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Lawsuits of General Council, Legislature take step forward against each other

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Court action on General Council versus Legislature took a twist and turn on Thursday, Feb. 1, in Ho-Chunk Trial Court.

The two lawsuits were combined into one hearing in court, with Judge Mary Jo Hunter presiding.

Attorney Michael Murphy, representing the Ho-Chunk Legislature, argued that Attorney Daniel Finerty could not represent either General Council or Gerald Cleveland. In addition, Murphy argued that he did not have 10 days to provide a response to an amendment to the lawsuit against the Legislature.

One case, CV 1734, is Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature versus Gerald Cleveland, while the other case, CV 1735, is General Council versus Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.

The lawsuits hinge on actions taken the General Council meeting at the Sept. 16, 2017, when an early vote adjourned the meeting before all resolutions were addressed. The meeting was resumed and the remaining resolutions were presented and voted upon.

However, the Ho-Chunk Legisla-

ture declined to take action on any resolutions after the initial adjournment. Representatives for General Council have contended that the latter resolutions were addressed legally, with a quorum of Ho-Chunk members, and that the Ho-Chunk Constitution dictates that General Council resolutions must be acted upon by Legislature within 45 days.

Finerty stresses that the definition of General Council is contained in the Ho-Chunk Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, which states: *"Powers of General Council. The People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. All eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council."*

By definition, General Council has authority above the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of Ho-Chunk government, Finerty said.

In the courtroom, representing General Council was Joy Thompson and Wendy Runninghorse, with attorney Finerty appearing in court via telephone. Finerty also represented Gerald Cleveland in the case against him a General Council. Cleveland was not present, something Finerty and Murphy agreed upon that he didn't need to attend.

Attorney Michael Murphy, representing the Legislature, provided arguments on two issues. He argued against Finerty being able to represent General Council or Cleveland in court. Murphy said the contract, which Legislature approved on Sept. 1, was between Finerty and the Office of General Council, but neither General Council itself or Cleveland.

As for the amendment to the lawsuit against Legislature, Murphy said that he did not have enough time to review and provide an answer to an amendment. Murphy contended that he is allowed 10 days to respond

the amendment.

Finerty responded by saying he provided the amendment many weeks ago, but he didn't provide the amendment within the full document, which was an oversight on his part.

Finerty said that the issues presented by Murphy were not a barrier to making a decision about future court appearances. He said the main issue is that the Legislature refused to act upon resolutions passed by a quorum at the General Council meeting. He cited Article 4, Section 3A, which states:

"The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. In the event that this policy is not enacted by the Legislative Branch or enforced by the Executive Branch within fifteen (15) days of the aforementioned deadlines, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council shall file suit in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court against elected officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation branch of government. The Supreme Court of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall have original jurisdiction within fifteen (15) days of filing date of suit."

"When you look at what has been done by General Council, it all has been done with Constitution authority,"



Michael Murphy (left), Wendy Runninghorse and Joy Thompson appear in Ho-Chunk Trial Court with Judge Mary Jo Hunter presiding.

Finerty said.

Murphy said he still needed the full 10 days to respond and he only received the full document the week before the court hearing.

As for the approval of Finerty as Cleveland's attorney, Finerty expressed that Legislature was extending "a little bit of overreach."

Judge Hunter said that she preferred to wait until both parties had time to look at documents and respond to them, also to decide whether Finerty could represent Cleveland in court. Also, she wanted the attorneys' briefings before the scheduling date. The briefings are their opinions on the cases and what they would like to see done to resolve the lawsuits.

Hunter offered two weeks, which fell on Feb. 14, but she said that might not work well for everyone involved because it was Valentine's Day, so she extended it to Feb. 16. She said it would be a telephone hearing so that they were not required to make personal appearances in court. At that time, the schedule would be set for future court appearances concerning the two cases.

Judge Hunter said that she did not have to recuse herself from the case because, although she is an enrolled Ho-Chunk member, she did not attend the Sept. 16, 2017, General Council meeting. In addition, she knows that a publication concerning the cases was published by Legislature and mailed to members, which might influence her opinion on the cases, however, she did not read

that publication, therefore she did not need to remove herself from the cases.

The legality of publishing and mailing of that document has been questioned by several Ho-Chunk members, since it may interfere with a court case in progress in a possible attempt to sway official or public opinion.

According to the court papers filed, the annual General Council session was called to order on Sept. 16, with more than 20 percent of the eligible voters, or at least 1,086 members, present. After a chairperson was approved and a secretary was appointed, the floor was opened to accept resolutions.

A slate of 18 resolutions were proposed and scheduled to be on the docket to be discussed and voted upon. Of the 18 proposed resolutions, 10 were approved by vote.

After the General Council session, Ho-Chunk Nation

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Healthcare costs make it difficult to make a living

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In the past year, many professionals employed with Ho-Chunk Nation received a "Class and Comp" adjustment to their wages, making their earnings more in line with what can be made in the outside world.

This was a welcome relief, considering that many people were struggling to make ends meet in a world where costs of living are always skyrocketing. Employees finally

broke free from 1990s wages and could breathe a sigh of relief.

That is, until now. Employees learned this last week that their health insurance rates will skyrocket. For a nonnative employee, family plan premiums have been a little more than \$70 per week.

Now, we have been told, that figure will go up to more than \$106 a week. That's an increase of more than \$1,872 per year or a total of \$5,512 per year just for premiums.

I figured out the rise in our "Class and Comp" wages versus the increase in insurance premiums and it turns out that it is a "wash," meaning everything that was gained will be gone. We're back to square one.

That increase will hurt employees. I don't know about other people, but I can't spare an additional \$1,872 out of my family's pocket. If that were the total expense for healthcare, maybe it wouldn't hurt so much. However, when

you consider, besides the \$5,512 per year premiums, we have to pay a \$3,000 per person deductible, and co-pays, a huge chunk of our paychecks go to healthcare.

When you consider that we also have other basic needs and financial burdens, such as property taxes, mortgages, car insurance, electricity, propane, car payments, and food and clothing, it soon becomes apparent that nothing from our paychecks is left over. There's no money for entertainment or

other joys of life.

I understand that there may be a very valid reason for the rise of health insurance premiums. Healthcare costs keep rising and there's no end in sight. I don't want to seem ungrateful. I appreciate my job and the pay I receive and having access to great healthcare and other benefits.

Nevertheless, it just seems like sometimes we are all on hamster wheels, spinning madly and going nowhere.

Letter to the Editor,

Last month, at District 1 meeting I was called out by Sadie Winneshiek about getting paid for the Pike Island Energy proposal.

I think this was the third time it was mentioned that I would make money from the acceptance and funding of the hydropower project on the Ohio River.

This is the crabs in a bucket mentality, and another missed opportunity on a good investment.

The gamblers with disposable income, who frequent our casinos, are dying out, so I imagine our casino profits will soon die out too. Profits may already be down.

Our government officials and the tribal treasurer received the proposal spreadsheets and feasibility study, but I received no reaction.

An email was recently sent to members of the Legisla-

ture's Development Committee on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 containing contact information for Pike Island LLC, but again, no response.

Jacques L Huot, from the committee, gave his phone number to call if more information was needed.

It would be nice to see how many emails the representatives get. It would also be nice to see how many responses they give. It's rare to get an email response from any of them.

That is why all my proposals will be going to the General Council for approval and funding.

I was surprised that people commenting at General Council wanted to see a feasibility study, but they hadn't seen a feasibility study on the casino expansion plans that are costing us over \$160 million.

I will publish all my new

proposals after the General Council places them on their monthly agenda for action.

Again, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has not acted according to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Constitution.

The obvious reason, and our biggest lawbreaker, is Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland, who was convicted of assaulting Chief of Police Al Young according to the article, Cleveland found guilty of assault, published in the February 7, 1972 issue of the Banner Journal.

Chief Young was responding to a report of a stolen squad car, and was trying to

make an arrest when he was assaulted by Cleveland.

The news report said, "Cleveland was placed on one year probation under the guidance of Jackson County Parole Department, with the first 30 days of the sentence to be spent in Jackson County jail."

Cleveland was also ordered to pay \$54.25 for damages to Young's glasses.

Assaulting a peace officer was a felony back in 1972, and it still is in today's current laws.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has come too far to have felon sitting in the president's office breaking our tribal constitu-

tion daily.

The legislature has not brought a motion to remove him from the presidency, but they should because they all took an oath to protect our nation.

That is why I filed a motion for declaratory judgement back in May 2017, and the judge will have his decision completed around February 15, 2018.

This is a blatant attack on the people's supreme law, our Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

Concerned tribal member,
Gary Funmaker

Lawsuits

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Attorney General Amanda WhiteEagle issued a legal opinion of the 2017 General Council Actions. On Oct. 3, outside counsel for the Office of General Council, Daniel Finerty of Lindner and Marsack, Milwaukee, provided a legal opinion as to the legality of the General Council resolutions.

Copies of the regular and condensed meeting transcripts were provided to Michael Murphy, Legislature counsel, on Oct. 6 and 10.

The Legislature subsequently considered and adopted a resolution, acknowledging that the 2017 General Council lawfully adopted all 10 resolutions that passed by voting at the General Council session.

"Nonetheless, the Legislature, by adopting the resolution, claimed that the meeting was 'procedurally confusing' in that a motion to adjourn was adopted by the General Council after Resolution H was approved, yet the Chairman of the meeting decided to continue the meeting," the legal document stated.

"The Legislature, by adopt-

ing the resolution, concluded that 'due to procedural problems with the 2017 General Council meeting, the Legislature deems it more reasonable to adhere to the first adjournment of the General Council on Sept. 16, 2017,' which it nonetheless concluded complied with the General Council's meeting procedures," the legal document stated.

The letter warned that legal action would be taken if no action on reversing the decision had taken place by Nov. 14. Since no action had been taken, General Council filed a complaint first with the Executive Branch, then the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court on Nov. 15.

In addition, on Nov. 15, 2017, the Legislature filed a lawsuit against Gerald Cleveland, citing, "... the Chair of the September 16, 2017, General Council meeting acted beyond the scope of his authority in ignoring the General Council's approved motion to adjourn and in allowing the General Council meeting to carry on as a Special Meeting."

