stockbridge persist in pursuing this ill-conceived and unsubstantiated litigation, we will have no alternative but to seek the maximum penalties against the individuals involved on behalf of Stockbridge for wasting the Court's time, not to mention the time and resources wasted by the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State," said Mr. Marston.

The State of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation have thoroughly and consistently refuted the claims made by the Stockbridge that the Nation was violating the law and

its gaming compact with the State.

"It is clear by our analysis of the Stockbridge documents that they have nothing to substantiate its claims," said an incredulous Mr. Marston. "This is the definition of a frivolous lawsuit," he continued.

The Ho-Chunk Nation uses its gaming revenues to provide essential governmental services to its almost 8000 tribal members. The Ho-Chunk Nation has been offering gaming at its ancillary site in Wittenberg since 2008. The improvement project includes constructing a hotel and restaurant which will add 128 jobs and have a significant economic impact for the area. Completion of the project is scheduled for December of 2017.

Dear Scott;

Our office is special counsel to the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation"). I am writing to demand that for the reasons set forth below, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community ("Band") immediately dismiss the allegations in the complaint that was filed against the Nation in Stockbridge-Munsee Community v. Ho-Chunk Nation, United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, Case No. 17-cv-249.

First, the Nation has never interfered with the Band's sovereign activities, including gaming and other economic development enterprises on its sovereign lands. The Nation has always respected the sovereignty and independence of other tribes and their right to make decisions that are in their best interests with respect to the use and development of their reservation land. The Band, in contrast, is attempting to directly interfere with the Nation's use and development of its Wittenberg trust lands.

Second, the Band alleges in its complaint that the Nation's plans for expansion of the Wittenberg Project violates the provisions of the Nation's Compact with the State. That is demonstrably false. The Nation's plans for the expansion of the Wittenberg Project strictly comply with the requirements of the 2003 Amendments to the Nation's Compact. As I am sure you are aware, in October of last year, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, concluded that the Nation's expansion of its Wittenberg Project complies with the terms of the 2003 Amendment to Nation's Compact. As you also know, Governor Walker has definitively acknowledged that the expansion of the Wittenberg Project is in compliance with the Nation's Compact and that he has no authority to prevent the Nation from going forward with the development and operation of that project. The Band's interpretation of the Compact is irrelevant. The Band is not a party to the Compact. The parties to the Compact, the Nation and the State, are in agreement as to the proper interpretation of the definition of an ancillary facility and they agree that the Wittenberg Project falls within that definition. It is the parties' interpretation of the Compact, not the Band's that is binding on the courts. "The ultimate aim of all contract interpretation is to ascertain the intent of the parties." The intent of the contracting parties can be evinced through the plain language of the Original Compacts and the history of the compact negotiations." Dairyland Greyhound Park, Inc. v. Doyle, 2006 WI 107,P 81 (2005), citing, DeWitt Ross & Stevens, S.C. v. Galaxy Gaming & Racing Ltd. P'ship, 2004 WI 92, P44.

Third, I am sure that you are aware that the Nation, like the Band, enjoys sovereign immunity from suit. Any lawsuit filed against the Nation challenging the expansion of the Wittenberg Project would be subject to summary dismissal. Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez, 436 U.S. 49 (1978). Likewise, if the Band were to file suit against the United States seeking to enjoin the Wittenberg Project or seeking a determination that the Nation's development of its Wittenberg site is in violation of the Nation's Compact, the Nation would move to intervene in the matter as an indispensable party. Once the Nation is granted intervention, the Nation would file a motion to dismiss the action, because the Nation is an indispensable party that cannot be joined because the Nation enjoys sovereign immunity. The law in this area is well settled. Such a motion to dismiss will be granted. See, Lac Du Flambeau Band v. Norton, 422 F.3d 490 (7th Cir. 2005). The Nation would also not be subject to federal court jurisdiction under the IGRA. State of Wisconsin v. Ho-Chunk Nation, 512 F. 3d 921 (7th Cir. 2008).

In addition, the Nation cannot, because of its sovereign immunity from suit, be sued under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701, et. seq., ("IGRA") for violations of the IGRA since the grant of jurisdiction is only to enjoin violations of the Compact provisions that are proper subjects of negotiation. State of Wisconsin v. Ho-Chunk Nation, 512 F. 3d 921 (7th Cir. 2008).

Furthermore, the State has not waived its Eleventh Amendment immunity to be sued over violations of the Nation's Compact and thus, any causes of action alleged in the Band's complaint for alleged violations of the Nation's Compact would have to

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DISTRICT ONE
 COMMUNITY CENTER
 CULTURAL GAME NIGHT

WEDNESDAY,
 MAY 24, 2017
 TIME: 6:00 PM




Moccasin Tournament:
Rules:

- Four Horses
- Four Man Team (minimum)
- One pass through moccasins
- Must provide own moccasin set
- Must have a singer

There will be Cash prizes: 1st Place \$400,
2nd Place \$350, 3rd Place \$300 and
4th Place \$250.

Come join us on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:00PM at the District One Community Center for a night of fun with two of our cultural games. Straight Shot Moccasin Tournament and Kaasu. **Registration for this event is Wednesday, May 24, 2016 from 5:30 to 5:50pm.**

Snacks will be provided.

For more information please contact Melissa at 715-284-0905.

Kaasu:
 Various prizes will be handed out.

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be dismissed for failure to join an indispensable party. *Lac Du Flambeau Band v. Norton*, 422 F.3d 490 (7th Cir. 2005).

Moreover, the Band is now on notice that its lawsuit filed to stop the Wittenberg Project is subject to summary dismissal. If the Band were to go forward with its frivolous causes of action against the Nation, the Band would be subject to sanctions, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for filing a frivolous lawsuit. If the Nation were to seek sanctions in the form of an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Nation in responding to the lawsuit, please be advised that the market rate for this office's legal services is currently \$600 per hour.

Fourth, the reason that the Band is attempting to challenge the Nation's Wittenberg Project is that the Band is concerned that it will lose a portion of its current market share of gaming revenue, not because the Band has a principled objection to the Wittenberg Project based on a failure on the part of the Nation to comply with its Compact or the requirements of the IGRA. The Wittenberg site was taken into trust before the IGRA was enacted, so the Nation has the right to engage in gaming on the site without a two part determination pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(A). The Department of Administration's conclusion makes it clear that the Nation's expansion is being carried out in conformity with the restrictions and requirements of the 2003 Amendment to the Nation's Compact. The Band has long been aware of the provision of the 2003 Amendment setting forth the requirements for the Nation's ancillary sites. The fact that the Wittenberg Project might reduce the market share of the North Star Mohican Casino Resort is simply a reality of a highly competitive gaming market. Rather than engaging in futile efforts to convince State officials that the Wittenberg Project is in violation of the Nation's Compact and to damage the Nation's reputation, the Band should invest its resources in making its gaming facility more competitive and, therefore, more profitable.

