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Year in Review



HCG-WD donates coins for cranes

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Coins collected from the waterfall pool at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells are donated to the International Crane Foundation. On Thursday, December 12, 2019, delegates from the International Crane Foundation (ICF) accepted the donation.

Visitor Program Manager Cully Shelton from the ICF announced, "We're accepting a donation from

the Nation for the International Crane Foundation in efforts to conserve cranes. The change really made a difference. The change that is collected here in the fountains help preserve the endangered crane species found here on our planet."

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells maintenance department drains the water. They perform upkeep on the waterfall pool each year, and the past two or three years, the coins collected during upkeep are donated.

Agriculturist Allyce Vogel from the ICF said, "The donation goes towards our enrichment program. This will go a long way to helping us provide items for our captive flocks to keep their physiological health in good standing, providing them with a lot of novel opportunities and give them a good life."

Their captive flocks', which consists of more than 100 of these elegant birds, daily diet is a pelleted diet and nutritionally complete.

However, the menu is repetitive and uninteresting. Providing a variety of products gives the cranes something to enrich their lives, makes things interesting, and stimulating.

"With enrichment, you're trying to promote natural behaviors and encourage that. Foraging is one of the biggest things cranes do in the wild," explained Vogel. "We can give them a variety of different food items that sometimes they eat, and sometimes they just play

with." Cranes enjoy fruits and vegetables like lettuce, apples, cranberries, pomegranates, peanuts, pumpkins, and sweetcorn. In addition to the coins, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells donates fresh produce weekly to the ICF.

"We are so thankful for the generosity of the Ho-Chunk Nation to provide us with this opportunity to help protect the cranes that are found here in Wisconsin and around the world," said Shelton.

The International Crane Foundation is located approximately two miles from the casino. Find more information about their organization at Savingcranes.org.

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HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



NOTICE to Current or Future Fitness Membership Subsidy Recipients:

Beginning January 1, 2020, the subsidies offered to those who currently receive the benefit or those wishing to in the future **will be offered as a reimbursement**. Following a thorough financial evaluation, we have learned over 80% of the funding is lost due to unused or underutilized facility memberships. This coupled with the extensive administrative costs of contacting a variety of centers in multiple states to verify usage or payment arrangement, administrators have recognized their fiduciary responsibility to ensure the Nation's resources are used effectively and are accountable. Under the original system, the Nation has no way to recover these lost funds other than to institute a garnishment on payroll or per capita and we will not execute such a measure.

Overall, funding for the subsidy is well-intended however is not a definitive *program* which links performance measures and mandates individual data reporting. The benefit of simply being a subsidy is that recipients have the liberty to attend fitness facilities at their convenience, choose their fitness activities and keep their personal training information to themselves without reporting it to program managers.

It is important to note there are no decreases in benefit amount offered to members. Converting to a reimbursement eliminates disclosure releases between the Nation and your facility, payment complexities, 6-month suspensions for members and any delays in processing payments since the reimbursement will now go directly to the tribal member.

Process

Those who attend fitness facilities will be required only to pay for their memberships on their own. When they have completed 6 months of their membership, Health and Wellness will accept **6 months of paid receipts** and the corresponding **usage report**. With an **updated W-9 form** on file, the Health and Wellness Team will calculate the copay deduction based on usage frequency under the same terms as the former schedule.

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- \$60 - Family Membership Usage between 5-10 times per month
- Ineligible for reimbursement for usage less than 5 times per month**

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Baraboo, WI 53913
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If the Nation has paid your membership, you will not be required to pay for your membership until the expiration of that paid period. For example, if the Nation paid for your membership up until March, 2020, April will be your first month you'll be personally responsible to pay and keep your receipt. You will be eligible for reimbursement at the conclusion of the paid September 2020 membership with your monthly usage report and W-9.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I'm happy to discuss any further questions you may have about the change.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources

"Preserving Ho-Chunk traditions through land and natural resource management."

Board of Director Applications

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources is seeking candidates to fill Board of Directors vacancies. Per the HCC § 20 the Board of Directors will serve in an advisory capacity only, not as a policy making body. The Board will also be involved in and consulting on strategic planning, development of annual goals and objectives pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Act.

Interested Parties can review the 1HCC20 Department of Natural Resources Establishment Act for more information related to Board of Director Meetings, Terms and Director roles and responsibilities.

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All applications will be reviewed and all applicants will be notified upon selection of Board members. Selected candidates will be subject to Presidential review.