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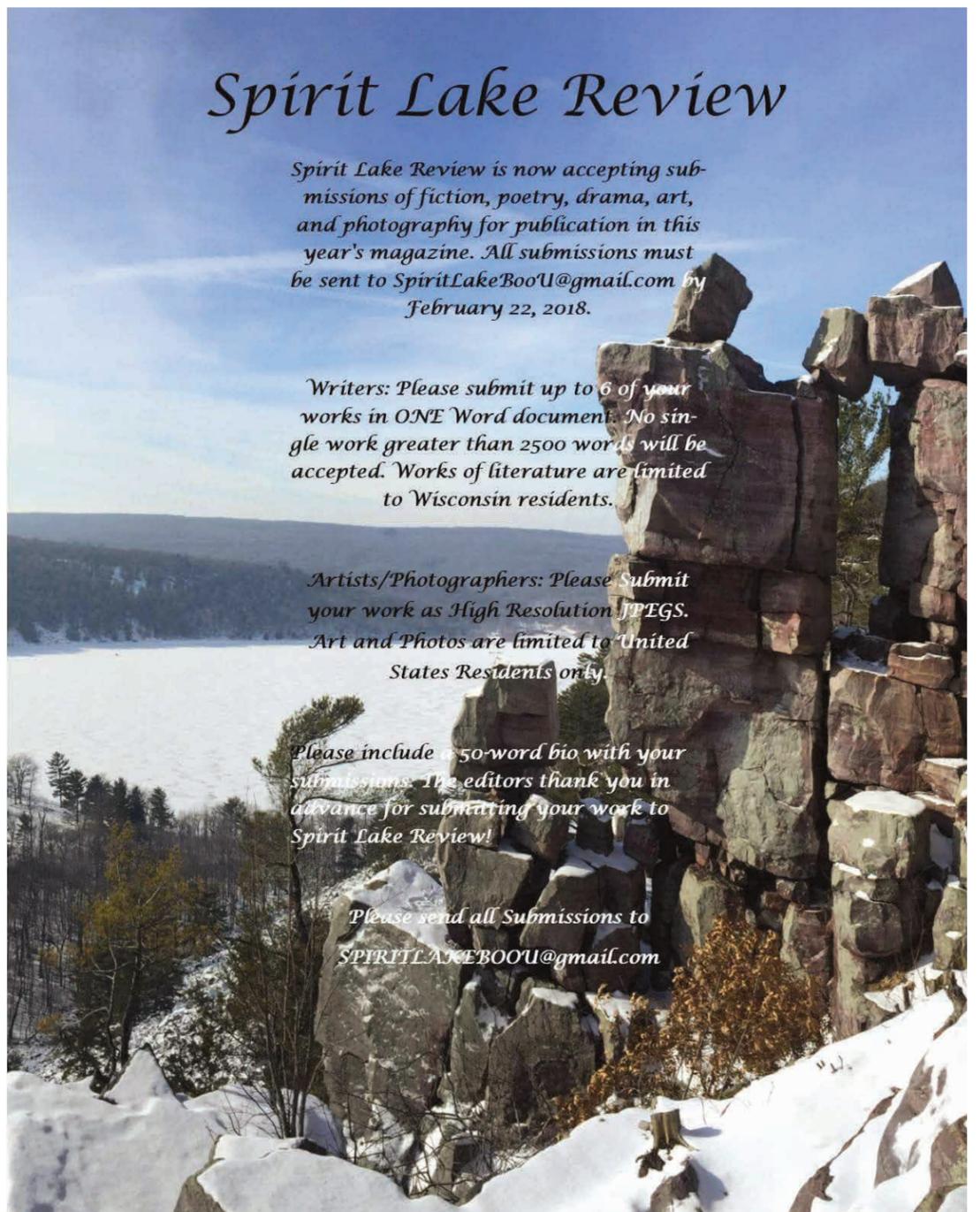
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Gaming commissioners fined for violating Code of Ethics

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The Ho-Chunk Legislature enforced penalties against members of the gaming commission last month, following an investigation into whether the appointed officials had committed ethics violations.

In the end, all of the commissioners received a \$500 fine.

The penalty proved less severe than that recommended by the Ethics Review Board (ERB), which had called for removal of the gaming commissioners.

"The Respondents demonstrated that they are unfit to serve the Ho-Chunk Nation as public officials," the board stated. "We therefore recommend that the Legislature (remove) each of the Respondents from their positions on the Gaming Commission."

The Executive-branch agency found that the commissioners had violated the Nation's Code of Ethics when they arbitrarily revoked the gaming licenses of two long-time casino employees.

Among other things, the board cited a lack of due process.

"The Respondents failed to adhere to basic due process requirements," the review board wrote, "a fundamental right under Ho-Chunk Nation law."

The agency's investigation revealed that the commissioners not only denied the two

employees due process, but that they never provided a reason for revoking their gaming licenses in the first place. Consequently, the board recommended their removal.

"The Respondents' blatant disregard for the laws of the Nation," the board stated, "convince us that (the gaming commissioners) are not fit to serve as Public Officials."

The commissioners tried their best to get the decision reversed in court.

However, the trial court found no reason to do so and ultimately affirmed the board's decision. The judge explained that the agency had jurisdiction, and had followed all the proper procedures.

"The ERB was intended to have the authority to address those issues," Judge Mary Jo Hunter stated. "The ERB assessed a monetary fine to each of the petitioners, as well as recommended their removal from the Gaming Commission. The Court affirms the ERB's Final Decision."

The five commissioners appealed the decision once again, but before the Nation's Supreme Court. Their attorney argued that both the ERB and the trial court had gotten it wrong.

"The trial court erred," said Attorney Erik Shircel.

The Supreme Court disagreed, and affirmed the trial court order. As a result, the ERB's decision would stick. The chairperson promptly

notified Vice President Doug Greengrass of the outcome.

"The Board's final decision was affirmed by the Trial Court and Supreme Court of the Nation," stated the Chair of the ERB. "The Legislature is obligated under the Code of Ethics to enforce the final decision of the Board."

Despite the decision of both courts, however, Legislature would not remove the officials.

"The Legislature finds that the Ethics Review Board was not empowered to recommend removal of Gaming Commissioners under the Code of Ethics," stated the resolutions enforcing the fines.

Legislators pointed to the Ho-Chunk Constitution as reason for not removing the commissioners, explaining that the law only pertains to elected officials of the Nation – and not appointed officials such as gaming commissioners.

The department's chief communications officer would not respond to questions on the matter, nor provide any clarification on the legislature's actions.

The elected officials' next meeting will be on Feb. 20.



The legislature recently enforced fines against Ho-Chunk's gaming commissioners, after a court affirmed the 2016 Ethics Review Board decision stating the officials violated the Code of Ethics.

Banner Journal's Indian Report

by Charles Low Cloud
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INDIAN MISSION

Quite numbers Indians had a bad cold and we understand that some of very serious but not one of them gone yet, and I hope they will recover all of them as usual.

Jacob and Henry Stucki almost finished a build house some time ago. They could finished long ago account rain more all that week, but they will finish every thing this week.

We had finished all those deer hide to tan here at Indian Missions by C. R. Low Cloud but deer hide owner did not show up. Please come to get them, and except John Lubow's hide did not done.

I had a great mistake to write at some time ago. I thought sure that his wife, and I wrote a few words has been visit at Missions. I wrote "Mr. and Mrs." but not so. I will not mention on their name any more. I might be make mistake again.

The Indians held meeting last Friday afternoon at Missions church and quite numbers of Indians from everywhere, some from Hunter Bridge, Mauston, Tomah, Dells Dam and Wisconsin Rapids. There will be another meeting again toward end of this month.



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Whitetail Crossing cuts ties with Phillips 66

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Whitetail Crossing has decided to stop purchasing fuel from Houston-based supplier Phillips 66, after years of paying a surcharge to sell the company's name-brand gasoline.

Like others in the industry, the station has opted to start selling unbranded fuel instead.

"We're not the first," said Curtis Lavender, an engineer working in the Ho-Chunk Department of Business. "Anyone that lives in a smaller town will notice that their local gas station – if it's not already – is probably going to become unbranded."

Lavender said that it no longer makes sense to pay extra for what is essentially the same product, especially at a time when consumers are more concerned about the price of gas than the source.

He said the switch would

result in savings for both the business and its patrons.

"You're playing a penny game," Lavender said. "And by paying that extra money to Phillips 66, that's money that we can't pass on to our customers."

Since cutting ties with the multinational company, Whitetail has been trying to establish its own brand. All five of its store locations have received new LED road signs that make the business's name and logo appear brighter, and are more noticeable to passing drivers.

The planner said they also serve as a great advertising tool.

"They're designed to catch the attention of people that are passing by," Lavender said, "and to give them messages about specials at the convenience store as well as promotions taking place."

In addition to the signage, each of the stores has received

entirely new gas pumps with advertising capabilities. No longer bearing the name of Whitetail's former supplier, they have taken on a more modern look that the company hopes customers might notice and appreciate.

According to Lavender, the replacements were long overdue.

"The gas pumps were in a state of disrepair," Lavender said. "We found ourselves going in and repairing things that we were going to have to replace soon anyway."

The business has been looking at ways to increase in-store sales as well. Representatives noted that the convenience stores have been missing out on profits from markets they never took part in – such as alcoholic beverages.

Therefore, they have been exploring ways to tap the market.

"There's a plan for beer



Workers remove the Phillips 66 sign along Highway 54 in Black River Falls, and replace it with a much more prominent 'Whitetail Crossing' sign.

caves at a couple of locations," Lavender said. "The idea would be to begin to offer popular beer at the Whitetail Crossing."

The move would make the convenience store more competitive with other area businesses like Kwik Trip.

Nekoosa has already begun testing the theory, selling various brands of domestic beer by the case.

Employees reported that sales have fared considerably well since all the changes took place.

Winnebago Tribe slams raid on businesses as attack on sovereignty

Federal agents spend two days on reservation as part of tobacco probe

By Kevin Abourezk

Tribe calls action a 'direct assault' on its sovereignty

Note: This post has been updated with comments from Michelle Free LaMere, a tribal citizen who witnessed the actions of the federal agents on the reservation.

The leader of the Winnebago Tribe is firing back at federal and state officials in Nebraska, a day after federal agents raided the offices of the economic development corporation on the reservation.

Chairman Frank White laid blame for the raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives on the state of Nebraska, which has been in a long-running dispute over tobacco taxes with Ho-Chunk Inc., the tribe's economic development corporation.

"We believe the ATF was influenced by the state of Nebraska to investigate Ho-Chunk, Inc. and its subsidiary, Rock River Manufacturing, to help the state gain advantage in an ongoing tax dispute," White said in a statement. "This is unfortunate because the federal agents' actions place many of our tribal members' jobs at risk."

Federal agents remained on the tribe's reservation in northeast Nebraska on Wednesday. Just a day earlier, nearly 50 ATF agents were seen on the reservation. Many could be seen carrying boxes out of corporate offices, including the company's headquarters, HCI Distribution, Rock River Manufacturing and Village Pointe, an office complex that houses many of the company's subsidiaries.

The agents arrived around 8am Tuesday and entered the company's offices with their guns drawn, according to witnesses. They primarily drove black, unmarked SUVs and remained in the community late into the night, packing

boxes into loading trucks.

Michelle Free LaMere, a 51-year-old tribal member, said she spent nearly six hours Tuesday watching federal agents as they walked in and out of HCI buildings and later witnessed agents loading boxes into loading trucks.

She even briefly followed one truck as it left south from Winnebago on Nebraska Highway 77. On Tuesday night, she watched agents loading boxes into trucks filled with items they had taken from Village Pointe.

"We could see them loading box after box after box," she said. "It looked like they had merchandise on pallets. They were using a forklift to move the pallets."

After filling the truck, which was nearly the size of a semitrailer truck, they moved it away from a loading bay behind Village Pointe and moved a U-Haul-sized loading truck into the bay and began loading more items.

"As the first one was pulling out, we saw the agents, two agents, high-fiving each other, and we thought that was not very tasteful," she said.

HCI Distribution and Rock River Manufacturing are subsidiaries that are engaged in tobacco manufacturing and distributing.