Finally, as stated above, the Band has repeatedly asserted in correspondence with the State, in press releases and in its complaint, that the Wittenberg site was not taken into trust until after the IGRA was enacted, and is not, therefore, eligible for use for gaming purposes. The Band has also repeatedly claimed and now alleged in its Complaint that the Nation's plans for the expansion of the existing Wittenberg facility violate the Nation's Compact. Those statements are knowingly false. The State has repeatedly informed the Band that the Wittenberg parcel was taken into trust in 1969, based on the BIA's determination that "[t]he title status report has been reviewed and shows that this tract of land has been held in trust for the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe (Ho-Chunk Nation) since it was acquired in 1969." Moreover, the Secretary of the Interior proclaimed the Wittenberg site a formal Indian Reservation well before the enactment of the IGRA. Gaming on the parcel is not, therefore, dependent on a two part determination pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(A). Again, the State has repeatedly informed the Band that the Wittenberg Project is fully consistent with Section XVI.E of the Nation's Compact, as amended, which sets forth the definition of "ancillary facility."

Knowing that these statements are false, the Band's officials continuing to make these false statements and the false allegation in the Complaint appear to be intended for the purpose of damaging the Nation's business

reputation and to interfere with the Nation's contractual relations with the State arising from the Nation's Compact. Such actions are well beyond the authority granted to the Band's tribal officials under the Band's Constitution.

It is now well settled that if a Tribal Official acts beyond the authority that the tribe had the power to legally confer, the official may be sued for declaratory and injunctive relief to enjoin the unauthorized acts. *Ex Parte Young*, 209 U.S. 123 (1908); *Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez*, 436 U.S. 59; *Baker v. Elec. Co-op., Inc. v. Chaske*, 28 F. 3d 1466, 1471-72 (8th Cir. 1994); *Tenneco Oil v. Sac and Fox Tribe*, 725 F. 2d 572, 574-75 (10th Cir. 1984).

In addition, while the courts of Wisconsin have not directly addressed the issue, court rulings in other states raise serious questions as to whether individual tribal officials would be personally liable for damages arising from defamation and tortious interference with contract, since those tortious actions would not fall within a tribal official's official duties.

Cosentino's claims, however, are not based on Defendants' reliance on questionable information, their failure to perform an adequate investigation, or their erroneous interpretation of a legal standard. Rather, Cosentino alleges Defendants engaged in intentional misconduct and revoked his license without cause to retaliate against him.

Defendants presented no authority, and we have found none, that extends tribal sovereign immunity to an intentional abuse of authority.

Cosentino v. Fuller, 237 Cal. App. 4th 790, 1055 (Cal. App. 4th Dist. 2015). See, also, *Turner v. Martire*, 82 Cal. App. 4th 1042, (Cal. App. 4th Dist. 2000).

Also, despite the Band's assertions, as set forth in its October 16, 2016 press release that: "The Stockbridge - Munsee Tribe is committed to positive relations between all tribes and believes in each Tribal Nation's right to self-determination in accordance with federal and state Indian gaming regulations," the Band's campaign has had the opposite effect. It has damaged inter-tribal relations and tribal solidarity. It has also revealed that the Band is willing to interfere with the economic development activities and self-determination of other tribes where the Band's leadership concludes that it is in the Band's interest to do so. At the same time, it has given ammunition to opponents of Indian gaming who seek to portray tribal gaming as unfair, dishonest and contrary to the interests of the citizens of Wisconsin.

At your earliest opportunity, please advise me as to whether the Band will be: (1) complying with the Nation's demand that it dismiss the allegations alleged in the Complaint against the Nation; (2) cease making false statements about the Nation's development of its Wittenberg Project and (3) cease engaging in conduct designed to interfere with the Nation's gaming activities pursuant to its Compact with the State. I look forward to your prompt reply.

If you or the Band's Tribal Attorney have any questions regarding this letter, please direct those questions to me, rather than my clients, at the above-listed address, telephone number, or email address.

Yours very truly,

Lester J. Marston, Special Counsel

cc: Wilfrid Cleveland, Ho-Chunk President, and Members of the Ho-Chunk Legislature

Dennis Puz, Stockbridge-Munsee General Counsel

Honorable Scott Walker, Governor

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : S.M.N., DOB 8/25/2016

Case : PA 17-04

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: Shane C. Nicholas

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Paternity* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of the second publication to respond to the *Petition for Paternity*, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a *Paternity Hearing* in accordance with HOCĀK NATION CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE 4 HCC § 7.19.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **11:00 a.m.** on the **9th** day of **May 2017** for the following purpose: **Paternity 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. You have additionally been provided a "Notice to Respondent" that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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.

Notice to Respondent

- You have been named in a petition alleging paternity. A judgment of paternity would legally designate the child as your child, grant rights to you, create the right of inheritance for the child, obligate you to pay child support and make failure to pay child support punishable as contempt.
- You may request a genetic test which will indicate the probability that you are the father of the child. The court will order a genetic test on request from you, a designated tribal agency, or any other party to the case. Any person who refuses to take a court ordered genetic test may be punished for contempt.
- The petitioner has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that you are the father. If a genetic test shows that you are not excluded as the father and that the statistical probability of you being the father is ninety-nine percent (99.0%) or higher, you are presumed to be the father.
- The following defenses are available to you:
 - That you were sterile or impotent at the time of conception;
 - That you did not have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception period; or
 - That another man did have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception time period.
- If you fail to appear at any stage of the proceeding, including a scheduled genetic test, the Court may find you in contempt.

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

In Re Support of C.J.D.,

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency

and State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Forest R. De Cora, Respondent.

Case : CS 17-20

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Forest R. De Cora

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).

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA ex Rel., State of Wisconsin and Veronica L. Powless (f/k/a Wilbur), Petitioner, v. Bernard L. Crow, Respondent.

Case : CS 17-19

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Bernard L. Crow

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).

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Alina Dick, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 17-03

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Alina Dick

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the 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). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Betty Jane White, Plaintiff(s), v. Dion W. Funmaker, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 17-11

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Dion W. Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the 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). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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Ho-Chunk DNR Tree Planting Bonanza 2017

Tree huggers have had some difficult times lately. Oak wilt, emerald ash borer, Dutch elm disease and crazy weather have been taking out a lot of trees over the past decades. The Ho-Chunk DNR itself has had to cut almost 300 trees over the past couple of years to keep people safe. While we enjoy the process of climbing, limbing and sawing trees, it is saddening to see the gaps we are creating in the urban forest. A lost tree equals lost shade, and will lead to either a hotter house in the summer or increased air conditioning bills. Tree loss can lead to increased flooding and sewage treatment costs, flooding and loss of soil to erosion. Fewer trees mean dirtier air, since tree leaves can absorb many pollutants given off by vehicles and power plants.

Perhaps worst of all is the loss of companions. Many of the trees we are losing knew us when we were children. In fact, the old oak and white pine stood over our parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents when those generations were learning to walk and talk. If we continue cutting trees without replacing them future generations won't have honored old trees to help the Ho-Chunk people connect with past generations.

In an effort to ensure that trees continue to bridge generations and add beauty to our neighborhoods the Ho-Chunk DNR has secured a \$24,000 urban forestry grant from the State of Wisconsin. We have placed orders with local tree nurseries for almost 550 trees. There are plans to plant up to 100 young trees

on the pow-wow grounds to replace the many trees which have died of oak wilt in recent years. All remaining trees will be planted in the yards of Ho-Chunk member's homes or on Ho-Chunk governmental grounds. This includes homes owned by Ho-Chunk members both on trust and fee land. It includes homes rented from HHCD and Ho-Chunk housing, with approval of those agencies on planting site and species.