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January Elders Birthdays

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| 1. Francis Decorah | 17. Edward Whitewater |
| Marlene Huffman | Peggy Crowley |
| Karen Johnson | 18. Sidney Lewis |
| Sarah Hernandez | Sherill Worthy |
| 3. Denise Kearnes | Roger Houghton Sr. |
| Shelby Grant | 19. Rhonda Funmaker |
| Algernon Wauqua | Charlene Steele |
| Roger Schmitz | 20. Michael Goze |
| Fredrick Zensen Jr. | Mark Hellerud |
| 4. David Radtke | 22. Barbara Pierce |
| Steven Bell | David Mach |
| Joni Bradley | 23. Michael Day |
| 5. Joann Jones | Antoinette Horak |
| Raena Funmaker | Pamela Smith |
| Mark Thundercloud | 24. Francita Decorah |
| 6. Roy Cassiman | 25. Nela Stacy |
| Anita Prieur | Julia Little Wolf |
| Penny Smart | Martin Cooper |
| 7. Barbara Lowe | 26. Gary Hall |
| Eunice Winneshiek | Wilbert Cleveland |
| Phyllis Amendariz | Myrna Thompson |
| 8. Ona Garvin | Stewart Miller |
| Bonnie Hanson | 27. Tina Danielski |
| 9. Beverly Whitewing | 28. Wade Blackdeer |
| 10. Janice Goldman | Berna Big |
| Sharon Topping | Thunder-Hindsley |
| Avery Lonetree | Anthony Winneshiek |
| Douglas Greengrass | 29. Nadine Sieber |
| Melanie Bryant | Faye Larson |
| 11. Patricia Filipowicz | Rosalie Two Bulls |
| Yvonne Chojnacki | Cindy Funmaker |
| 12. Benjamin Decorah | John Houghton Jr. |
| 13. Wendy White Eagle | Eugene Notah |
| 14. Fred Decorah | Frisk Decorah |
| Hattie Walker | 30. Cecelia Rave |
| Roberta Decorah | Barbara Nyhan |
| Susan Moore | 31. Janice Rice |
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| 16. Sharon Whitebear | Tree-Whiterabbit |
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'Coming home' to Indian Country Today

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Indian Country Today will start 2020 with Karen Lincoln Michel taking on the role of president of the non-profit company. Lincoln Michel is Ho-Chunk and is currently the publisher and executive editor of Madison Magazine in Madison, Wisconsin.

"I am excited to be part of a news organization that is innovative and is setting a new standard for news coverage of indigenous communities," says Lincoln Michel. "Much of my career has been in legacy media, and although I have advocated for fair and accurate coverage of communities of color in each of my roles, I will now have the amazing chance to focus all of my energies on an enterprise that is all about serving Native audiences."

"It is my hope that Indian Country Today will continue its tremendous growth in 2020 while broadening its reach. As president of Indian Country Today, I see my role as making sure the news organization has the resources it needs to innovate and also sustain

itself financially well into the future," says Lincoln Michel.

She holds a master's degree in journalism from Marquette University and a degree in industrial technology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She also attended Arizona State University.

"She'll be in charge of all the business operations," says Mark Trahan, editor of Indian Country Today. The company has a 2020 fundraising goal of \$2.5 million as it prepares to launch its national newscast.

Trahan says Lincoln Michel has "a range of experience that's exactly right." She was a Native American Journalism Association scholarship winner, then started her career as a reporter working her way up to the post of editor, and most recently, publisher.

"Karen cares about the editorial process," says Trahan, "she has integrity, is thoughtful, and just an extraordinary leader."

"Karen knows Indian Country, she knows the urban Indian communities and she knows leaders in the news industry, which is important

in her role as president," says Patty Talahongva, executive producer of Indian Country Today. "And she's a rare journalist who understands the financial side of the news business."

Like Trahan and Talahongva, Lincoln Michel is a past president of the Native American Journalists Association. In fact, she was the first female president of the association.

"What sets Indian Country Today apart from other news outlets is that Native journalists are writing and editing the stories about Native peoples and their issues. The stories give readers the proper context and are told by journalists who understand the complexities of tribal societies," says Lincoln Michel. "It's the kind of content that our people want and that no mainstream news organization has consistently attempted to provide."

"I am inspired by what Indian Country Today has accomplished and I am looking forward to working with long-time friends and people whose work I admire and respect. It feels like I am coming home."



Karen Lincoln Michel named first president of the non-profit news company.

New Law in 2020 Federal ID travel requirement begins October 1, 2020

Wisconsin DMV urges customers to enroll before law changes

WisDOT Office of Public Affairs

When enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins October 1, 2020, the regular Wisconsin driver license or ID will no longer be accepted identification for domestic air travel or to enter a federal building or military base. Travelers will need to present a REAL ID-compliant driver license or state ID card or another acceptable form of identification (such as a passport). TSA offers a list of acceptable alternative identification cards: [TSA.gov/REAL-ID](https://www.tsa.gov/REAL-ID)

Nearly 40 percent of all Wisconsin driver license or ID card holders are REAL ID compliant. Many people may already have another acceptable form of ID (passport, military ID, etc.) or don't plan to travel before the deadline. Those who don't have a REAL ID could face longer lines at the DMV as the deadline gets closer. Or worse,

travelers will not get through TSA checkpoints and miss their flights.