The company's spokesman, Sam Burrish, spoke to reporters briefly Tuesday, saying he was limited in what he could disclose because HCI was the subject of an ongoing investigation.

"The law enforcement activities at Ho-Chunk, Inc. on Tuesday are the latest round in a 20-year state-tribal tax dispute," Burrish said during a press conference held at Ho-Chunk Centre, a company property in Sioux City, Iowa. "We are fully cooperating with authorities. Ho-Chunk, Inc. is confident that in the end, tribal sovereignty will

prevail."

ATF agents have referred media representatives to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Nebraska. Jan Sharp, chief of the criminal division in Omaha, said he couldn't comment on the investigation.

"Per (Department of Justice) policy, we're just not allowed to comment on an ongoing investigation," he told Indianz.Com on Tuesday.

In its press release Wednesday, the tribe said it considered the federal raid "a direct assault on tribal sovereignty." The tribe said ATF agents raided four Ho-Chunk Inc. sites and seized records related to tobacco sales.

The majority of seized information is subject to an ongoing federal court case in Washington, D.C., according to the tribe. As part of the lawsuit, the company is seeking to get a lower court's decision reversed.

The case involves efforts by the ATF to get HCI to hand over records related to its tobacco sales to other tribes or individual tribal citizens. The company already has agreed to hand over records related to its sales to non-Indian individuals or entities.

But the federal government has argued that the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act requires tribes to hand over all of their tobacco sales records.

Last May, a federal judge agreed and ruled that the company must comply with the law. An appeal of the decision is pending before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, with oral arguments scheduled for March 15 in Ho-Chunk, Inc. v. Sessions.

Like most governments, the tribe relies on tax revenues to fund essential programs and services. At Winnebago, the tobacco taxes help pay for the tribal college, a community development fund, health care, language revitalization



Federal agents in unmarked black sports utility vehicles can be seen parked at the headquarters of Ho-Chunk Inc. on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska on January 30, 2018.

Photo by Kevin Abourezk

and infrastructure.

"Additionally, in recent years the taxes helped 40 families purchase new homes through down payment assistance funds," the tribe said in its statement.

The tribe has attempted to negotiate a tobacco tax compact with the state of Nebraska to address ongoing issues. But negotiations ended last year without a resolution, according to the tribe.

The state believes the tribe should be required to participate in the tobacco master settlement agreement, even though the 1998 court agreement between 46 states, five U.S. territories, the District of Columbia and major tobacco companies did not include Indian Country. The state also contends the tribe should be required to pay money to Nebraska for its tobacco sales, just like the big tobacco companies.

The tribe, on the other hand, has argued that its sovereign status protects it from having to participate in the settlement without its consent.

Ho-Chunk Inc. has long engaged in tobacco sales, manufacturing and distribution on the reservation and in Indian Country. Its activities have seen repeated threats and

actions from state and federal authorities.

"The Winnebago Tribe looks forward to settling this dispute and will continue to fight to protect its sovereign status," Chairman White said.

Free LaMere, a university student studying education, said she's frustrated to see HCI have to continually fight off attacks by state and federal officials as the company has attempted to build its tobacco sales and distribution business. She credited Lance Morgan, president and CEO of HCI, and his staff for defending the tribe's economic development efforts.

"To me, it's disgusting, the level of greed," she said. "They can't let Winnebago or HCI take just a tiny morsel of the pie. They have to have the whole thing."

"It's just frustrating, but I'm very proud of Lance and his crew for fighting so hard and for overcoming all the obstacles that they've overcome so far and I have faith they're going to overcome this one, too."

HCI owns Indianz.Com. The website is operated by a different subsidiary and is not involved with the tobacco operations.

Flu epidemic ramping up, more cases reported at Ho-Chunk clinics

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The influenza epidemic has been sweeping across the country and has hit Wisconsin, with new cases being confirmed daily.

"There have been 53 pediatric deaths nationwide so far this flu season, 17 in the last week alone," said Jennifer Baird, MSN, RN, Infection Prevention and Employee Health nurse with the Ho-Chunk Nation. "Wisconsin is averaging almost 100 hospital admissions per day for influenza right now."

There have been a lot more confirmed cases at Ho-Chunk clinics, mostly of influenza A, and a lot more unconfirmed cases as well – people just calling in and describing their symptoms and us advising them, said Dr. Amy DeLong, MD, physician at the House of Wellness in Baraboo.

"Stay home and call in. Don't come in," DeLong said.

"That's the whole purpose of triage. If people don't feel good – call us. Tell us what's

going on. We can counsel you over the phone about what you can do to take care of yourself," she said. "Then, we can look them up, look at their medications, look at their medical history, and any other comorbid conditions that would put them at higher risk."

If someone calls in and they're over 60 or 65 and they have COPD and they currently smoke and have diabetes, and they're in their day one or two of symptoms, that's when the staff will advise to get the Tamiflu. It does help people who are at the extremes and certainly doesn't hurt, DeLong said.

"Someone who is otherwise healthy, I'd say let it run its course. But someone who is higher risk, very young or very old, it can't hurt," she said.

For sure, the number of flu cases is ramping up in Wisconsin, all the more reason to be vigilant about being sanitary and limiting exposure to the virus.

People who are sick should stay home and, if you need to be around someone who is ill, wear a face mask and wash hands and surfaces with disinfectant. Hand sanitizer



works well, along with soap and water.

The incubation period, from exposure to illness onset is from one to four days, with two days as the average, Baird said.

"Transmission of the virus is mostly based on close contact with respiratory secretions, such as when someone coughs or sneezes close to you, generally less than 6 feet away," Baird said.

"There is a smaller chance that it can be transmitted when someone coughs on their hand or touches a doorknob and then a healthy person touches the doorknob that they could become ill but not the usual way it is passed around," she said.

Routine cleaning and disinfection are usually adequate for living spaces and objects. Good hand hygiene and proper cough etiquette are the two most important things to keep people well this season, Baird said.

"The first three to five days of symptoms and the first day before symptoms appear are actually when influenza is the most contagious, Baird said. "We recommend people rest, hydrate and stay home until they have been fever free for at least 24 hours without taking any fever reducing medicine, such as Tylenol or Motrin."

The current flu vaccine is still available and it can help to reduce the severity of any acquisition of the disease.

"No vaccine is 100 percent effective, but if you do get the flu after getting the vaccination, it will be a lot milder. The current vaccination is 30 percent effective in preventing the flu and is recommended, especially to people on the two ends of the age groups, the young and the elderly," DeLong said.

People with chronic health issues are at higher risk of being hospitalized and death versus those who are younger and have no other health issues, she said. It is killing people and it does kill people every year.

"That's why we tell people to try to prevent the flu, such as get flu shot, wash hands, and cover your cough. The flu alone can kill you. Absolutely," DeLong said.

"Please make sure you are practicing good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette and stay home if you have a fever and cough. If you do start to feel ill, make sure you are getting plenty of rest and stay hydrated," Baird said.

Flu Hospitalization up at Black River Memorial Hospital

Submitted by Barbara Brower, BRMH

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a very contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus. Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) is seeing an increase in patients with influenza. There have been 42 confirmed cases at BRMH since October. Fifteen patients have required hospitalization. Those that are more at risk include the elderly and the very young as they may have a weaker immune system.

Sometimes, it is hard to tell the difference between a cold and the flu. Cold symptoms can include having a stuffy head, runny nose, coughing, and headaches. The flu includes fever/chills, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches and extreme fatigue. Special tests can be done within the first few days to confirm whether you have a cold or the flu.

If you are experiencing



Washing your hands is one of the most important things you can do to prevent the spread of the flu.

symptoms such as a fever over 100 degrees, vomiting or diarrhea, call your primary care physician. There are medications that can help treat patients. To avoid spreading the flu, stay home until you do not have any more symptoms, usually 48 hours.

BRMH Employee Health Nurse Linda Olson stated, "One of the most important things you can do to prevent the spread of the flu and other illness is to wash your hands – often."

Registration now open for the 2018 Babysitting Clinic

Submitted by Barbara Brower, BRMH

The 2018 Babysitting Clinic, sponsored by the Partners of Black River Memorial Hospital, is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018. The event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided and there is no cost to attend. Advanced registration is required by Friday, April 13, 2018. Class size is limited to 65 students.

The babysitting clinic is open to any student who is currently enrolled in the 6th grade or above. This one-day clinic teaches students to be responsible, creative and safety conscious while babysitting. Topics include guidelines for sitters, feeding and dressing a baby, fire safety and legal responsibilities. In addition, there will be sessions on first aid, responding to emergencies, rescue breathing and

choking interventions.

Students will also attend a question and answer session with a panel of parents who will discuss experiences with babysitters. Students will be given a test, awarded a certificate of course completion and have a group picture taken.

Register online at www.brmh.net/babysit, call 715-284-3629 or email browerb@brmh.net.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

When caring for a family member or friend, it is important to take care of yourself too. In a group setting, learn the tools to help reduce stress, communicate your personal needs, make tough decisions, and identify ways to strengthen problem solving skills.

The six sessions of Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Adults with Chronic Conditions will give you strategies to help bring balance to your life. The sessions will be on Thursdays, March 1 through April 5. The sessions will be held from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at Black River Falls Public Library, 222 Fillmore Street, Black River Falls.

Respite care for the care receiver is available upon request when you register. Register by February 22 by calling Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers 715-284-7058. For questions about the program, contact the Jackson County UW-Extension Office at 715-284-4257.

BABYSITTING CLINIC

Saturday, April 21, 2018
10:00am - 3:00pm
(lunch is provided)

This **FREE EVENT** is hosted at Black River Memorial Hospital

Students must be enrolled or have completed the 6th grade to participate.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

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Topics to be covered:

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Pop up Museum sharing session held at Madison branch office

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Tribal members gathered at the Madison branch office for two sessions of sharing stories, items, and a meal at a Pop up Museum sharing event hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center, the Hoocak Waazijaci Language Division, and the Teejop area heritage center.

Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center Director Josie Lee explained the Pop up Museum style concept as a temporary exhibit created by the people who show up to participate.

"A Pop up Museum is a traveling, temporary exhibition that is completely community curated. They're typically created around a theme," Lee said.

"Participants write a label for their object and leave it on display. A Pop up Museum usually lasts a few hours on one day. Pop up Museums focus on bringing people together in conversation through stories, art, and objects."

When the event is completed, each person takes their objects home with them.

The theme for the first series of Pop up Museum events was Hoocak identity as related to the Madison area.

Language Division Manager Adrienne Thunder embraced the idea of sharing items and knowledge in a community setting, although she had her personal hang-ups.

"I did share my own prejudices. I remember what our elders were concerned about with our language being written down and staying on the page. I think about the transmission of our language not happening today like it used to be," Thunder said.

"I thought about the same kind of concerns when talking about a museum. Would our culture stay in a building somewhere behind glass? The pop-up museum helped me see that our cultural understandings still exist as living

things. As I think about the limited access to information about our culture, that used to be in all of our communities, I worry that our young people may not have access to even basic information about who we are and our values and beliefs," she said.

Through the event, Thunder saw the history living amongst as opposed to trying to relive the past.

Outreach Specialist at the School of Library Information Studies and American Indian Curriculum Services at the School of Education Omar Poler was on hand to support Janice Rice from the Teejop area heritage center.