We have ordered a very wide variety of trees, with over 30 different tree species to choose from. Some of the young trees will be very small saplings, about 2"-3" tall and the trunk half 1/4 inch wide, while some will delivered in a 10 gallon bucket and be about six feet tall with an inch wide trunk. It just depends on what size that particular kind of tree likes to be when transplanted. We are hoping that everybody can get at least two trees. Depending on the popularity of the program, people may be able to get more. The Ho-Chunk DNR will help select trees and will deliver the trees when possible, and give detailed care instructions. People getting trees must call Diggers Hotline, dig holes and water them through the first three summers. Materials to protect trees from deer will be provided when necessary. Trees have been selected



to handle harsh Wisconsin winters and the sandy soil common on Ho-Chunk lands, although a few species have been selected that need richer soil (sugar maple.) The shade trees were also selected for their sturdiness in storms. The most numerous tree we have ordered is white oak, although we have black walnut, elm, basswood, locust, and other shade and nut trees. Most of these have the potential to live hundreds of years. Some white oak in Wisconsin are known to be over 400 years old! We also have ornamental trees like crabapple, choke-cherry and magnolia which will make things pretty, but

might only last about 50-75 years. We even have a few fruit trees available! People who have lost trees in the past few years will get first pick of trees.

If you are interested in getting one or more trees contact Greg Blick, Ho-Chunk community forester, at greg.blick@ho-chunk.com or 715-284-2852 x1120 to get more details and a sign-up sheet. Preparations for planting will begin in April and trees will be distributed and planted in May.

Help us bridge the generations. Plant a tree this spring for the Ho-Chunk of 22nd century to hug!

Elite elder profile Norma Emily (White Thunder) Greengrass

Submitted by Norma Greengrass

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, friends and relatives came together to celebrate the 85th birthday of Norma Emily (White Thunder) Greengrass. Hump-ha Ma-Nee-inga



Norma Emily (White Thunder) Greengrass

"Walks On The Day" is a member of The Warrior Clan. Her parents were Howard White Thunder Sr. and Minnie Dekorra. She was born in Dane County some place "out in the sticks" according to her. Because she was born at home, her sister Madeline White Thunder Walker said that it was hard to get her a birth certificate. In any event, her 85th birthday was celebrated with a meal and devo-

tions at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells. Her sisters Madeline and Gloria sponsored the event. Many family members contributed food and service to the event.

All of her living children attended except for her son who was unable to get off work. Norma (and Calvin Greengrass) had thirteen (13) children and she was a stay at home wife and mother. She has 104 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren! Norma was an excellent seamstress who made women's dresses in the traditional Ho-Chunk style. She also made the first set of judicial robes for the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court. Norma is known far and wide for her frybread making skills along with her cooking. She worked for many years as the cook for the BRF TAU after her children were grown. She enjoyed working with the elders.

Although she was an avid bingo player, she no longer gambles. Her eyesight does not allow her to play bingo these days. Norma is a kind and caring person. She never drank alcohol which may account for her long life. Her friends and family are happy to have her in their lives.

2017 Graduates...

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



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

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements! Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 23rd for the June 30th edition of the Hocak Worak.

Free Rabies Clinic



Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinic for your pet! It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

Date	Location	Time
May 31 st	Tomah Blue Wing Community bldg.	9:00am-11:30am
May 31 st	Nekoosa TAU/Headstart parking lot	1:30pm-4:00pm
June 7 th	Ho-Chunk Village/HOW	9:30am-12:00pm
June 7 th	Winnebago Heights/TAU Parking lot	2:00pm-4:00pm
June 19 th	Wittenberg: New Community Bldg Parking Lot	11:00am-2:00pm
June 26 th	BRF Sand Pillow Community Bldg BRF	9:00am-12:00pm
June 26 th	BRF Indian Mission/Pavilion next to IM Head Start	1:30pm-4:30pm

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!

- ◆ **Distemper/Parvo** vaccine available for dogs at **\$5.00 per dog!** Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis. **Open to all Tribal Members.**
- ◆ Questions? Please contact the **Ho-Chunk Health Care Center** at 1-800-294-9343 ext. 5011 or 5059.



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**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

INFORMATION UPDATE SEALED BID VEHICLE AUCTION

DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERS,

Please be reminded of the updated changes regarding this auction include:

- Only bids contained in a sealed envelope labeled with Vehicle # will be accepted by Transportation
- Bid must be at least within minimum bid accepted range
- No test driving of the vehicles
- All vehicles located at the Tomah Transportation Shop for viewing
- Identical high bids will be put in a hat and selected through luck of the draw

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Brown, Director of Transportation

SEALED BID RULES AND REGULATIONS

Property Sale May 15th 2017 Bid Deadline

Used Vehicles -Transportation Division

The Transportation Division ("Seller") is pleased to offer the following used vehicles referenced above available for sale. Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation interested in purchasing one of the vehicles listed, we invite you to submit a sealed bid offer under the following terms and conditions:

1. The information provided represents the extent of the information available from Seller. Bidder understands the Offering Memorandum contains selected information pertaining to the vehicles and does not purport to contain all of the data a prospective purchaser may desire. Bidder agrees to conduct their own independent investigation of the vehicles to verify the accuracy and completeness of any and all information obtained from the Offering Memorandum. Bidder hereby acknowledges that neither Seller, nor any person acting on their behalf, have made any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information or their contents or the suitability of the information contained therein for any purpose. At any time, this information is subject to among other things, correction of errors and omissions, addition or deletion of terms, change of price or terms, withdrawal of Property from market without notice, and prior sale.
2. Seller's intent is to obtain the highest value for the Property.
3. **ONLY ONE VEHICLE ONE BID PER TRIBAL MEMBER** will be accepted.
4. All bids will be date and time stamped.
5. All vehicle maintenance questions will be directed to Tomah Transportation Shop mechanics
6. **SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE** Bids for all vehicles will be due in Transportation office, at the address below, by no later than 4:00 p.m., May 15th, 2017, Attn: Tina Brown, Director of Transportation
7. Bids for the vehicles shall be submitted on the Sealed Bid Submittal Form. Make additional copies as necessary. Handwritten bids, if legible, are acceptable.
8. Seller reserves the right to select the best bid, or counter any bids, or remove the item from the market in its sole and absolute discretion.
9. The successful bid may or may not be the highest bid submitted and may be dependent on financial stability of bidder. Payment will be expected in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of bid in the form of a cashier's check prior to removing the vehicle from Ho-Chunk Nation Property.
10. All bids shall be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked "Bid on Vehicle# ". Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to HoChunk Nation Division of Transportation, Tina Brown, Director of Transportation, PO Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615.
11. The successful Bidder must be able to remove the vehicle from the current site between the dates of Wednesday, May 22nd through May 26th, 2017. All expenses for moving vehicle will be that of the Bidder.
12. The vehicles are being sold as-is with all faults. **It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to inspect the Property prior to submitting their bid to satisfy itself as to their physical and environmental condition, value and extent of needed repairs, if any.** Bidder shall waive any claim for allowance, adjustment or rescission based upon failure of the vehicle to correspond to any expectation or standard.
13. Vehicles can be viewed by appointment only by contacting Transportation at 1-608-374-1216 or 715-284-9443 Ext 1039.
14. There will be no test driving, cars will be as is with maintenance records available for viewing.
15. All bids must comply with minimum bid allowed criteria list with the vehicle description information.
16. In the event of identical high bids, names will be dropped in a hat and chosen by luck of the draw.