More people are taking notice. Enrollment in REAL ID is up 22 percent from 2018. In 2019, 54.42 percent of all driver licenses and IDs issued were REAL ID compliant.

"Our customers are encouraged to visit the DMV sooner rather than later. No one wants to miss their flight or meeting because they don't have the proper identification," Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Administrator Kristina Boardman said. "2020 will be an exceptionally busy year. We urge anyone who plans to fly domestically or visit a federal building or military base to make plans to enroll in REAL ID well ahead of the October 1, 2020 deadline."

Wisconsin DMV has more information on REAL ID, including what documents are required, costs, and the handy

interactive Driver Licensing Guide which helps customers develop a personalized checklist of the required documents needed to bring to the DMV, at [wisconsin.gov/dmv/REALID](https://www.wisconsin.gov/dmv/REALID).

Next year is also an election year. While Wisconsin requires an ID to vote, it does not need to be a REAL ID. Regular driver licenses or IDs may be used. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.



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Year in review

January

Ho-Chunk people travel to witness Sharice Davids take oath

The Ho-Chunk people have never experienced such an honor as having one of their own, Sharice Davids, take a large role in this nation's government. Davids was sworn in as a U.S. Representative in Washington D.C. on Thursday, Jan. 3.

The occasion was a historic one, mainly because she and Deb Haaland, elected in the same election cycle, are the first Native American women to be elected to congress. Haaland is from New Mexico while Sharice is from Kansas.

To help mark and celebrate the event, many Ho-Chunk people traveled to Washington D.C. to be a part of it.



Wild Bearies: Elena Terry reconnects to Ho-Chunk roots through food

The association, "Wild Bearies," has been cooking indigenous cuisines for community events around Wisconsin for almost a year now. The division that is Wild Bearies is made up of individuals from all walks of life. At the head of the operation is Elena Terry who aims to lend a help hand to those whose lives have fallen into dissonance.

Kickapoo Valley Reserve hosts its annual Winter Festival

Despite the lack of snow, many people gathered to enjoy the spirit of winter at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve on Saturday, January 12, for its annual Winter Festival.



"The mission of the Winter Festival is just to get people outside in the winter – to have a family-friendly community event," Kickapoo Valley Reserve Executive Director Marcy West said.

The Ho-Chunk people have been involved with the Winter Festival since its inception in 2000. In past years, weather permitting, snow snake and other traditional winter Ho-Chunk games were played. This year Ho-Chunk storied and education on Ho-Chunk pipes, gourds, drums, baskets, bowls, spoons, moccasins, corn, shirts, dresses, yarn belts, and hides were shared.

Ho-Chunk Nation DNR collaborates with Wisconsin DNR to collar elk herd

Late into the evening Sunday, January 13, Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologists were on standby when they received a call from the Wisconsin DNR confirming five elk were trapped and ready to be sedated and collared.

Behavioral Health in a new location, to offer faster services

There are several changes going on with the Ho-Chunk Behavioral Health Division to better serve their clients.

One change is that they are in a different facility. Behavioral Health is now in the main Ho-Chunk Clinic building to make it easier and more comfortable for people to seek services. The new location will allow patients to gain AODA and mental health services without the anxiety of being seen by people they know going into a separate building for the services.

Ho-Chunk Nation IV D Agency hosts tribal support agencies from across the region at the quarterly Woodland Gatherings Summit

Tribal child support agencies from across the state of Wisconsin convened at the District 1 Community Center on Tuesday, January 15 for the annual Woodland Gatherings Summit.

Directors, front line workers, financial specialists, and child support specialists deliberated on issues they face in their line of work. "We do a lot of discussion problems that we are having with the counties or with the state, and we do best case scenarios. We swap 'what's the best way to do things,'" said Linda Moser-Buse Director of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

February

The Otoe-Missouria invite Ho-Chunk to their 2019 Winter Encampment

The Ho-Chunk, Winnebago, Kiowa, Iowa, and Otoe-Missouria people gathered at the 7 Clans First Council Hotel and Casino in Newkirk, Oklahoma for the 2019 Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment. Approximately 500 people were in attendance on Saturday, Jan. 26.

According to Emcee John Arkeketa, this was the second time Ho-Chunk Nation was formally invited to Otoe-Missouria Country. The Winter Encampment signifies a time of ceremony and celebration. "This is the time of year where we come together and feed our tribe," he said.

During the Winter Encampment, friends and relatives get a chance to visit and reconnect through laughter, dance, and ceremony.