"This Pop up Museum came out of discussions we had about a number of different kind of pieces. The work that's going on with the new heritage center, so collecting stories for that," Poler said.

"Thinking of Josie's museum, and supporting her work. You know, just general, an opportunity for folks to share with one another."

The School of Education applied for a \$65,000 grant with the Madison Community Foundation to fund a series of signs around the city of Madison that would provide educational opportunities for the city, specifically within walking distance to schools, Poler said.

"There may or may not be stories that people want to share that work for that, but sort of creating the opportunity for the sharing to take place. And figuring out what stories, if there are stories, that might help the Madison community better understand Ho-Chunk history here," Poler said.

"And maybe it's not signs, there are other ways of sharing that information. So we're not just thinking about what stories are best to share, but what are the best ways to do that. We're working together and thinking about it together."

The first session was well attended. Poler and Lee were in attendance and shared the highlights.

"There was a lot of conversation that happened just as people were coming up and excited about what they had seen. There were stories about the families that lived here in Madison, the work that they did, the buildings that they

built, and there was some cool, spontaneous sharing about families," Poler said.

"The first session was incredible. My favorite part was the organic nature of it all. People trickled in with their pieces, set them on the tables, and stories immediately came out. There was genuine interest in the stories and feedback from the audience too. We all Hope to do more events like this soon," Lee said.

The evening session was also an eventful evening, with a few Ho-Chunk dolls, some old family photos, Ho-Chunk baskets and beadwork.

Laura Redeagle from the Language Division made some object category cards for each category, such as beadwork, doll, or basketry.

She also shared a doll that belonged to her late aunt.

"I found this doll in a box that contained old worn paper. When I removed the paper, I found the doll. It was made with original trade fur. The doll's beadwork was woven, not made on a loom," Redeagle said.

"My compromise was to put the doll in another box. The doll's origin is unknown."

Tara Tindall presented a modern Ho-Chunk doll and some photos.

"My Ho-Chunk applique doll was made by Mary Funmaker from Wisconsin Dells," Tindall said.

She also shared photos of her paternal grandparents, her maternal grandmother, and her mother. These people all had a great impact on her identity.

"I remember my mother being really strong on the kinship," Tindall said.

Kimberly Hall-Crowley spoke at length about how Ho-Chunk basketry has impacted her and her family's life. She grew up watching her parents make a living from making and selling baskets.

One day, her mother was to teach a basket making class but no one showed up. Since she was already there, Kimberly decided to become one of the students.

She and her brothers all learned the craft.

Hall-Crowley also pre-



Tara Tindall presents black and white photos of her grandparents during the first Pop up Museum styles event at Madison branch office

sented some books about Ho-Chunk culture: The People of the Big Voice, The Winnebago Tribe, and the Ho-Chunk Courting Flute.

"In the Winnebago Tribe, I was told there is men information that I'm not supposed to know about. So I don't even know what chapters not to read," Hall-Crowley said.

Mike Schmudlach presented another basket and some beaded Ho-Chunk bandolier bags.

"I brought old Ho-Chunk bandolier bags. People who knew I had them, asked me if I could bring them. Just to show them. They're all from around 1900," Schmudlach said.

"I have no idea who made them. I've never seen pictures of anyone wearing them. I think they probably got sold, or whatever, sometime, and ended up in collections. Some people's collections end up for sale. And if you find them at the right time, and you can afford them, most of the time they're very expensive."

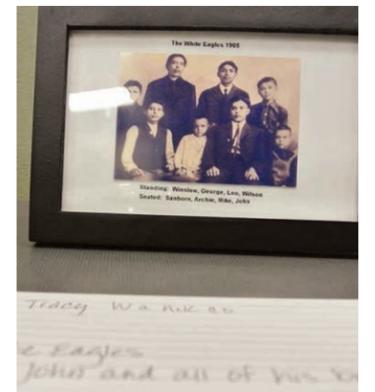
Missy Tracy presented a photo of her grandfather John White Eagle and his brothers, Sanborn, Archie Mike, Winslow, George, Leo, and Winslow from the Wisconsin Dells.

Museum Director Lee has been toying with the idea

of using Pop Up Museums within the different Ho-Chunk communities for a while, she said.

"I wanted a way that would allow our people to breathe life into the museum concept that both allows for observance of the past and the recognition that our culture is still living and our pieces carry on the value through our use," Lee said.

"Since the Ho-Chunk Nation does not have a museum as of yet, but has been working towards it, I also wanted to introduce the idea of community curated museum exhibitions in a new manner in order to better prepare myself and others to what will happen once we are able to open our own museum."



Edgewood College Gallery features Ho-Chunk artist

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Edgewood College Gallery's new exhibit, "Rove," features Ho-Chunk artist Tom Jones. Jones' collection titled, "Remnants," appears with Terrance Campagna's photography.

Fridays on the University of Wisconsin campus, at least this semester, art professor Tom Jones teaches a 5-hour long class. He said this way his class only meets once a week.

Jones arrives to an artists' reception in his honor directly from his class. His niece and a nephew greet him even before he can take off his coat. Jones picks up and carries his niece, while the nephew wraps his arms around his uncle's leg.

Jones is already having an enjoyable reception, and more family and friends are expected.

"I wonder how they turned out. This is the first time I'm seeing them," Jones said.

Edgewood College Gallery Director David Wells planned his 2017-2018 calendar more than a year and a half ago.

"This show came about because I know both of these artists. I know their work and we're Facebook friends," Wells said.

"I noticed that Tom was posting images of casino carpets on Facebook at the same time that Terrance was posting, every once in a while, an imagine of these reflections in

miscellaneous water puddles."

Knowing both of the artists and their work, neither of these things were central to their bodies of work, but it was just things that they seem to be exploring, Wells said.

"I saw relationships between these two different bodies of work in how they were paying attention to their environments and taking photos of them," Wells said. "And both point their cameras down, which is not usually the direction you see a lens."

There's something to start with there, he thought.

Wells asked if he could see more carpet and puddle images from the two because he felt some overlapping between them. After having them look at each other's work, Wells asked the two if they'd be willing to do an exhibition together.

"So that's how it came about, that's how it started," Wells said.

Jones visited more than 100 native casinos from Wisconsin to Texas and from Wisconsin to Wyoming taking photos of native design carpets with his cell phone camera.

"I'm surprised this one even turned out," Jones said, indicating one of his works. "It was so dark, and the casino was lit up by purple lights."

Jones' "Remnants" consists of two or more, usually two, shadowbox framed art pieces making one piece together. One frame contains a selected



Tom Jones displays his collection "Remnants" at the Edgewood College Gallery in Madison.

photo of the native design casino carpet, while the other frame contains a glass etching of artwork over a coordinated color background.

The frames are standard size black shadowbox frames. "My work is usually larger than this," Jones said.

The artwork for the glass etchings were from archaic woodblock prints Jones had uncovered during his travels.

"I converted the woodblock prints into PDF files and they were laser etched into the glass," Jones said.

Terrance Campagna wasn't able to attend the reception.

Gallery Director Wells said

Campagna is known more as a sculptor, and less as a photographer.

"Terrance's regular work or much of his work is about taking long walks and collecting detritus that he turns into sculpture. These photographs are taken as he's making those walks, whether just through town or in one of his collecting walks, or whatever, but just noticing these things and doing it," Wells said.

Wells called the exhibit "Rove" based on the wanderers of the two artists.

"Well, in speaking with them, about titling the show and what they were doing, it

was that both of these things were happening during their travels. Not when they were at home, but mostly when they were going out and about in other places," Wells said.

"To me it was about paying attention to your surroundings, in a way where you're noticing the things that most people won't notice. I would call it, advertent looking, which is heeding, paying attention, close looking no matter where you are."

"Rove" is open at the Edgewood College Gallery through March 9.

Winter Camp 2018

Submitted by Heritage Preservation

On January 26, the Heritage Preservation Dept. hosted an evening of waika or winter stories. More than 70 people filled the cozy ciiporoke and listened to short tales from Ms. Josephine Lee and Mr. Gordon Thunder.

The following day, many gathered to visit Winter Camp 2018 behind the Ho-Chunk Nation's Executive Office Building. A variety of featured crafts were demonstrated and explained as guests went from onlookers to full participants, pounding ash, scraping hides, singing songs, and playing games.

Heritage Preservation believes in building strong Ho-Chunk identities with

inclusive events and encouraging atmosphere. A strong identity builds confidence that will carry well through school, work, and life. We appreciate all those who donate and volunteer their services or wisdom to each camp.

"These events are really investments into our youth. Those are going to be our caretakers when we get old," says Eliza Green (Cooni Maani) of Heritage Preservation. "It's all about them."



Doors open at Community Center with ribbon cutting ceremony

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A new chapter has begun for opportunities of the Ho-Chunk people. The new District 1 Community Center was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The center, located in the new Wazee development near the Mission, is the new home to Youth Services, the Language Division, a sewing class, childcare, as well as community events and exercise facilities.

“This is the community’s center,” said HCN Public Relations Officer Colin Price. “So, if you want to check out this room, you can do that. If you want work out, better your health lifestyle, there’s an awesome facility over there. I do know that basketball and volleyball tournaments have already been booked, so that’s pretty cool.”

Price opened the ceremony in a community room inside the facility. There were more than 100 people in attendance.

“It is a great pleasure to be joining you here tonight for this joyful occasion which has been a long time in com-

ing,” said HCN Vice President Doug Greengrass. “Great job to everyone who had a hand in making it a reality. We cannot have a celebration of this facility without recognizing the people who put the hard work to get this project off the ground. Thank you to former representatives Susan Waukon, Greg Blackdeer, Lori Pettibone, and community building manager Sadie Garvin.”

Greengrass said that community members have been asking for this facility since 2001, and now it has been completed. In 2013, funding was set aside for our new District 1 Community Center, with the land coming into trust in 2015 and groundbreaking in 2016.

“Our new \$15 million community building will be used for area meetings, community use, childcare, language, physical fitness, community education and Youth Services,” Greengrass said. “I’d like to mention that Youth Services now has their own facility where they can function without interruptions by other tribal events.”

“The Ho-Chunk Nation strives to provide the finest facilities. The new District 1 has the capacity to hold 1,200 people and was designed with the idea of holding our General Council meetings,” Greengrass said.

He thanked other District 1 representatives Henu Smith and Karena Thundercloud for attending the ribbon-cutting celebration.

David Keating, project manager at Miron Construction, thanked everyone involved with the construction project. He presented to Doug



Henu Smith handles the giant scissors in an effort to cut the ribbon for the new District 1 Community Center.

Greengrass a basketball that was signed by all the workers on the project.

Gordon Thunder provided the prayer.

Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered words of reflection about the community’s achievement in acquiring the new facility.

“I was thinking about the progress the people have made through the years, the building of the bingo halls and casinos and the progress we made over the years, Winneshiek said. “A few weeks ago was my first time over here and I got to tour the building. I was surprised and amazed. It felt good that, as Ho-Chunk people, we could do this thing, not only for our youth, but for everybody.”

“It was amazing to walk through the building, the size of the building the two gyms. Going upstairs, all of the athletic equipment that’s up there,” Winneshiek said.