DEADLINE FOR BIDS OF THESE VEHICLES May 15TH 2017

(Updated 04/24/2017)

VEHICLE DECIPTION, LOCATION, APPROXIMATE MILEAGE, AND MINIMUM BID ACCEPTED

#	Year	Make	Model Car	Approximate Mileage	Minimum bid
24	2008	Ford	Fusion	147K + Miles	\$ 400.00
41	2009	Dodge	Caravan	155K + Miles	\$1000.00
42	2008	Ford	Fusion	165K + Miles	\$ 400.00
122	2007	Ford	Fusion	192K + Miles	\$300.00
90	2003	Ford	E350	109K + Miles	\$500.00
4	2003	Ford	F-150	223K + Miles	\$250.00
91	2009	Ford	F-350 (plow)	135K + Miles	\$2500.00
10	2008	Ford	F-150	163K + Miles	\$750.00
1	2006	Ford	F-150	217K + Miles	\$500.00
53	2007	Ford	F-250 (Plow)	57K + Miles	\$3000.00
28	2008	Ford	F-250 (Plow & Fuel Cell)	145,000 Miles	\$2000.00

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation
PO Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615
NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED



**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
SEALED BID FORM**

BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER MAY 15th 4:30pm WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please complete the following form for the vehicle being bid on. Fill in all blanks. For those Blanks not applicable to your bid, please write "N/A".

Please sign and date the blanks provided below. Forms submitted without a date and signature Will NOT be accepted.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: _____

***ONLY ONE VEHICLE MAY BE BID ON PER TRIBAL MEMBER ***

Faxed or Emailed bids will not be accepted

Bid Submitted By: NAME: _____

TRIBAL ID: _____

PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Identify below your bid offer (there will be no contingencies allowed to be attached to the bid):

Offer Price: _____ (must be within minimum bid allow range)

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Time and Date RECEIVED IN OFFICE _____ INITIALS _____

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MARCH 21, 2017**

Call to Order: Vice President Darren Brinegar called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-EX
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Lori Pettibone-EX
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-CC
Rep. David Greendeer-(10:06 a.m.)P
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX
*CC-Conference call

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: Tribal Elder, Marlys Whiteagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the agenda with adding Under District Concerns CSM Limited Easement, and adding under New Business F. Badger Army Ammunition Compact Deduct. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the March 6, 2017 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the March 9, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the March 14, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration Committee-March 9, 2017

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the March 9, 2017 Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Open Meetings Act (2 HCC § 2).

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 A**, Quick Passage Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Open Meetings Act (2 HCC § 2). Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **VOTE REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS (2/3) HAND VOTE.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5).

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt the resolution, Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). **MOTION DIES FOR A LACK OF A SECOND. VOTE REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS (2/3) HAND VOTE.**

Resolution-Placing Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act 6 HCC § 5) Out for 45-Day Public Comment.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 B** Place Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) Out for 45-Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mahirukara Work Group Update-Rep. David Greendeer

Rep. Greendeer stated that a comprehensive list is being put together and this will be placed on the Legislative Everyone Drive that consists of the initiatives.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Wittenberg Property Tract #439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms, Inc.

MOTION by Vice President Darren

Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 C**, Authorization of Land Lease on the Wittenberg Property Tract #439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 D**, Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-001.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 E**, Granting Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-001. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of General Council-Rep. Matt Mullen

Rep. Matt Mullen brings up the issue of the General Council liaison not receiving mileage to attend the Twelve Clan, Inc. meetings and also was not able to get a Fleet vehicle to attend the meeting. A personal vehicle had to be used at her own expense. He requested that the process be provided so that General Council could be a part of the meetings. The Attorney General was going to look into this further and provide an update for today's meeting. Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Department of Justice Attorney mentions that she is working on it, but she cannot go around the law and it looks like the law might need a special amendment. A draft amendment should be coming forward.

Rep. Henning Garvin mentions on a broader issue the three main branches that deal with policy are the Executive, Legislative and General Council. He mentions the idea of forming a workgroup consisting of two representatives from Legislative, Executive and General Council to make sure there is effective communication happening with each branch leading up to the annual General Council and actions that will need to take place after General Council in order follow up on resolutions. Marlys Whiteagle, tribal member, mentions there isn't clear direction to the Office of General Council and suggests that this should be clarified.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to request Legislative Counsel to draft a resolution forming an inter-branch communications workgroup consisting of members from Legislative, Executive and General Council and to have this ready for the next Legislative Meeting. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Economic Diversification-Rep. Matt Mullen

The next Economic Diversification Meeting will be on March 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Husch Blackwell Law Offices in Madison, WI.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution-Authorization to Enter Into Cooperative Agreement Number 01-2017 with the Town of Lyndon, Wisconsin for the Tribal Transportation Program.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 F**, Authorization to Enter into Cooperative Agreement Number 01-2017 with the Town of Lyndon, Wisconsin for the Tribal Transportation Program. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Native American Center for Health Professionals (NACHP) Request-Rep. David Greendeer

The Ho-Chunk Nation has an agreement with (NACHP) this program is to encourage more health professionals into the market. The largest class accomplishment that will be happening is eleven doctors will be graduating from the program. One tribal member is going through this program.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve a donation to the Native American Center for Health Professionals (NACHP) in the amount of \$1,500.00 out of Charitable Contributions. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Probate Code for Trust or Restricted Property (8 HCC § 12).

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin

to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 G**, Adoption of Amendments to the Probate Code for Trust or Restricted Property (8 HCC § 12). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Probate Code for Non-Trust or Restricted Property (8 HCC § 13).

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 H**, Adoption of Amendments to the Probate Code for Non-Trust or Restricted Property (8 HCC § 13). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elimination of Indian Community Block Grant Funding -Vice President Darren Brinegar

Vice President Darren Brinegar was requesting a letter of support to keep the Community Block Grant funding.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Legislative Counsel to draft a letter in support to the Community Block Grant for the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution for Ho-Chunk Lands Formerly Known as Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 3-21-17 I**, Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution for Ho-Chunk Lands Formerly Known as Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2017 National Tribal Energy Summit, Washington, D.C.-May 1-3, 2017-Rep. David Greendeer

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve four legislators and one legislative attorney to attend the 2017 National Tribal Energy Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 1-3, 2017. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION:

Pike Island Energy, LLC-Gary Funmaker

Gary Funmaker, tribal member, Alan Skelly JD, President/CEO and Jacques Huot (available by conference call) provided a presentation on Pike Island Energy, LLC. ("Pike") The scope of the presentation: Pike is a special purpose entity, whose purpose is to license, develop, and build a \$200 million, 46 Megawatt, run of the river, 6 pit turbine, hydroelectric power plan and related substation, at and near, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, existing Lock and Dam, on the stem of the Ohio River, Wheeling West Va., and Tiltonsville Ohio. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Legislature. No action was taken.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into executive session. **MOTION DIES FOR A LACK OF SECOND.**

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

District 1-Black River Falls District Meeting-March 8, 2017

Rep. Greg Blackdeer is excused from the meeting.