Ho-Chunk performers bring 'Ajijaak on Turtle Island' to life on stage

Huge puppets of serpents, a turtle, bison, and cranes move gracefully across the stage. Bright vibrant colors swirl, capturing the minds and imaginations of the audience.

The Native American story, "Ajijaak on Turtle Island," was told on Thursday, Jan. 24, and Friday, Jan. 25, at the Al. Ringling Theater in Baraboo.

At the heart of it were two Ho-Chunk actors, Kevin Tarrant and his daughter, Henu Josephine Tarrant.

Elizah Leonard becomes the first Wisconsin Dells girl wrestler to win a regional championship

Elizah Leonard contended in regionals on Saturday, February 9, 2019, in Wautoma, Wisconsin. Per the Wisconsin Dells Events newspaper, Elizah Leonard becomes the first Wisconsin Dells girl to win a regional championship.

This year marks the first-ever Wisconsin Girls High School Rankings on the WIWrestling.com website. These rankings distinguish females on wrestling teams at their high schools. Two of our own Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members appear in these rankings, Elizah Leonard of Wisconsin Dells, and Asia Rave of Black River Falls.



March

Madison casino readies for zoning change, plans for expansion

Big changes are being planned for Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison.

At this point, they are just plans, but if everything is approved, the facility will add a new hotel, a Heritage Center, two 1,000 space parking ramps, and conference space that doubles as an entertainment area.

There are several steps that must be taken before anything can be approved. The first step is currently being pursued, which is changing the zoning code for the area around the casino to allow businesses to be developed.

"We're just preparing for zoning," said Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison Executive Manager Dan Brown.

"The zoning code changed a few years ago, so this is an opportunity to create our own zoning."

Ho-Chunk officials are approaching the city Urban Design Commission (UDC) for consideration for the land surrounding the casino to be zoned as commercial.



New software to make Gaming Commission paperless, work more streamline

Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission are excited to have a new software system that will make their work a lot easier and more efficient. The PRYME Licensing Software system was introduced to compliance field agents on Tuesday, Feb. 5, and Wednesday, Feb. 6.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Watershed Institute presents frac sand mining research

Preceding the monthly District 1 Area Meeting on Feb. 13, community members enjoyed a meal and listened attentively to a presentation covering the topic of frac sand mining.

Tenured professor Dr. Crispin Pierce and students of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Watershed Institution presented their research and the concerns they have about frac sand mining.

According to Orion Allgaier, a Junior student in the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Watershed Institute, the group has conducted air quality sampling around Wisconsin. The students have measured particulate matter in the air using PurpleAir's Air Pollution Monitors.

The Tribal Office Building opens its doors for this year's Ho-Chunk Winter Camp

People of all ages shared a day filled with laughter, songs, and other activities at the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal office building on Saturday, Feb 9, 2019.

Ho-Chunk Nation's Heritage and Preservation department sponsored this year's Ho-Chunk Winter Camp which highlighted many traditional Ho-Chunk practices. Ho-Chunk Nation's Heritage and Preservation Director Jon Greender expressed a deep gratitude to everyone that played a role in the success and operation of the camp. Demonstrations and exhibits included scraping, stretching, and smoking deer hides, black ash basket making, moccasin making, kansu games, moccasin games, and a snow snake competition.



Ho-Chunk Nation Health & Wellness Division sponsor annual snow tubing event

The annual snow tubing event took place on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at Fort McCoy near Tomah, Wisc. The Ho-Chunk Nation Health & Wellness Division sponsored the event. Tubing tickets were valid the entire day and were open to all tribal members, employees of the Nation, and their families.

Total registration by lunchtime was 139. Some families filtered through after. The Wellness Coordinator planned for 60-75 participants.

The Sweetness of Life Bakery offers unique, custom baked goods

January 2019, a talented Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Ashley Gerdes, officially opened a bakery that provides unique, custom baked goods. Her new business is named 'The Sweetness of Life Bakery.' She combined her baking skills with her artistic flair to become the owner and operator.

The bakery offers various cakes, cake pops, cupcakes, and cookies. Currently, the bakery is just a side business for Mrs. Gerdes and is based out of her and her husband's home in Melrose, Wisconsin.

Randall Blackdeer II sworn in as Post 129 American Legion commander

Randall Blackdeer II was handed the reigns of the next commander of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 in Black River Falls. On Wednesday, March 13, Blackdeer was sworn-in by County Commander David Hale at the Jackson County American Legion monthly meeting. Post 129 hosted the meeting.



Future Ho-Chunk Museum hosts yarn belt weaving class

The Ho-Chunk Museum opened its doors to the public for the very first time on Saturday, March 9, to host a cultural class. The building is located on 1108 Superior Avenue downtown Tomah, Wisconsin. Community members stopped in throughout the day for a sneak preview of the space and participated in a yarn belt weaving class.