“We talk about our health, taking care of ourselves, diabetes, all of these things that go along with trying to be healthy, and here we have the perfect place to do that. We try to prevent from becoming sick: this is the place that could help you,” he said.

“I was very amazed at the



The spacious new exercise area is filled with new equipment, providing ample opportunities for community members to get into shape.

size of this building, it didn’t look that big from when I would drive by to check and see. I might see a wall one day and then another wall. Toward the end it didn’t look all that big, but when I got a tour of it, it was amazing. The new facility will provide for our physical, mental, spiritual needs,” he said.

“Even this room itself. You look outside here – there’s a fireplace out here. There’s a lot this building can do for each and every one of us. It might take us through happy times, it might take us through sad times, but this is the progress we’ve been mak-

ing through the years,” Winneshiek said.

Winneshiek thanked the President Cleveland and the legislators for the building.

“These are the types of things that we can do to better ourselves as Ho-Chunk, that we can be healthy and live a long life. I don’t know how many of you took a tour of this building but exercise equipment, a walkway, there’s so much that this building can do for us as Ho-Chunks,” he said.

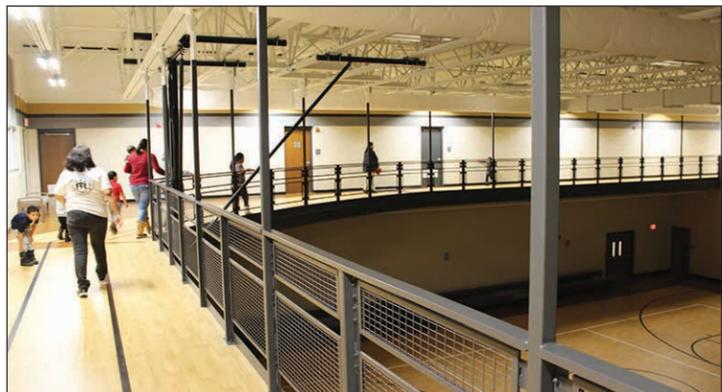
He thanked his sister Sadie for hosting the event and thanked Gordon Thunder for the prayer.



Chief Clayton Winneshiek offers his perspective on the completion of the Community Center.



The bright, open atmosphere is inviting to visitors, offering natural lighting from the huge glass entrance structure, along with an arching staircase to the upper floor.



A walking track, suspended above the Youth Services gymnasium, provides opportunities to stroll into fitness.

Fox named Senior Athlete of the Year headlines All-District 15 team



Williston, ND – A pair of New Town Eagles claimed top honors for District 15. Senior Tamara Fox was tabbed District 15 Senior Athlete of the Year, while Dyan Fox was named District 15 Coach of the Year. Dyan is the daughter of Quentin and Sandy Thundercloud, Tomah, and Tamara is their granddaughter.

Ho-Chunks dance at Baraboo High School

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Cultural awareness was the focus for a group of Ho-Chunks who danced at the Baraboo High School.

The high school gym was the site for the all school assembly that featured singers, dancers, and stories about the Ho-Chunk powwow culture.

Members of the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556, Joe White Eagle Sr. and Paul Cloud, brought in the eagle staff and American flag to begin the dance program.

Evan Logan served as the event's emcee.

He introduced the various dance styles as they performed their exhibition dances. He started with the Ho-Chunk appliqué dancers, followed by the men's traditional, women's fancy, and men's fancy.

The cultural exchange was a community-organized performance along with the Baraboo School District.

Ho-Chunk tribal member Patricia Reyes was one of the main organizers.

"The Principal Glen Bildsten reached out, asking about some cultural awareness brought to the school. When

we talked, there was Lisa Runner, Damian Thundercloud, and myself, we went to the school and talked to Glen," Reyes said.

"We started a Parent Committee for Baraboo. We organized all of this through word of mouth communication. That's how we got most of the dancers signed up."

Evan Logan shared his own personal stories about his interaction with different tribes, people and their families who are a part of the powwow culture.

"They asked us to come in to talk about the powwow culture. To tell some of the stories, and awareness of our powwow culture. They wanted us to give our take on it," Logan said.

"Mainly, they wanted us to explain some of the stories that we're taught on our side. We actually went to the people, like the fancy shawl, we talked to the actual person."

Logan talked to the family of the first women fancy shawl dancers who told him their story.

"Some of the stories are told wrong," Logan said. "That's why I wanted to come here. I think it's our obligation to be here to teach these ones in this



Ho-Chunk dancers pose for a photo after the cultural awareness event at Baraboo High School.

area. It's our responsibility."

After each dancer presented their style, the students were invited to participate in a round dance. The gym floor was full as the men danced clockwise around the drum, and the women danced the opposite direction.

The program concluded when the veterans retired the colors and the dancers followed them out of the dance arena.

More cultural awareness is in store the Baraboo School District in the coming months, according to Reyes.

"There's another parent group for Baraboo. They're also with Wisconsin Dells. They'll be doing another performance in March," Reyes said.



Kelly Logan leads male dancers during the Round Dance.



The Round Dance is performed with student volunteers.



Ho-Chunk singers belt out a song while students prepare to dance.

Free conference offers strategies for enhancing diversity in the nursing workforce

Submitted by Jennifer Garrett, UW-Madison, School of Nursing

A free half-day conference on Wednesday, February 7, will highlight best practices and generate new ideas about the value of nursing workforce diversity and its impact on the delivery of health care.

Madison, Wisconsin—January 29, 2018—The UW-Madison School of Nursing is hosting a free diversity conference for current and future nurses as well as healthcare systems interested in diversifying their nursing workforces on Wednesday, February 7. The conference is open to anyone interested in exploring culturally competent care, nursing as a profession, and successful healthcare workforce development strategies.

The event kicks off at 3:00 pm with a career fair featuring employers from across Wisconsin. Breakout sessions follow, starting at 4:30 pm, on three topics: strategies for recruiting and retaining more diverse nurses, insights about building a culture of health among diverse populations, and tips for navigating the School of Nursing's holistic admissions process. An hour-long keynote presentation, beginning at 5:30 pm, focuses on realizing the future of care through a diversified workforce.

The keynote presenter is Dr. Judith Martin-Holland, PhD, MPA, RN, CNS, FNP. Dr. Martin-Holland is an associate dean for academic programs and diversity, academic administrator, and associate



clinical professor at the University of California—San Francisco School of Nursing. Her research interests include health disparities and patient-focused healthcare decision-making. Her responsibilities include diversity and social responsibility of the health care professions as well as recruitment, retention and graduation of diverse students in nursing. She is nationally known for her work and a frequent speaker on igniting passion in and about nursing.

The breakout sessions feature local and regional experts in nursing practice, recruitment, and education:

- Enhancing Cultural Competence in Care—what it means and how it works
 - o Dr. Dan Willis, UW-Madison School of Nursing associate dean for academic affairs
 - o Rachel Azanleko-Akouete, Public Health Madison and Dane County
 - o Jessi Kendall, UW Health diversity and cultural congruency resource nurse
- Recruiting & Retaining a Diverse Workforce
 - o Dr. Mel Freitag, UW-Madison School of Nursing diversity officer
 - o Zoila Diedrich, Aurora Health Care sourcing analyst

- o Brenda Gonzalez, Agrace Hospicecare diversity manager
 - Navigating Holistic Admissions with UW-Madison
 - o Mandi Moy, UW-Madison School of Nursing director of admissions and recruitment
 - o Dr. Lisa Bratzke, UW-Madison School of Nursing assistant professor
- The conference is being held in the School of Nursing, Signe Skott Cooper Hall at 701 Highland Avenue. Individuals are welcome to attend all or part of the event. Registration is available online at <http://go.wisc.edu/nursingdiversity>. For questions about the conference, contact Mel Freitag at mbfreitag@wisc.edu or (608) 263-5273.

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Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

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

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:09 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda to hear Robert Mobley first on the agenda and to move Conference Approvals after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

1st Executive Session: MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:17 a.m.
Rep. Shelby Visintin is off the Conference Call and Rep. Kristin White Eagle out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:35 a.m.
Rep. Kristin White Eagle returns and Rep. Shelby Visintin is back on the Conference Call.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Legislative Meeting – December 5, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the December 5, 2017 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports: Administration Committee-December 7, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the December 7, 2017 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Development Committee-December 19, 2017

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to approve the December 19, 2017 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishing a Workgroup to Address General Council Resolution 9-16-17 F-Assign Willing Ho-Chunk Homesteads to Grow Non-GMO, Non-Herbicidal Produce with Compensation at Growing Rate

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 A, Establishing a Workgroup to Address General Council Resolution 9-16-17 F-Assign Willing Ho-Chunk Homesteads to Grow Non-GMO, Non-Herbicidal Produce with Compensation at Growing Rate. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Housing Committee-December 21, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the December 21, 2017 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Down Payment Assistance Draft, Existing Mortgage Assistance Draft, and Home Improvement Repair Loan Draft

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer the Down Payment Assistance Draft, Existing Mortgage Assistance Draft, Home Improvement Repair Loan Draft to the Financial Examiner, to complete a financial analysis on the impact this would have on the Nation and to refer to the next Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Ho-Chunk Inc.

A future date will be decided for a visit. **Finance Committee-January 3, 2018** MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the January 3, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Capital Expenditure Policy Work Group

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 B, Capital

Expenditure Policy Work Group. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to amend the agenda to hear the Presentation: The Great Sauk State Trail. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation: The Great Sauk State Trail A brief presentation was provided by Mr. Marty Krueger on the significance of the trail to the community.

2nd Executive Session: MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

11:15 a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

11:37 a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer the The Great Sauk State Trail request to the next Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Manual (5 HCC § 5)

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 C, Quick Passage Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Manual (5 HCC § 5). HAND VOTE 2/3 REQUIRED. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Modification CFS/ICW/Clan Mother

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the CFS/ICW budget modification. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Transfer of Funds from D4 Housing Rental Restricted Account to Transportation Vehicle Purchase

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 D, Transfer of Funds from D4 Housing Rental Restricted Account to Transportation Vehicle Purchase. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business: Office of General Council No report provided.

Economic Diversification Rep. Matt Mullen mentions the next Economic Diversification Meeting will be on January 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to follow the Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee Meeting.

District 3 Wisconsin Dells District Meeting-November 14, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells District Meeting minutes of November 14, 2017 to Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the House of Wellness Pharmacy and the Sauk County Health Department

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the House of Wellness Pharmacy and the Sauk County Health Department. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Affiliation Agreement with the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the resolution Affiliation Agreement with the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy until Health brings it back. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED

New Business: Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Wazee North Property #439 T 2180 for Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 E, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Wazee North Property #439 T 2180 for Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Sauk Parcels for Mary Ann Hartmann

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 F, Authorization of Land Lease on the Sauk Parcels for Mary Ann Hartmann. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Beloit Properties for G & M Acres

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 G, Authorization of Land Lease on the Beloit Properties for G & M Acres. Second by

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Leatherberry Property for Mary Ann Hartmann

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 H, Authorization of Land Lease on the Leatherberry Property for Mary Ann Hartmann. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Grant of Utility for CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC in the Wazee Subdivision

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 I, Grant of Utility for CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC in the Wazee Subdivision. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. MOTION AMENDED, that in granting this easement, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature is in no way waiving the sovereign immunity of the Ho-Chunk Nation. SECOND CONCURS. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Crockett's Parcel for James & Judy Hall

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 J, Authorization of Land Lease on the Crockett's Parcel for James & Judy Hall. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo out of the room.