FYI:

MOTION by Marcus Lewis to support the proposal to realign West Bauer Road as presented.

MOTION by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Hattie Walker to approve the 3rd Annual Memorial Day lacrosse/double tournament request for \$10,000. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-La Crosse District Meeting-March 13, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Ritchie Brown to approve the 2017 Little League Request for the amount of \$5,258.00 Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-La Crosse District Meeting-March 13, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Paul Krause that the Ho-Chunk Nation write a letter of support for the Veteran Memorial Pool. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to request Legislative Counsel to draft a resolution to appoint Mike Sallaway to the Ethics Review Board, pending background check. Second by Rep. David Greendeer.

9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Paul Krause that the TAU arrange and allocate funds for a hired/contracted maintenance worker in the La Crosse community. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Tomah District Meeting-March 14, 2017

No motions

District 2-Madison District Meeting-March 15, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to HHCD the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that HHCD provide an update for a grant that was designated two years ago for the Madison Community Building Splash pad. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President, Department of Labor and Administration Committee the MOTION by Ashley Natysin that the Nation conduct a survey to determine obstacles for employment, survey results by the end of this fiscal year. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to provide AODA counseling services in the Madison area by the Ho-Chunk Nation or contracted services for members. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve a \$15,000 donation to the Wunk Sheek Student Organization. **AMENDED MOTION**, to approve an additional \$15,000 out of D2 Community Improvement Fund on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **TWO-THIRDS, HAND VOTE REQUIRED.** 7(Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0-2(Rep. David Greendeer, Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee for the Madison area to support the RSVP program of Dane County as a diamond member in the amount of \$5,000. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wittenberg District Meeting-March 13, 2017

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve \$2,500 from the D3 Community Improvement Fund per the MOTION by Pete Oknewski for kitchen equipment for the Siga Funmaker Community Center. Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wisconsin Dells District Meeting-March 14, 2017

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Dave Decorah to request a \$10,000 donation to the WI Dells Judo Dojo, Inc. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Land Development Team the MOTION by Patti Ennis that the Nation look into purchasing the land adjacent to the Indian Baptist Church in Wisconsin Dells. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wisconsin Rapids District Meeting-March 15, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Dodie Topping to approve the matching funds request from the Chakh-Hah-Chee Head Start Popcorn Fundraiser for the graduation on May 11, 2017. **MOTION** amended to match funds up to \$1,000. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 8-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to appoint Arlene Shegonee as the Wood County Law Enforcement Commission Alternate, pending background check. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 8-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to the Office of the President and the Mahirukara Work Group to refer to the Heritage Preservation Department to head a taskforce in opposition to Enbridge Pipeline in

Wisconsin. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Green Bay District Meeting-March 16, 2017

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCD the MOTION by Pam Wilber to request Rental Management staff to come up with a report within seven days as to the status of the occupancy of these homes at Hocak Hocira. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

FOR THE RECORD:

Vice President Darren Brinegar noted that the WI Dells wanted it noted that the Enrollment Department hasn't been available to provide information for the Elections.

District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting-March 15, 2017

No motions

District 5-Minneapolis/St. Paul District Meeting-March 16, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the MOTION by Curtis West to amend the previous motion made on Monday, February 16, 2017 to increase the amount from \$5,500 to \$6,000 for exterior equipment from the District 5 Branch Office Renovations and Upgrades Capital Account for Donald Blackhawk, Jr. and in addition to, to add the signage of the name of the building exterior or on the front window. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President and then to Finance Committee the MOTION by Cassandra Bell to approve the electronic disposal and other recycling items for a spring cleanup and to pay up to a certain amount. Request to be paid by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Clean up time from a Monday-Thursday drop off at the St. Paul Branch Office and pick up on a Friday for the disposal recyclable business. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Legislative Attorney for follow up on the MOTION by Curtis West to go forward with the duplex construction proposal for the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Area from Sm+RT Homes as presented by Mike Goze for the Legislature. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CSM Limited Easement-D1

A resolution will be prepared for the next Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 11:44 a.m.

Five-minute break

Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns.

Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to go out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 1:03 p.m.

Ratify Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Indian Community Block Grant Letter of Support-Carolyn Grzelak, Legislative Attorney

It was decided that the letter could be completed right of way, instead of waiting until the next Legislative Meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to have Legislative Counsel draft a letter in support of the Indian Community Block Grant and to authorize the Vice President to sign. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

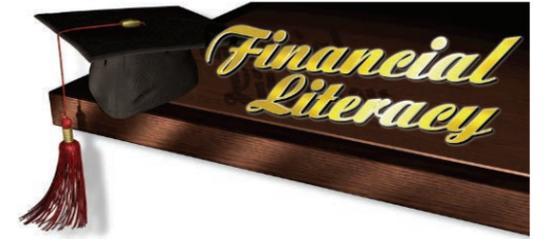
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next meeting will take place at the Husch Blackwell Law Offices, LLC in Madison, Wisconsin at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2017. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit,
Tribal Secretary

Ho-Chunk Nation Financial Literacy

Flow Chart



- As of August 1, 2016, graduating seniors and those non-high school graduates up to age 25 are required to pass the Financial Literacy course. Enrolled member names provided by Enrollment and uploaded into online system from IT.
- Verify contact information/Tribal ID number with Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment office.
- For review by Disabilities Director to determine accommodations, modifications, and/or recommendations for final exam.
- Mail or e-mail documents at least 14 calendar days prior to final exam.

- By locating a voluntary proctor, the enrolled member demonstrates initiative to network with educational professionals and promotes self-advocacy. See Appendix A in policy.
- Must be an educational professional, i.e., teacher, school counselor, Title VII coordinator, public librarian, member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Board of Directors, Executive Director, Accountant, or Program Administrator from Education Department. Voluntary proctor may not be related to the enrolled member.
- Voluntary proctor must adhere to Appendices B, C, & D in Financial Literacy policy.