Museum Director Josephine G. Lee has been working on introducing the Ho-Chunk Museum and looks forward to continuing to expand the project.

20 Annual Ho-Chunk Nation March Madness

Wisconsin's Premier All-Native Basketball Tournament Results took place March 8 – 10 near Baraboo, Wisconsin.

April

Asia Rave takes to the mats for another state wrestling championship

Whatever the sport, Asia Rave's at the top of her game. Not only is she involved in almost every high school sport, but she also excels at each one of them. The perfect example is her most recent achievement: taking first place in the state for her weight in wrestling. The state championships were held March 3 in Marshfield.

Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

An Alcohol Awareness Event was held on Friday, April 5, 2019, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells. April is Alcohol Awareness month. The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health hosts similar events each year.

Welcome and introductions were made around 9:00 AM to the 113 people in attendance. Staff from the Division of Behavioral Health shared news and updates on the services and programs they offer.

Wild Bearies Feature at The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Food Lab Fundraiser



The beat of a drum echoed as the Red Bull Singers rendered a song in a room filled with spectators who were in attendance in support of a first of its kind fundraising event hosted by internationally renowned The Sioux Chef, Sean Sherman.

On Apr. 2, assembled within the Jefe Urban Hacienda Hall of Kings, in Minneapolis, were many indigenous chefs from across North America and the Middle East. Every chef presented a respective dish crafted with ingredients gathered from their own regions.

Accompanying The Sioux Chef were an inter-tribal body of indigenous chefs from the: Ho-Chunk Nation; Anishinaabe Nation; Oneida Nation; Navajo Nation; Northern Cheyenne Nation; Sicangu Lakota Sioux Nation; Kaesha Baloch (Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan); Central Mexico; and Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Nation. Each chef connected in a common goal in food sovereignty and education on indigenous foodways.

Nekoosa Culture Event

On Thursday, April 4, 2019, a cultural event was held in Nekoosa at the High School. Several departments within the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Nekoosa/Port Edwards Area Title VII JOM Parent Committee made the event possible.

Nekoosa Youth and Learning Center Director Angeline Decorah coordinated the event. Special thanks were extended to Terry Whitmore, Lanette Walker, Lawrence Walker, Jr., Paula Cleveland, Barb Smith, Ronnie Preston, Dr. Don Bartlette, Lori Pettibone, Kathleen LaMere, Damek Walker, Ho-Chunk Drum singers and dancers, and Isaac Decorah.

Nekoosa School District Administrator Terry Whitmore welcomed approximately 260 people in attendance and provided a brief explanation of the event's purpose, "We are coming together tonight to celebrate the ongoing work our community is actively doing to create culturally responsive practices within our school and our greater community."

Tomah Diversity Month Pow-Wow

The Diversity Month Pow-Wow was held on Mar. 29, 2019 at the Tomah Youth Center. The Pow-wow was sponsored by Tomah IEC/JOM. Tomah Area School District students, faculty, teachers, and families were invited to commemorate this year's diversity month and to celebrate the Tomah High School class of 2019.

Tribal Office Building hosts Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration

Ho-Chunk Nation's Veterans Affairs opened the Tribal Office Building's doors to celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29. Activities for the day included a flag raising, firing squad, a grand entry, singing of the flag songs, speeches from veterans, and concluded with a meal made with Vietnamese dishes.

The master of ceremonies was Andy Thundercloud, guest speakers were George Greendeer and Collin Carrimon, and the cooks were Roth Roan, Aric Decorah, Pierre Decorah, and Larry Walden.



May

2018-2019 Indian Parents of the Year awarded to Ho-Chunk Nation's Curtis and Sheila White Eagle

The Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) Annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, April 27 at the Hotel Mead and Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members Curtis and Sheila White Eagle were awarded Indian Parents of the Year.

"Curtis and Sheila are a great example of what Native parents are and should be when talking about parent involvement," wrote Family Services Coordinator Heidi Elsen from Chahk Ha Chee Nekoosa Head Start.

Curtis and Sheila White Eagle are from Nekoosa, Wisconsin and have three children ages 16, 5, and 4. They have been married since 2007 and have been together since 1996. They have a daughter and two sons.

Sam Schonasky offers a part of his culture for Eagle Scout project

Dark clouds filled the sky, but the energy and enthusiasm of Sam Schonasky outshined the raindrops that day. He brought that drive to the Historic Indian Agency House grounds on Saturday, May 19, to accomplish what he had been planning for months: to organize the construction of a ciiporike.

The effort was part of his Eagle Scout project, a project required for him to earn the new Boy Scout ranking. When it all came together on Saturday, he was proud of his accomplishment, along with the pride of his friends and family.