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

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to TABLE the Authorization of Land Lease on the Wittenberg Property Tract #439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Shaw Property Tract #439 T 2122 for Oak Ridge Farms

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 K, Authorization of Land Lease on the Shaw Property Tract #439 T 2122 for Oak Ridge Farms. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. out of the room.

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding for Law Enforcement Field Training Between the Ho-Chunk Nation & City of Baraboo

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 L Memorandum of Understanding for Law Enforcement Field Training Between the Ho-Chunk Nation & City of Baraboo. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Per Capita Declaration February 1, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 M, Per Capita Declaration February 1, 2018. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. returns.

Elder and the Disabled Respite Care for At-Large Tribal Members

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer the Elder and the Disabled Respite Care of At-Large Tribal Members agenda item to the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approving Agreement for Fire Services Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Black River Falls Fire Department 2018-2019

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-12-18 N, Approving Agreement for Fire Services Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Black River Falls Fire Department 2018-2019. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Submit Grant Applications to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Both Family Treatment Drug Courts and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services and Administration from the agenda. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to hear Steven and Renae Springer who were present to honor the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Steven and Renae Springer The Springer's came as good neighbors to the Ho-Chunk Nation to honor all the good things the Ho-Chunk Nation has done throughout the years. They provided a meal and presented honorariums to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

District Meetings: District 1 Black River Falls Area Meeting – December 13, 2017:

READ FOR RECORD: MOTION by Tina Brown to support and continue the Peacemakers Program in the District 1 Area.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Melanie Stacy to have Mike Murphy (Attorney) and Jeff Crone (Policy Analyst) come to the next Area meeting to field questions on Redistricting Workgroup.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by George Stacy to have a monthly report provided by the Legislative Redistricting Workgroup.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Sadie Garvin to have District 1 Legislators oppose the Pike Island Project.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Gina White Eagle to use remaining HHCA funds in conjunction with Tomah, to purchase a higher end tiller.

Rep. Andrea Estebo and Rep. Carly Lincoln were out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Melissa Olvera to request the Legislature match the Sand Pillow Head Start fundraiser earnings, in the amount of \$1123. MOTION AMENDED, to double the amount that was raised. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 1 Black River Falls Area Meeting - January 10, 2018:

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Hattie Walker to sponsor the 18th Annual All-Nations Volleyball Tournament for \$5,400. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.

READ FOR RECORD: MOTION by Hattie Walker to have the EAB submit on paper the rationale, as to why they should become a Commission and what they expect their roles to be, and to have them present this request at every area.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle returns.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to HOP, and HHCA the MOTION by Tim Blackdeer to have lights added at the intersection of Mission Road. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting - December 4, 2017:

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Robert Mobley, to accept and add Edward Cloud's name to the list of the 1st WWBC members.

Figure mural of Edward Cloud with a Ho-Chunk basket with names of our 1st WWBC members' names on the weaving of the basket (names of: Helen Miner Miller, Wilbur Blackdeer, Gilbert Lowe, Amos Kingsley, James A. Smoke, Angelo J. LaMere, Richard Day, Bernadine Tallmudge, Lorraine Swan Winneshiek, Robinson Johnson, Edward G. Littlejohn and Mary White Eagle Natani, for the "People Are the Fabric of Our Community" Mural Project by the Baraboo Public Arts Association.

Rep. Carly Lincoln out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Business the MOTION by Robert Mobley to have the electric chair, aka "Mobility Scooters", available for tribal elders and handicapped tribal members for half price at HCG-Wisconsin Dells. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Patrick Day to have the Ho-Chunk Nation be reimbursed for the loss revenue during the time of the giant crane being adjacent to HCG-Wisconsin Dells Hotel, for the rooms being non-vacant at the hotel. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Carly Lincoln returns.

District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting - January 8, 2018:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve from the D2 Community Improvement Fund the amount of \$1,900 for the keynote speaker Nikki Lowe for the 2018 Healthy Native Sports Summit at the HOW. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept the nomination appointing Denise Smith for the District 2 Sauk County Commissioner seat for the Law Enforcement Commission. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept the nomination appointing Tina Warner for the District 2 Sauk County Commissioner Alternate seat for the Law Enforcement Commission. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Kim Crowley to accept and approve the Cooperative County/ Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY 2018-Between Sauk County and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

FYI: MOTION by Marvel Cloud to make it a sculptured piece to have in the Baraboo

Community, made by local artists John Cloud III and Nicole Yazzie, to be commissioned to make the sculpture.

FYI: MOTION by Robert Mobley to put a public notice out that we're looking for artists of the Ho-Chunk Nation to submit drawing or renditions to choose from. Submit their names, if interested. Deadline date of Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Notice to be in the tribal newsletter and on the Legislative website.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Attorney General the MOTION by Kim Crowley to support Rebecca Davis as a point of contact for the request of funding from the Sauk County Law Enforcement Commission from budget for Sauk County. Utilize the funds for the amount \$1,000 from the LEC funds from Sauk County to put forth to the Cultural Awareness Event on March 31, 2018. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 2 La Crosse Area Meeting - December 11, 2017:

FYI: MOTION by Ethel Funmaker to renominate Paul Krause to the Health Advisory Board.

District 2 Tomah Area Meeting - December 12, 2017:

FYI: MOTION by Francis Decorah that our Law Enforcement and the County submit quarterly reports to show activities that have been done in the quarter.

Vice President Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to HHCA to have Neil Whitegull or someone from the Board to attend our next area meeting to address some of these concerns on some of these units and how the employees are being treated in Tenant Services at HHCA. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 2 Madison Area Meeting - December 13, 2017:

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Edna Topping to rescind the alternate nomination of Brenda Neff. She regrettably has to decline.

Rep. Karena Thundercloud out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to Department of Justice the MOTION by Brenda Neff to have the Drug Prevention Community Training "Hidden in Plain Sight" here at the Teejop Hocira (Madison Branch Office). Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Karena Thundercloud returns.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Daniel Brown that the Madison Area Ho-Chunk members approve the Ho-Chunk Language MOU with the Madison Metropolitan School District and are in support of such Ho-Chunk Language MOU.

District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting - December 11, 2017:

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Gloria Visintin to refer Margaret Showers Property Tax and Reimbursement request to the Office of the President.

Vice President Douglas Greengrass returns.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Gloria Visintin that all members of the Election Board follow the same rules regarding background checks. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Connie Radtke for Legislators to improve on the procedures regarding the background checks for the Election Board Members and expedite the process. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting - December 12, 2017:

FYI: MOTION by Alicia Miner to table Law Enforcement Election until next month.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Jim Delarosa that Wi-Fi happen as soon as possible, so homeowners can hook up security cameras at their homes. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Alicia Miner in support of WI Dells Youth Program obtaining funding from IHOC for \$1,000. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 3 Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting - December 13, 2017:

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to OOP, Director of Business, the MOTION by Anita Naquayouma to have Legislative Body look into the GAP Program. What it is costing the Nation, what is the criteria for the program. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. MOTION AMENDED, refer to the Finance Committee. SECOND CONCURS. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 3 Green Bay Area Meeting - December 14, 2017:

The District 3 Green Bay Area Meeting

minutes of December 14, 2017 were provided to the Legislature. There were no motions requiring action.

Green Bay Branch Office Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Request

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the Green Bay Branch Office Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting request in the amount of \$6,050.00 from the D3 Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4 Milwaukee Area Meeting - December 13, 2017:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Angela Twinn to donate \$5000 to HIR Wellness Center from the Charitable Contribution Fund. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to OOP and the Language Division the MOTION by Angela Twinn to get a language teacher immediately at ICS (Indian Community School). Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI:

MOTION by Hazel Guerrero to audit the Language Department for the past five years of activity.

District 5 Chicago Area Meeting - December 11, 2017:

READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Erik Jourdan Shaw to review the insurance possibilities and research it further later within a period of one year.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. out of the room.

District 5 St. Paul Area Meeting - December 14, 2017:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to appoint Laura Kidd to the Health Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3rd Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:20 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:49 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all ac-

tion taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit out of the room.
Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment
January 19-20, 2018, Newkirk, OK
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any Legislator to attend the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment in Newkirk, Ok on January 19-20, 2018 and to release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo out of the room.

Transportation Unity Caucus, January 16-18, 2018, Chandler, AZ
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve interested Legislators and Tom Springer, Outside Counsel, Husch, Blackwell, LLC to attend the Transportation Unity Caucus, January 16-18, 2018, Chandler, AZ and to release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.

VP Greengrass out of the room.
Trust Acquisition Consultation Schedule
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any interested Legislators and professional staff to attend the last consultation, Trust Acquisition, on February 22, 2018 in Miami, FL and to release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit returns.

Resolution-Authorizing the Establishment of a Legislative Work Group in Response to the Tribal Inmate Housing Need & The Enforcement of the Nation's Criminal Code

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to move the Resolution-Authorizing the Establishment of a Legislative Work Group in Response to the Tribal Inmate Housing Need & The Enforcement of the Nation's Criminal Code to Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

VP Greengrass out of the room.

Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference, February 7-9, 2018, Hollywood, FL

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve any interested Legislators and professional staff to attend the Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference on February 7-9, 2018 in Hollywood, FL and to release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

TION CARRIED.
Resolution-Authorizing the Establishment of a Legislative Work Group in Response to the Tribal Inmate Housing Need & The Enforcement of the Nation's Criminal Code

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 1-12-18 O**, Authorizing the Establishment of a Legislative Work Group in Response to the Tribal Inmate Housing Need & the Enforcement of the Nation's Criminal Code. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

VP Greengrass returns.

Rep. Carly Lincoln out of the room.
Rep. Shelby Visintin and Rep. Robert TwoBears are not on Conference Call.
NCAI-Winter Session- February 13-16, 2018, Washington, D.C.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve Gennafer Garvin, Legislative Attorney to attend NCAI-Winter Session on February 13-16, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

M.A.S.T. March 25-28, 2018, Washington, D.C. 2018 Women Tribal Gaming Symposium February 13-14, 2018-Cabazon, California

NAFOA, April 23-24, 2018, New Orleans, LA

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any interested Legislators and professional staff to attend M.A.S.T. on March 25-28, 2018 in Washington, D.C., 2018 Women Tribal Gaming Symposium on February 13-14, 2018 in Cabazon, CA, and NAFOA on April 23-24, 2018 in New Orleans, LA. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to add Gaming Commission resolutions. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Carly Lincoln returns.