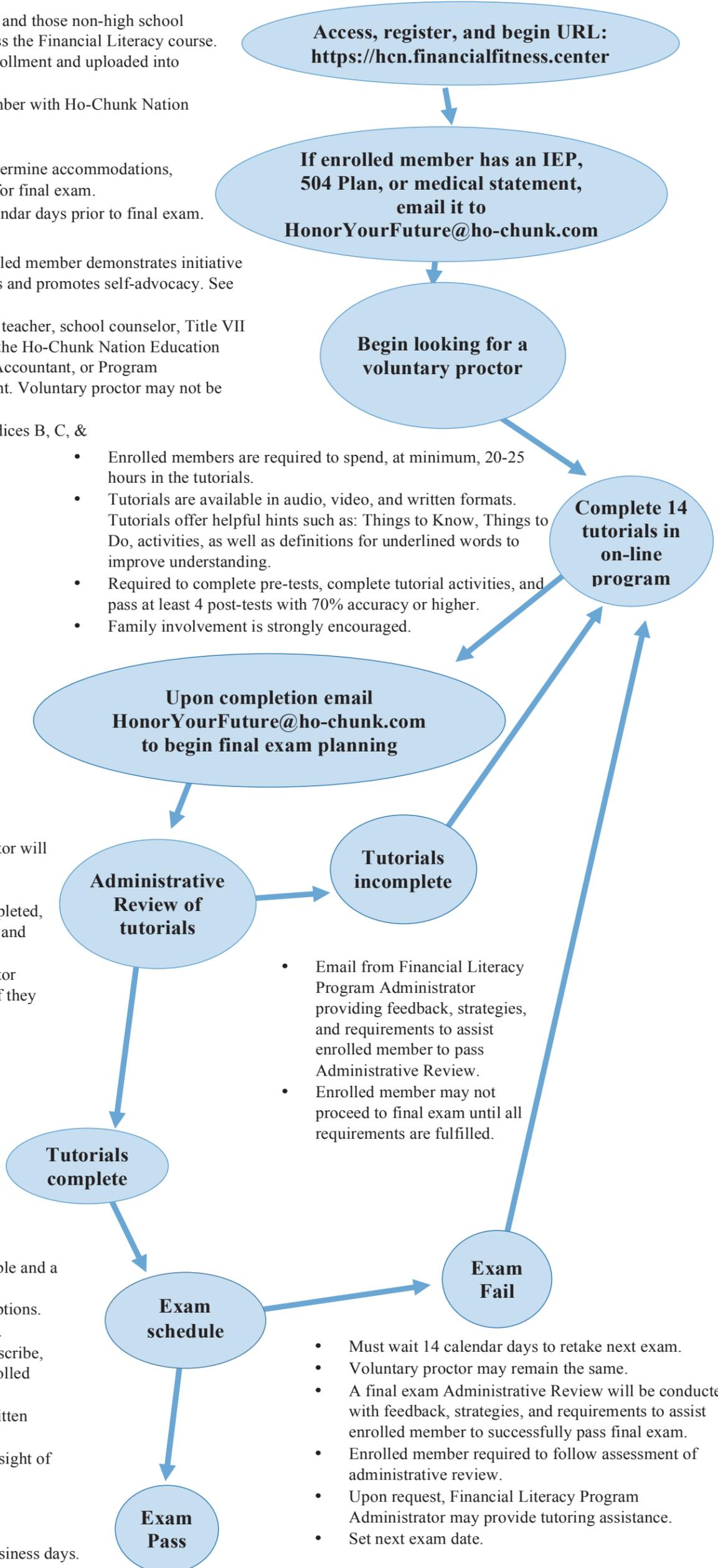
- Enrolled members are required to spend, at minimum, 20-25 hours in the tutorials.
- Tutorials are available in audio, video, and written formats. Tutorials offer helpful hints such as: Things to Know, Things to Do, activities, as well as definitions for underlined words to improve understanding.
- Required to complete pre-tests, complete tutorial activities, and pass at least 4 post-tests with 70% accuracy or higher.
- Family involvement is strongly encouraged.

- Financial Literacy Program Administrator will conduct administrative review within 3 business days of email notification.
- Review will ensure all 14 tutorials completed, received at least 70% on each post-test, and spent adequate time on each tutorial.
- Financial Literacy Program Administrator will notify enrolled member via email if they passed or failed administrative review.

- Email sent to enrolled member to make arrangements for final exam.
- Voluntary proctor must register with HonorYourFuture@ho-chunk.com.

- Test area is a quiet space with a desk/table and a chair, adequate lighting, strong internet connection, and no time limit or interruptions.
- Valid photo ID is required on exam day.
- Voluntary Proctor may serve as reader, scribe, and rephrase words upon request of enrolled member or according to IEP.
- Free from people, handheld devices, written notes, and personal items.
- Enrolled member must be in the line of sight of proctor at all times during final exam.

- 70% or higher is passing.
- Exam results sent via email within 3 business days.
- Original Certificate of Completion sent to Enrollment office.
- Scanned copy sent to enrolled member.



- Email from Financial Literacy Program Administrator providing feedback, strategies, and requirements to assist enrolled member to pass Administrative Review.
- Enrolled member may not proceed to final exam until all requirements are fulfilled.

- Must wait 14 calendar days to retake next exam.
- Voluntary proctor may remain the same.
- A final exam Administrative Review will be conducted with feedback, strategies, and requirements to assist enrolled member to successfully pass final exam.
- Enrolled member required to follow assessment of administrative review.
- Upon request, Financial Literacy Program Administrator may provide tutoring assistance.
- Set next exam date.



April is Alcohol Awareness Month. This event was founded and sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) in 1987, as a national grassroots effort observed by communities throughout the U.S. to support the prevention, research, education, intervention, treatment, and recovery from alcoholism and alcohol-related problems.

Why should I Take the Alcohol-Free Weekend Challenge?

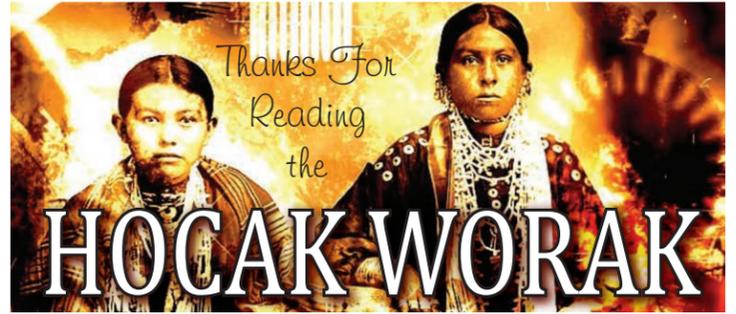
For many social drinkers, abstaining from alcohol might seem unnecessary. If you're not addicted to alcohol, why is it so important for you to go without it for a weekend?

While you may not struggle with alcohol addiction, this is your chance to show your support for those who have been, or are still caught in, the grip of addiction. Do you want to help those whose lives are being ravaged by the monster of addiction? Do you support the journey to a better life in recovery? This is your chance to show it!

Taking the Alcohol-Free Weekend Challenge

This 72 hour experiment gives you a chance to find out just how important alcohol is to you. Finding it difficult or experiencing discomfort during the alcohol-free weekend may be early signs of dependence and may even require professional detoxification. We encourage any individual to contact a support group or Ho-Chunk Division of Behavioral Health at (715)284-9851 extension 5014 to learn more about alcoholism and its early symptoms or set up an appointment.

Join us in the Alcohol-Free Weekend Challenge on April 28th-30th, 2017



Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association
Season Opener

“Enjoy A Good Day of Golf, Laughs and Comaraderie”

Saturday, May 13th, 2017

Ridges Golf Course
2311 Griffith Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Includes green fees, cart, skins, range balls and light lunch following golf.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

Please arrive early!

Shotgun Start: 10:00 A.M.

4 Person Scramble - “Luck-of-the-Draw”

\$25.00 Annual H.A.G.A.

Membership Dues Required for 2017 Golf Season

Area III - Connie Radtke

715-355-8755

715-432-8522



THUNDERCLOUD YOUTH GOLF ACADEMY

Now Recruiting Players

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

Available scholarships to include:



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

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

For more information please contact Quentin or Andy at:

Quentin Thundercloud

24402 Dexter Ave.

Tomah, WI 54660

Phone: 608-372-9558

qthundercloud@centurylink.net

Andy

Thundercloud

Phone: 608-387-2640

ndngolfguy@netscape.net

H.A.G.A. ELECTION NOTICE

Greetings to all H.A.G.A. golfers! This notice is being sent to all members of H.A.G.A.