Sam, 14, is the son of Danielle and Mike Schonasky of Endeavor, WI. His grandfather is Jonathan Whitebear and his grandmother is Roberta Funmaker.



HCN squad car demolished in accident

The day, Thursday, April 25, started out like any other day. Soon that day turned to one with a huge misfortune. Ho-Chunk Nation Police Officer Ryan Price was driving near Necedah when another driver ran a stop sign and slammed into the side of the squad car driven by Price.

20th Annual Denim Day emphasizes correcting sexual assault misconceptions

The Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division set up an informational booth on Wednesday, April 24 at the Tribal Office Building to promote the #DenimDay and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Anyone who stopped by the booth at the Tribal Office Building that day received a T-shirt. There were 45 T-shirts given out to people who stopped by the booth that day. Anyone who received a T-shirt was asked to take part in the picture for #DenimDay.

The Denim Day observance was inspired by a rape incident in 1992. A young 18-year-old Italian female was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor and then abandoned in an alley. She reported the assault to the police and the instructor was later convicted of rape then sentenced to jail.

Dancers took to the court at annual Three Rivers Powwow

The La Crosse Three Rivers Traditional Powwow was held Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, at Mitchell Hall at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse campus.

Students compete in annual Language Baseball games

Learning a language can be trying and arduous. It also can be very rewarding when some amount of success is achieved. Any type of activity to bring about an enthusiasm about learning helps to encourage language students to persevere. That's why the Ho-Chunk Language Department held its annual Language Baseball Tournament on Monday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 14.

Employees volunteer their time to clean up highway

Ho-Chunk Nation employees took to the edges of Highway 54 on Tuesday, May 14, for a common cause – to clean up the mess. The effort was for the Adopt-A-Highway program, in which Ho-Chunk employees are responsible for a section of the highway from the Ho-Chunk Powwow Grounds to the Tribal Court buildings.



June

Lay advocacy training provided at Ho-Chunk Trial Court

The staff of the Ho-Chunk Trial Court held a lay advocate training on May 30-31 and June 3-4 at the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court building in Black River Falls.

Each of them received a certificate of completion, given to them on June 4 by Judge Mary Jo Hunter. A lay advocate is trained to represent people in a variety of court cases, but is not a licensed attorney.

Chief John Winneshiek honored with a ceremony for his military service

The honor and acknowledgment was a long time in coming. Thirty-three years after his passing, Chief John Winneshiek was recognized for his military service to the country and his people.

A flag presentation ceremony was held in his honor on Friday, May 24, at the District 1 Community Center. The Andrew Blackhawk Post 129 Auxiliary provided a meal, along with potluck from friends and relatives. Jon Greendeer served as emcee of the event.



WhiteEagle declared president-elect; Stacy, Greendeer, and Brinegar elected to Legislature

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board certified the results of the June 4, 2019, General Election.

On Wednesday, June 5, the Election Board confirmed and counted valid absentee ballots before making a motion adding the numbers to the total vote count.

Beloit Casino scores new milestone in approval process

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has published a Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Ho-Chunk Nation Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project. This is another significant step in the process which ultimately will allow for one of the most significant entertainment developments and job creators in the Stateline Region.

Ho-Chunk Nation Digital Library project celebrates its third year of work

The Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division along with the participants from the UW-Madison Tribal Libraries Archives and Museums (TLAM) class hosted a thank you luncheon on May 9 at the Language Division Office in Mauston.

Their unique partnership celebrates its third year of work on the Ho-Chunk Nation Digital Library project that helps the Nation curate and use its language resources while providing the UW students with a service learning project involving an actual working collection of materials.

TLAM is an effort at UW-Madison to bring indigenous information to library and information science education through coursework, service-learning, continuing education, community-building, networking, resource sharing, and long term partnerships with Native American cultural institutions. The TLAM course runs every spring.



First Listeners project offers Ho-Chunk language classes

For the past six months, Jessi Falcon and Samson Falcon have been coordinating Ho-Chunk language classes in Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and Black River Falls that cater to students who have a strong fundamental base of the Ho-Chunk language.

The undertaking is the first language class of its kind. Ho-Chunk language classes are currently offered in high schools at Black River Falls, Tomah, and Wisconsin Dells.

The First Listeners classes are made up of Ho-Chunk students of all ages from elementary school kids to elite elders. Those who have been through Ho-Chunk language immersion daycares, former students who have taken Ho-Chunk language classes offered in high schools, and those who have grown up hearing the language all make up the student body in the First Listeners classes.

ASIST program helps people with suicide prevention and intervention

When a friend or family member is thinking about suicide, often people don't know what to do or how to help. People wonder what they can do to prevent such a tragedy. The Ho-Chunk Nation has been conducting sessions called ASIST, or Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).