Resolution-Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Corinna Blaschke

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 1-12-18 P**, Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Corinna Blaschke, with a fine of \$500 to be paid personally to the Nation's Treasury Department, which may be done incrementally by employee wage assignment or decrease from per capita payment to be paid in full within 30 calendar days of today. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Winona Mann

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 1-12-18 Q**, Legislative Enforcement of

Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Winona Mann, with a fine of \$500 to be paid personally to the Nation's Treasury Department, which may be done incrementally by employee wage assignment or decrease from per capita payment to be paid in full within 30 calendar days of today. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner James Dakota

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 1-12-18 R**, Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner James Dakota, with a fine of \$500 to be paid personally to the Nation's Treasury Department, which may be done incrementally by employee wage assignment or decrease from per capita payment to be paid in full within 30 calendar days of today. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Lena Walker

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 1-12-18 S**, Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Lena Walker, with a fine of \$500 to be paid personally to the Nation's Treasury Department, which may be done incrementally by employee wage assignment or decrease from per capita payment to be paid in full within 30 calendar days of today. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-0-1 (Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Kyle Funmaker

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 1-12-18 T**, Legislative Enforcement of Ethics Violation by Gaming Commissioner Kyle Funmaker, with a fine of \$500 to be paid personally to the Nation's Treasury Department, which may be done incrementally by employee wage assignment or decrease from per capita payment to be paid in full within 30 calendar days of today. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on January 22, 2018 at the Tribal Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-2-(Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted by,

Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Shanti J. Gordon, Petitioner, v. Jon E. Miner, Respondent.
Case : CS 17-68

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Jon E. Miner

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this child support action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Child Support* 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 service to respond to the *Petition for Child Support*. Failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a *Default Judgment* against you. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below, and must be served on all parties to the action. The Court shall convene an *Initial Child Support Hearing* as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28.

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The shall be held at **10:00 am** on the **20th** day of **February, 2018**. The Court also 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.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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

Jackson County Clerk of Court, Petitioner, v. Kric V. Pettibone, Respondent.
Case : CG 17-75

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Kric V. Pettibone

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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

In the Interest of Minor : W.M.C., DOB 4/16/2012
Case : PA 17-12

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: Gene J. Cloud Jr.

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 **1:30 pm** on the **5th** day of **February 2018** 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
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : N.L.H.-W., DOB 3/30/2015
Case : PA 17-13

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: Leonard Hopinka

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 **1:30 pm** on the **15th** day of **February 2018** 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.

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Co-Ed Cornhole Tournament

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa hosted a Co-Ed Cornhole tournament in our banquet center on January 27, 2018. The event had an excellent turnout with 22 teams registering for the event. The day was filled with fun and excitement! Food and drinks were available as teams eagerly waited for their turn at the boards or a chance to spin the jumbo wheel. In the end there were three teams who defeated the rest. Congratulations to our winning teams! Michaela from Colby, WI and David from Oakfield, WI took third place with a payday of \$220. While second place went to Jason and Jenna from Aurora, South Dakota who bagged

\$330. The team who conquered all by taking first place was Wayne and Maggie from Dorchester, Wisconsin and received a top prize of \$550. Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa would like to thank all of our sponsors who assisted in making this day possible. Thank you to all who participated, we look forward to hosting another Cornhole tournament in the near future!

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melanie.mcdonald@ho-chunk.com



Photo on right: Wayne and Maggie from Dorchester, Wisconsin received a top prize.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls donates to Riverfront/APTIV

Submitted by Tris Harris, Senior Manager-Public Relations, HCG-BRF

On December 13, 2017 Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls (HCG-BRF) presented a check for \$500 to Riverfront Inc., now named "Aptiv" to help with costs of the new facility programs. Aptiv's new name is a combination of the words Aptitude, Active, Live and Adaptive, a re-branding of their mission to provide programming, services and equipment for people with disabilities and giving them a purposeful life.

In 2016, HCG-BRF held the Packer Tailgate Tour to benefit Riverfront Inc. Funds raised from the Tailgate Tour totaled \$30K and was used for the remodeling of the therapeutic day programming area including a new room for personal care services and a new classroom space for their C.O.R.E. (Career, Opportu-

nity, Readiness and Enhancement) program that provides prevocational training to people with disabilities.

Aptiv recently started a range of motion program to help people with disabilities improve strength, endurance, and range of motion. Aptiv also recently expanded services for youth with disabilities to provide in-home care services for children with special needs.

HCG-BRF hopes that everyone in the surrounding community can donate to Aptiv so they can continue to provide a spectrum of innovative support through customized services for individuals with disabilities, age 3 through adult. Anyone wishing to learn more about Aptiv and its services can go to www.riverfrontinc.org or contact Jimmy Westland, Community Outreach Specialist at 608-785-3514 or jimmy.westland@riverfrontinc.org.

Food Drive

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa wanted to start 2018 by giving back to our local community. We did this by hosting a food drive in January. We had a wonderful response to this event with 723 participants. Over \$9,000 worth of food products were donated to the local food party, South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf in Wisconsin Rapids. Operations Manager, Dale Davis, stated "This food drive occurred at the perfect time. A lot of people donate before the holidays, however, very few donations are received after the holidays when we need it the most.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa's food drive assisted us in keeping our shelves stocked after a busy holiday season. We appreciate everything Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa does to help the pantry and look forward to continuing our partnership." Thank you to all who participated in the food drive, without your help this would not have been possible.

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Second place went to Jason and Jenna from Aurora, South Dakota.



Michaela from Colby, WI and David from Oakfield, WI took third place.

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YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

**AGES
14 & OLDER**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

APPLICATIONS

Apps must be received by **May 10th** to be included in the youth only orientation on **June 3, 2018**.

DEPARTMENTS HIRING

Hotel, Food & Beverage, Environmental Services, Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground, and Marketing (Ages 18+). Various hours of employment, paid trainings, and a full range of resources available. Ho-Chunk and American Indian Preference will be observed.

CONTACTS

Phone Number: 800.746.2486
Ellen Duma | Human Resources | Ext. 2283
Michael Owen | American Indian Recruiter | Ext. 2451
Benjamin Winneshiek | American Indian Recruiter | Ext. 2290

HO-CHUNK GAMING
WISCONSIN DELLS

53214 COUNTY RD BD, BARABOO, WI 53913 | 800.746.2486

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OUR

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FEBRUARY
14TH
2018

Join us for our Grand Opening event as we celebrate our expanded and renovated casino

Be the first to stay in our new hotel and receive a gift from us in your room

We will have guest speakers, 1pm - 3pm, and a \$10k Hurricane Cash Machine, 4pm - 10pm

Valentine's Day Buffet | 11am - 9pm | \$16.95

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED BY CALLING 800.657.4621 EXT. 4060



JUMPING JACK FLASH

ULTIMATE ROLLING STONE TRIBUTE

\$30 GENERAL ADMISSION | FEBRUARY 16 | 8PM
\$15 REWARDS PLAY FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD



THE FAB FOUR

ULTIMATE BEATLES TRIBUTE

\$30 GENERAL ADMISSION | FEBRUARY 17 | 4PM OR 8PM
\$15 REWARDS PLAY FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD

Anyone 21 years or older is welcome to play in the Casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.



Experience the Difference

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HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DISABILITIES DIVISION



WHO WE SERVE:

- Ho-Chunk families who have children with disabilities in Special Education
- Adult students with disabilities enrolled in Higher Education
- Staff and agencies working with Ho-Chunk children and families

WHAT WE DO:

- **Advocacy Services**
 - IEP Direct Case Management
 - Special Education Training
 - Technical Assistance
 - Referral
- **Education Areas**
 - K-12 (or through age 21 if still enrolled in school)
 - Higher Education
- **Special Education Issues**
 - Eligibility
 - Grades
 - Discipline
 - Mental Health
 - Accommodations/Modifications
 - Concerns about Placement
 - Bullying/Harassment
 - Annual IEP (Individualized Education Program)
 - 504 Plans/Health Plan

Contact Information

<p>Cheryl Funmaker, Ph.D. J'apresanacat'iga Educational Disabilities Director Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Email - Cheryl.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com Phone 715-284-4915 1(800)362-4476</p>	<p>Thomas Redbird III Waniksiuuc School Community Relations Specialist Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Email Tom.Redbird3@ho-chunk.com Phone 715-284-4915 ext 1149 1(800)362-4476 Fax 715-284-1760</p>
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Friendly reminder

⇒ **If you have not accessed or completed the online program, please do so now.**
⇒ **Academic Year ends on July 31, 2018.**

Things to Know: You must know the last four digits of your tribal ID number in order to access the online program. If you do not know your number, contact the HCN Enrollment office at (800) 331-7824.
You must pass multiple post-tests and the final exam with at least a 70%. Upon completion of the 14 tutorials, email HonorYourFuture@ho-chunk.com

Members are required to find their own proctor in order to take the final exam. The proctor must be an educational professional with a corresponding email address. The proctor must email HonorYourFuture@ho-chunk.com for further instructions.

If you have a documented Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Plan, or a medical statement, please email: HonorYourFuture@ho-chunk.com

COMMON MYTHS REGARDING HOUSING

- I just became an elder, do I get my elder home?
-**NO!!!** There is no such thing as getting a home when you become an elder.
- I am now disabled and I have 10 kids, do I get put to the top of the housing list?
-**NO!!!** Being disabled and having more kids **DOES NOT** put you on the top of the housing list. The housing department no longer goes by the point system. The housing department goes by the date of when you put your application in to the housing department.
- I am a non-elder and my name finally came up, but I don't have a job and my **ONLY** income is per cap. Am I still eligible for a house?
-**PROBABLY NOT!!!** As a home owner you must meet affordability. Meaning you must be able to afford the payments of a home, such as mortgage payment, homeowner's insurance and property tax.
- YES!!! I met affordability and I am now ready to own my home? Can you just hand over a check to me for \$125,000 and I could go look for a house?
-**NO!!!** The department of housing do not hand over \$ to tribal members so that they could go look for their own house.
- I put my application back in 1990, and I am still waiting to be contacted?
-I don't know how that would be possible because the Home Ownership Program did not start until 1993.



Submit Fiction, **POETRY**, **Drama**,
Art, and **PHOTOGRAPHY**
for publication in this year's magazine at
SPIRITLAKEBOOU@gmail.com

WRITERS

**UP TO 6 OF YOUR WORKS IN 1 WORD DOCUMENT.
NO SINGLE WORK GREATER THAN 2,500 WORDS.
LITERATURE IS LIMITED TO WISCONSIN RESIDENTS.**

Artists and Photographers

Submit work as **HIGH-RESOLUTION JPEGs**.

Art and Photos are limited to United States residents.

Please include a 50-word bio with your submissions.

The editors thank you in advance for submitting your work to Spirit Lake Review.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Vacancy Announcement

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is seeking a Delegate to fill current vacancy on the board in the District 5.

• Delegate, Mpls/St.Paul

The terms will end December 2019.

Individuals may be nominated at their local area meetings and submit a letter of interest as well as qualifying information immediately. It is very important that all districts be represented at the Election Board Meetings. The following information below is how you would contact the Election Board Office.

<p>Libby Fairchild Election Board Chairperson P.O. Box 756 206 South Roosevelt Rd Black River Falls, WI 54615 (715)284.8900</p>	<p>Melissa Olvera Election Board Office P.O. Box 756 206 S. Roosevelt Rd. Black River Falls, WI 54615 (715)284-8600 FAX(800)890.0583</p>
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The following is the job description for Election Board Members:

The Election Board shall conduct all General and Special Elections in a fair and impartial manner.

Shall notify the voters of the polling places not less than 15 days before the elections.

Shall ensure that all candidates meet the qualifications for office.

No member of the Election Board may actively campaign for the nomination, election, recall or removal of any elected official.