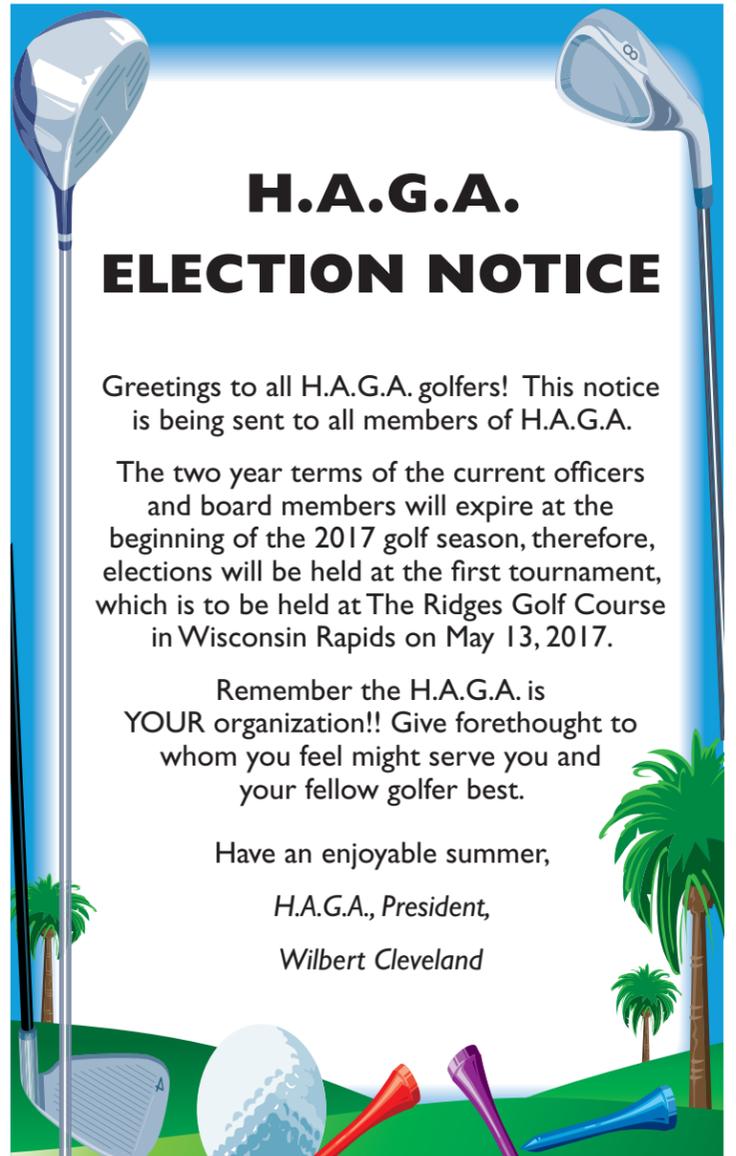
The two year terms of the current officers and board members will expire at the beginning of the 2017 golf season, therefore, elections will be held at the first tournament, which is to be held at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids on May 13, 2017.

Remember the H.A.G.A. is YOUR organization!! Give forethought to whom you feel might serve you and your fellow golfer best.

Have an enjoyable summer,

H.A.G.A., President,

Wilbert Cleveland





BLACKJACK SIDE BET PROMOTION

WIN THIS CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE

TABLE GAMES | STARTING MAY 2ND

GAME DESCRIPTION

Come in and try our new exciting Blackjack bonus bet that allows players the opportunity to win various cash prizes or this one-of-a-kind Counts Kustoms motorcycle.

By placing a Bonus Spin Counts Kustoms side bet, players have two ways they can win:

- If they have an Ace in their first two cards, they are paid even money.
- If they are dealt a Blackjack, they will press a button that spins a virtual reel to win various cash prizes or the Counts Kustoms motorcycle.

See the Rewards Club Booth for more information. Must be 21 years or older to play. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

HO-CHUNK  GAMING
BLACK RIVER FALLS

Experience the Difference



Visit all six casinos at ho-chungaming.com





Spring Clean Up!

May 4, 2017 –Indian Hts. 9a.m.-10:30a.m.
 Winn.Hts. 10:30a.m.-12p.m.
 HC Village 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.

May 11, 2017 –Nekoosa 9a.m.-11a.m.
 Blue Wing 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.

May 18, 2017- Indian Mission 9a.m. -11:30 a.m.
 Sand Pillow & VSH 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.



Please have items curbside BEFORE this time.

HHCDA will NOT pick up batteries, hazardous materials, paint, go into units or garages.

**HHCDA WILL BE PICKING UP:
 Mattresses, Appliances, Tires, Microwaves,
 Dressers, TV's**

MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 2

BARABOO AREA MEETING
 Monday, May 1, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
 House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Rd

LA CROSSE AREA MEETING
 Monday, May 15, 2017 7:00 p.m.
 LAX Branch Office 724 Main St

TOMAH AREA MEETING
 Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
 Blue Wing Community Bldg. 320 Epoch St.

MADISON AREA MEETING
 Wednesday May 17, 2017 6:00 p.m.
 Madison Branch Office
 4724 Tradewinds Parkway



HO-CHUNK NATION
 PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

District One Community Center PINAGA Game Night Wednesday, May 31, 2017



Come and join the fun at the
 District One Community Center!!

Pinaga Game Night

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

Registration from 5:20—5:50

Contact Melissa: 715-284-0905



May 2017 Spring Clean-Up

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 Reedsburg	2 Baraboo	3 Dells	4 Lyndon Station Timber Run	5 Mauston Wak sik ma
8 Tomah Rural	9 Tomah Rural	10 Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa	11 Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa	12 Augusta Osseo/Fairchild
15 Hatfield Hixton/Merrillan	16 Neillsville/Dells Dam	17 Brockway Maplewood BRF	18 Komensky Indian Mission BRF	19 Millston
22 Sparta/Cataract	23 La Crosse	24 La Crosse	25 Wittenberg	26
29 Memorial Day	30			

notes

Allowable Items: Appliances including; microwaves, freezers, refrigerators, ranges, washer, dryers, furniture, computers, TV's, air conditioners, tires(10 max), batteries, lawn mowers, grills, bicycles, mattresses and other bulk items.

Items Not Allowed: Trash, clothing, lawn clippings, tree branches, oil or other automotive fluids, roof shingles, or items that pose a hazard such as chemicals, paint, fuel, aerosol containers, ...etc.

**The Ho-Chunk Nation Division
 of Natural Resources will be
 giving out 1lb. bag of shelled
 Indian corn to tribal members
 beginning March 20th - May
 19th in the DNR Office located
 at the Tribal Office Building.**



(*Limit 1 bag per tribal member)





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VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Saturday, May 6, 2017
NEW LUNDA COMMUNITY CENTER
405 State Highway 54, Black River Falls, WI

REGISTRATION IS 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 9:00 AM SHARP!