The ASIST training was provided Wednesday, May 29, and Thursday, May 30, at Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells. ASIST is for everyone who wants to be able to provide suicide first aid. Shown by major studies to reduce suicidality, the ASIST model teaches effective intervention skills while helping to build suicide prevention networks.

Memorial Day Powwow features honoring of Sharice Davids

The Ho-Chunk Traditional Memorial Day Powwow was held May 25 to May 27 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow grounds. Congresswoman Sharice Davids was honored with a special ceremony on Sunday morning. Davids presented to Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland a United States flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

To go along with the flag, Davids also provided a framed declaration of that flag to President Cleveland. The flag was later flown at the Powwow grounds. The presentation was followed by a song dedicated to Davids.

Fourth annual youth powwow held at D1CC

The Fourth annual Nioxawani Youth Powwow was held on Friday evening, May 24, in the District 1 Community Center. The powwow is usually held at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow grounds in Black River Falls, however, rain that evening moved the event indoors. It is held every year the Friday evening before the annual Memorial Day Weekend Powwow.

Annual Youth & Family College Expo connects Ho-Chunk families with recruiters and resources

The 7th Annual Youth and Family College Expo was held on Friday, May 10 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. College recruiters, military recruiters, and Ho-Chunk Nation resource booths were on hand to speak with participants.

Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department sponsored the event. The target audience were adult learners, high school students, and parents/guardians.

Dr. Marcus F. Lewis is the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division Director, and he shared information regarding the Higher Education Division's program and services before participants were released to interact with the various College Expo booth representatives.



Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground hosts annual Youth Culture Camp

Youth from grades 6 through grades 12 spent a handful of days away from their tablets and cellphones immersed in nature, Ho-Chunk culture, and each other's company during this year's Ho-Chunk Culture Camp. Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin hosted 139 youth at the annual camp and was made possible through a conglomeration of Ho-Chunk Nation departments.

The camp brought youth together from each of the Ho-Chunk Nation's youth centers and the Ain Dah Yung Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. Ho-Chunk Nation has youth centers located in Black River Falls, Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Nekoosa, St. Paul, Tomah, Baraboo, and Wittenberg.

Representative Douglas G. Greengrass "Gicjwjjikere" recognized at District 1 area meeting

Representative Douglas G. Greengrass "Gicjwjjikere" recognized at district one area meeting. Ho-Chunk community members from district one packed into the Tribal Office Building for Representative Doug Greengrass' last area meeting as a Ho-Chunk Nation government representative.



Zunker heads effort in changing October day to Indigenous Peoples' Day

From now on, the second Monday in October in Wausau and the rest of Marathon County will be known as a day to acknowledge Native Americans, their culture, and the contributions they have made to society.

The Marathon County Board unanimously approved a resolution on May 28 to declare the day "Indigenous Peoples' Day," formerly known as Columbus Day.

Ho-Chunk member and Wausau School Board President Tricia Zunker was the person who spearheaded the effort to get the name of the day changed. Zunker also serves as Supreme Court Justice for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Employee Appreciation Day gives workers an opportunity to play, eat, and have fun

The annual Ho-Chunk Nation Employee Appreciation Day was held on Friday, June 21, at the Ho-Chunk RV Resort Campground near Lyndon Station. While the heat soared during previous years' Employee Appreciation Day events, this year was pleasant with temperatures in the 70s.

Many Ho-Chunk Nation employees gathered under the tents for rounds of bingo, while others enjoyed games of volleyball, horseshoes, and corn hole toss. Golf was also an option for employees to enjoy and was played at a different location.

July

Ho-Chunk Nation Oath of Office Ceremony

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board hosted an Oath of Office Ceremony on July 2, 2019 at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells for the newly elected officials. Master of Ceremonies was Matthew Mann. A welcoming address was conducted by former Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland. A prayer was offered by Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek.

Election Board Chairperson Libby Fairchild conducted the oath of office with each newly elected official and made mention that Supreme Court Chief Justice Todd R. Matha was sworn in via telephone.

Newly elected officials included President Marlon WhiteEagle, District 1 Legislator George O. Stacy, District 2 Legislator Conroy Greendeer, District 3 Legislator Darren Brinegar, District 4 Legislator Paul J. Fox, Supreme Court Associate Justice 2 David J.W. Klauser, Trial Court Chief Judge JoDeen B. Lowe, Trial Court Associate Judge 1 JoAnn Jones, and Trial Court Associate Judge 2 Mary Jo B. Hunter.



Ho-Chunk Basketball Camp 2019

The Ho-Chunk Basketball Camp was offered June 19 at the District 1 Community Center on N7261 Warrior Avenue near Black River Falls for both boys and girls grades 3 to 12. Head Coach Todd Fergot of the La Crosse Central Raiders was on hand to mentor the young athletes.