The Election Board shall seek uphold and to the terms of the HCN Election Board Ordinance.

Two consecutive unexcused absences for duly called Board meetings shall result in automatic removal from the board unless the absent Board Member establishes to the satisfaction of the Board good cause for his/her absence.

Must be an adult enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member.

All Election Board members shall serve two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board Members may serve more than one (1) term.

Proof of motor vehicle operator's license/insurance are required.

Winter Social Gathering & Soup and Chili Contest!

Whether soup is your specialty or chili is.....we're having 2 contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. You may enter both contests!

Fun, prizes, games! Fry Bread.....yummm

Where: Ho-Chunk Nation Teejop Hocira
Madison Community Center
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison WI

When: Friday, February 23, 2018

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm



We're also having a "White Elephant" gift exchange. If you have a gift to pass, whether old, new or re-gift, bring it and we'll pass them around to all that join in. (\$20 limit)

Is your mortgage note with the Ho-Chunk Nation Home Ownership Program? Do you still need to designate who will inherit your home?



If so, and if you live in Wisconsin, then the Ho-Chunk Nation Home Ownership Program can supply a Transfer On Death (TOD) Deed to you for FREE to help your surviving heirs in the probate processing of your home. This is a deed that will replace the probate process and immediately transfer real estate to the identified heir upon death. It is much faster and much cheaper than filing in court, waiting 18 months and meandering through the lengthy probate process.

Please call Kyle Funmaker or Michelle Winneshiek at Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department to initiate your TOD as soon as possible.
(608) 374-1225

Home Ownership Program



27374 St Hwy 21 E Office Building 5
P.O. Box 170, Tomah, WI 54660

THE FOLLOWING HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS NEED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM BY March 2, 2018

5622 1157 0167 3553 0845 1653 1295 0294 1267 1351
6593 1017 2653 5280 2806 1882 1874 0481 0376 1884
3227 1129 0495 1856 3305 2148 3206

**PLEASE CONTACT KYLE M. FUNMAKER OR MICHELLE WINNESHIEK
(608)374-1225**



American Indian Families in Partnership

A Training Series for American Indian Families Who Have Children with Disabilities Ages 6-14

How Do I Register for American Indian Families in Partnership?

Call....
Julie Beckwith,
608-745-5421

Please Register by February 16, 2018

Space is Limited!

A small stipend is available to help offset costs for attending the trainings

Questions Contact:

Liz Wabindato,
WSPEI Statewide Family Engagement Coordinator for American Indian Families
715-682-2363, ext. 115

For more information visit www.wspei.org

Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort
805 Creske Avenue
Rothschild WI 54474

March 2 & 3, 2018
April 13 & 14, 2018
May 4 & 5, 2018

American Indian Families in Partnership starts at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Participants must attend ALL three sessions.

American Indian Families in Partnership Assists Families to:

- learn about valuable resources (both tribal and non tribal)
- plan ahead for their child and family
- enjoy networking with other families
- Learn more within the topics of: education, health care, self-advocacy, transition, and more...
- strengthen partnerships between the many professionals they interact with on behalf of their children



Overnight rooms, meals and resources are paid for with a DPI IDEA Discretionary Grant, Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI)



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER AND ONEIDA NATION ARTS PROGRAM

BEADWORK PATTERN MAKING AND HATBAND BEADING

FEBRUARY 21 & 22

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

5:30 - 7:30PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

CREATE AND CRAFT SERIES

YARN YOUR OWN LETTER - FEBRUARY 1

HOMEMADE VALENTINES CARDS - FEBRUARY 8

HOW TO SAVE TO YOUR FLASH DRIVE - FEBRUARY 15

SCRABBLE - FEBRUARY 22

2 - 3PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

CLOVER YOUR MOUTH

FEBRUARY 5

5 - 6PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

GREAT PARENTING WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 5 - APRIL 23

5 - 6:30PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

BUDGETING

FEBRUARY 7

4 - 5:30PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

PINE NEEDLE BASKET WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 10

9 - 3PM

ARTS COTTAGE

LEARN TO DECORATE VALENTINES COOKIES

FEBRUARY 12

5 - 6:30PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

LET'S HAVE A BALL

FEBRUARY 13 - 22

1:30 - 4:30PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

BUILDING A RESUME FOR SUCCESS

FEBRUARY 20

1:30 - 2:30PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

IS THAT A DEDUCTION? UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAXES

FEBRUARY 21

5 - 6PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

STORIES AND SOUP

FEBRUARY 24

10 - 4PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

ONEIDA FILM SOCIETY

"THE ONLY GOOD INDIAN"

FEBRUARY 28

5PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER



REGISTER AT:

ONEIDACOMMUNITYEDUCATIONCENTER.ORG

NOTICE AND RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Election Code 2 HCC § 6:

21. Constitutional Elections.

Constitutional and other Legal Requirements.

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 1.

Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

The Election Code (2 HCC § 6);

Article XIII of the Constitution provides:

"Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

...

d. Requirements for General Council Request.

(1). In an instance of a Resolution passed by the General Council, the General Council will provide the Resolution to the Election Board. The Resolution will contain the full language of the proposed amendment, the name of any attorney consulted in drafting the amendment, a vote count showing the full number of voters at the General Council, and the tally of those in favor, opposing, abstaining, and not voted. Upon receipt the Election Board will verify that a majority of voters at the General Council voted for the Constitutional Amendment.

e. Secretarial Election Procedures.

(1) Upon certification of a request via petition under Section 21.b, or General Council under Section 21.d, the Attorney General will be given thirty (30) days in which to formulate an Attorney General's opinion as it relates to the constitutionality and legality of the proposed amendment. Once the Attorney General has formulated that opinion, it will be posted in the Nation's newsletter for two consecutive printings along with the text of the proposed Amendment.

(2) After the publication of the Attorney General opinion in Section 21.e.(1) the Election Board will then post notice at the Election Board office, the Nation's Newsletter, and on the Nation's social media as to the Secretarial Election(s). The notice will contain the following:

- (a) The full text of any proposed Amendments and, if more than one, their Amendment Number using Arabic numerals (Amendment Number 1, Amendment Number 2, etc);
 - (b) The day when Ballots will be mailed;
 - (c) The day, time, and location of certification;
 - (d) The day of the Election when Ballots must be returned.
- (3) All Secretarial Elections will be conducted within sixty (60) calendar days of the posting of the Notice of the Secretarial Election.

(4) All Secretarial Elections will be conducted by mail.

(5) The Election Board will mail out Ballots no later than twenty (20) calendar days before the Election.

(a) Each Ballot will be accompanied by a packet containing the language for each proposed amendment along with the amendment number, instructions, ballot, an outer envelope, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

(b) The Voter will mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter will then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope will be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope, then notarized, and he or she will then return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board pursuant to section 14.a.(2).

(a). The voter's signature must be notarized to be valid.

(c) The Board will verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter and is notarized. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot will be rejected. The entire rejected ballot will be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot will be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board will make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

(6) A voter may make a request to replace a lost ballot no later than ten (10) days before the Election. The Election Board will overnight the ballot. It will be the voter's responsibility to ensure the ballot is returned by the due date.

f. Counting Ballots and Results.

(1) The Election Board will meet and count the ballots by the third day after the election. When Tallying results, the Election Board will do the following:

(a) The Election Board will first compare the number of ballots collected against the total number of eligible voters as verified by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. If the number of ballots returned does not equal 30% of the eligible voters of the Nation, then the Amendment will be declared as rejected. In an

instance where thirty percent of the ballots is a fractional number, the Board will round up to the nearest whole number in determining the thirty percent threshold.

(b) If at least 30% of the eligible voters returned ballots, the Election Board will then count the ballots. If a majority of voters voted in favor of the Amendment, it will be declared adopted. If a majority of voters voted against the Amendment, it will be declared rejected.

g. Challenges to Results; Amendments.

(1) Challenges to the results of the Election may be made pursuant to Section 18 of this CODE.

(2) The Election Board is not responsible for the legality or constitutionality of any amendments. If a member believes that an adopted amendment is in violation of the CONSTITUTION, or applicable federal law such as the *Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 25 USC Ch. 15*, such suit will be brought against the proponent of the Amendment, either the petitioner, Legislature, or General Council.

The following amendments will be on the ballot:

AMENDMENT 1

This amendment changes Article VI, Section 1(b) to read as follows:

The Executive Branch shall be composed of any administrative departments created by the Legislature, including a Department of Treasury, Justice, Administration, Housing, Business, Health, Social Services, Education, Labor, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and other Departments deemed necessary by the Legislature. Each Department shall include an Executive Director, a Board of Directors and necessary employees.

AMENDMENT 2

This amendment creates Article X, Section 2 to read as follows:

(a) The Ho-Chunk Nation, in exercising its powers of self-government, shall:

(1) Give legal standing to nature. This legal standing will enable legal structures that protect conditions necessary for the thriving of all living plants, animals and the environment in which all living entities and organisms reside. Provide legal protections to promote, protect, maintain and aid in the regeneration of natural life cycles, structure, and function.

(2) All Ho-Chunk people can call upon Elected and Appointed Officials to enforce the rights of nature under the following principles:

(i) Nature has the right to be restored. This restoration shall be separate and apart from the obligation of the Nation and natural persons or legal entities to compensate individuals and communities that depend on affected natural systems.

(ii) In those cases of severe or permanent environmental impact, including those caused by the exploitation of nonrenewable natural resources, the Nation shall establish the most effective mechanisms to achieve the restoration and shall adopt adequate measures to eliminate or mitigate harmful environmental consequences.

(iii) The Nation shall apply preventive and restrictive measures on activities that might lead to the pollution of air, water and soil, affect the abundance of surface and groundwater, destroy Ho-Chunk food and medicine plants, decrease habitat for important Ho-Chunk plant and animal communities, cause the extinction of species, lead to the destruction of ecosystems and the to permanent alteration of natural cycles.

(iv) People shall have the right to benefit from the environment and the natural wealth enabling them to enjoy the good way of living.

(v) The Nation shall give incentives to natural persons and legal entities and to communities to protect nature and to promote respect for all the elements comprising an ecosystem.

(vi) The Nation shall apply preventive and restrictive measures on activities that might lead to the extinction of species, the destruction of ecosystems and the permanent alteration of natural cycles.

(vii) The introduction of organisms and organic and inorganic material that might definitively alter the nation's genetic assets is forbidden.

(viii) Persons, communities, and people shall have the right to benefit from the environment and the natural wealth enabling them to enjoy the good way of living.

(viii) Environmental services shall not be subject to appropriation; their production, delivery, use and development shall be regulated by the Nation.

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 Code Sec. 11 (a) (6)*.

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 shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.
Section 11. c. ii.

(Deadline Friday, March 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.)

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
P.O Box 247
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

NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall 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.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

Thursday, April 5, 2018

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, February 5, 2018**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR
TO 4:00 P.M.
Friday, March 16, 2018**

**BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
Friday, March 16, 2018**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
REPLACEMENT BALLOT
4:00 P.M.
Monday, March 26, 2018**

**ALL MAIL BALLOTS DUE TO
THE DESIGNATED ELECTION
BOARD POST OFFICE BOX
BY 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 5, 2018**

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