Team registration fee: \$150
 All team members must provide a **VALID Tribal I.D.**

Teams that are registered and paid by April 22 will get to select their size T-shirts.	1st Place \$1,500
	2nd Place \$1,200
	3rd Place \$900
	Farthest Traveled \$200

For more information contact
 katie.funmaker@gmail.com or 715-896-5452



Caašja
Wayne Funmaker
Last Memorial Prayer Service
 Saturday May 6, 2017 • Potch Chee Nunk
Sunday Brunch
 Sponsor Carlos Funmaker
 Welcome family and friends

MEETING NOTICE
DISTRICT 5
CHICAGO AREA MEETING
 Monday, May 15, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
 4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60630-

SAINT PAUL AREA MEETING
 Thursday, May 18, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
 1724 Selby Avenue
 Saint Paul, MN 55104-

Posted on: Monday, April 24, 2017



HO-CHUNK NATION
 PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE...
 Annual Address Verification Forms (AVF's) will be mailed on June 1, 2017.
 Your mailing address must be received in the Enrollment Office by 4:30 pm on May 15, 2017 in order to receive your AVF at your current address.
 You can update your address using the Change of Address form, which can be accessed at: <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/enrollment.htm> or by calling the Office at (715)284-7824 ~ (800)331-7824.

Wittenberg Area Meeting
 Monday May 15, 2017 6:00pm
 Siga Center –WITTENBERG, WI

WI Dells Area Meeting
 Tuesday May 16, 2017 6:00pm
 INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BUILDING – WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Nekoosa Area Meeting
 Wednesday May 17, 2017 6:00pm
 CHAKH-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Green Bay Area Meeting
 Thursday May 18, 2017 6:00pm
 1047 S. 9TH ST, GREEN BAY, WI



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

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

<p>Monroe County Vacancies</p> <p>Position: Economic Support Supervisor Department: Human Services Full-Time Hiring Salary Range: \$44,000-\$50,000/annually Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2017</p> <p>Position: Disability Benefit Specialist Department: Human Services - ADRC Part-Time Hiring Salary Range: \$17.43-\$19.17/hr. Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2017</p> <p>Position: Victim Witness/Specialist Department: District Attorney Part-Time Hiring Salary Range: \$13.04-\$14.34/hr. Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2017</p> <p>Position: Dog Pound Assistant Department: Sanitation, Planning, Zoning & Dog Control On-Call Position Hiring Salary: \$8.00/hr. Deadline: Open until filled</p>	<p>Position: Volunteer Driver Department: Senior Services Volunteer with reimbursement of \$0.53/mile.</p> <p>Rolling Hills Nursing Home is accepting applications for the following:</p> <p>Position: RN Supervisor Full-Time pm shift (3pm-11pm) Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request</p> <p>Position: Registered Nurse Part-time Night shift (11pm-7am) Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request</p> <p>Position: Licensed Practical Nurse Part-time shifts available Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request</p>	<p>Position: Certified Nursing Assistant Full-time pm shift (3pm-11pm), Full-time night shift (11pm-7am), Part-time all shifts, and On-Call Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request</p> <p>Position: Activity Aide Part-Time – 24-32 hrs./wk. Starting salary based on experience Position will remain open until filled.</p> <p>Position: Support Aide Limited Term Employee Minimum Salary: \$10.00/hr.</p> <p>Position: Dietary Aide/Cook Part-Time & On-Call Available Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request</p> <p>Position: Student Dietary Aide On-Call Minimum Salary: \$9.53/hr. (Must be a full-time student and be at least 16 years old, up to the age of 25)</p>
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HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Child Care Assistance Program
 PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 • (715)-284-2622 • 888-343-8190
 Fax: (715)-284-9486

Public Notice
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL POLICY CHANGES FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/17-09/30/19

Date: May 24, 2017 Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Place: Baraboo House of Wellness Alberta Day Room	Date: May 25, 2017 Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Place: Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Bldg. Conference Room A
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The Public Hearing is to solicit public comments and input into the services that will be provided through the CCDF Federal Funding for child care assistance. CCDF is Child Care & Development Fund.

If you would like to review the present CCDF Policy Handbook and forms, contact: Child Care Assistance Program at 715-284-2622 Ext. 5148

NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL RUN OFF ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

Chapter 1, Section 5. Elections. The Constitution prescribes two (2) types of elections: General Elections and Special Elections. When Three (3) or more candidates run for a seat in a General or a Special Election, there shall be a Primary Election and if required a Runoff Election as described in Section 5, paragraph (1)

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50 %) plus one (1) if the total votes cast shall be deemed as winner.

Therefore the following were Declared Winners in their respective Districts as of Tuesday, March 7, 2017:

District 3, Seat 2: Lawrence Walker, Jr.

District 5, Seat 3: Robert Two Bears

Supreme Court Associate Justice 1: Tricia Zunker

b. General Elections

(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states: Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections.

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the HCN General Run Off Election on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:

Legislature

District 1, Seat 1

July 2017 – June 2021

**Willette A. Greengrass
Karena Thundercloud**

District 1, Seat 3

July 2017 – June 2021

**Cari Fay
Hinu (Helgesen) Smith**

District 2, Seat 2

July 2017 – June 2021

**Roberta M. Decorah
Kristin K. WhiteEagle**

District 2, Seat 3

July 2017 – June 2021

**Carly Lincoln
Winona Mann**

District 5, Seat 1:

July 2017 – June 2021

**Joe Brown Thunder
Kathyleen V. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit**

District 5, Seat 4

July 2017 – June 2021

**Matt Mullen
Patrick C. Red Eagle**

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Board Code Sec. 11 (c)*.

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline Thursday, May 18, 2017).

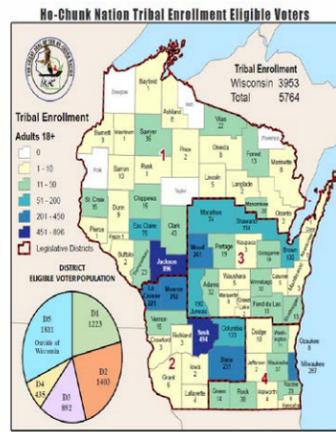
Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Saturday, March 18, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, May 27, 2017 by 4:00 P.M. See *Election Board Code, section 13(a), i*
Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts. District 5 all areas outside the state of Wisconsin



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:

There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**GENERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**POST NOTICE OF
ELECTION
Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS
LIST
Monday, May 8, 2017**

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR
TO 4:30 PM,
Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Saturday, May 27, 2017**

**GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

POLLING PLACES:

**OPEN AT 8:00 A.M
AND CLOSE AT
7:00 P.M.**

•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.

**HHCDA
W8813 Mission Road
715/299-6104**

•TOMAH, WI

**TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547**

•LA CROSSE, WI.

**LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025**

•BARABOO, WI.

**HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254**

•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.

**CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM.
BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444**

•WITTENBERG, WI.

**TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN
TOWNLINE ROAD
715/253-3536**

•CHICAGO, IL.

**CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
773/202-8433**

•MILWAUKEE, WI.

**MILWAUKEE BRANCH
OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680**

•MINNEAPOLIS/ ST PAUL, MN

**MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH
OFFICE
1724 Selby Ave
651/641-1801**

•MADISON, WI.

**MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
608/277-9964**

•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.

**INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.
N957 Dyer Avenue
715/299-6104**

•GREEN BAY, WI.

**BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9TH STREET
920/490-2774**

Posted 03/08/2017