Hostopi Hoci first respite sober living in Wisconsin

Hostopi Hoci provides a temporary sober respite house and supportive services for Ho-Chunk enrolled women. The living space located near Black River Falls officially opened their doors to guests on June 3, 2019, and is the first of its kind in Wisconsin.

“(Hostopi Hoci is) the first respite sober living in Wisconsin. You’re coming here for a short time before you can get into treatment. That’s what makes it different than other sober living houses,” said Paula Jolly from DarJune Foundation, Inc.

The facility offers a safe, positive place for Ho-Chunk women who are going through the intake process with the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Behavioral Health and are waiting on a bed from a treatment center or are in active addiction seeking remission.



Earth Partnership initiative recognized with UW-Madison’s Community-University Partnership Award

University of Wisconsin – Madison recognized the Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts and Sciences (AIS) initiative with the Community-University Partnership Award on June 26. Indigenous Arts and Sciences is an initiative between UW-Madison and five tribal nations of Wisconsin, including the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Department of Education, specifically the Culture and Community Education Division and School Community Relations Division, is in collaboration with UW-Madison and will be offering their 5th annual Goja Howaite Hi (Going on Continuously) youth environmental science camp the week of July 15 and recently held the 4th annual Teacher Institute centered on environmental science and Ho-Chunk culture.

Tribal Aging Unit Elder Picnic

Ho-Chunk elders and a few of their caretakers crowded into the District 1 Community Center for the annual Elder Picnic on June 20. The Tribal Aging Unit offered Bingo, door prize drawings, and other games for the elders to enjoy during the day.

Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. Day observed on July 4

A powwow celebrating Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. took place on July 4 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow grounds near Black River Falls. Matthew Mann emceed the event with Jeriah and Erin Rave as head dancers. Charles Hindsley served as the arena director. President Marlon WhiteEagle gave a welcoming address.

Newsletter Reporter introduction

My name is Elijah Thomas Smith and recently hired as Newsletter Reporter. My parents are Rosalind Falcon and Kevin Smith. I have a brother, Averie Tom, and a sister, Adriana Tom. I am a member of the bear clan. My grandparents are Emmanuel Falcon and Rose Dixon Falcon.

I am currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Santé Fe, New Mexico. I first started to enjoy photography as a young kid, being able to capture time in a photo. Photography shaped the value of moments with my family, friends, pets, and achievements to be the forefront of content in my personal life.



Sarah M. Lemieux sworn in as representative for District 3 Seat 1

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board hosted an oath of office ceremony on July 17, 2019, at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls for the newly elected District 3 Seat 1 Legislator, Sarah M. Lemieux.

August

First completed, first served: Reduced budget caused program modifications in the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department

Attention Ho-Chunk Nation families utilizing the Higher Education Division’s financial programs and the School Community Relations’ Pre K – 12 Educational Grant Program. You will need to promptly complete your files with these programs to increase your chance of receiving benefits this upcoming year.

Last year, the Executive Branch was given a budget and the Department of Education needed to make some cuts. Two of the most extensive programs were impacted.

The Rapid Word Collection Workshop surpasses its goal

The Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division partnered up with The Language Conservancy (TLC) organization to help revitalize our endangered language.

Our language is slowly diminishing due to the number of speakers that we have in our tribe. We have less than approximately 50 fluent Ho-Chunk speakers. That being stated, the Language Division has asked for help to collect as many words as possible with TLC.

TLC is dedicated to rescuing the world’s endangered languages, restoring them to stability and health, and safeguarding them for future generations. The Language Conservancy helps prevent the extinction of languages by raising funds, by increasing the international public awareness of the language-loss crisis, creating language tools to preserve the culture, and by providing support to organizations and communities engaged in revitalizing their languages.



Internship Recognition Luncheon honors 2019 Ho-Chunk Nation Summer Interns

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department hosted an Internship Recognition Luncheon at Skyline Golf Course in Black River Falls to wrap up the eighth annual Summer Internship Program. The three interns this year were Stanley White Eagle, Jr., Ria Thundercloud, and Katelyn Bird.

The 2019 Summer Internship Program ran June 3 through August 9, 2019, and is a paid work experience. There were 54 interns over the course of eight years and this year was one of the smallest groups of interns.

Youth Worker Kanani Blackdeer

The Youth Work Program has many outstanding students learning and experiencing the workforce. This summer, Kanani Blackdeer was interviewed along with Lisa Kline on how Kanani is an exceptional youth worker.

Blackdeer is an assistant to Lisa Kline, a Supreme Court clerk for the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal and Supreme Courts in Black River Falls. Blackdeer 17, is coming into her senior year at Black River Falls Senior High School and has been working with Lisa Kline for the last three years as her assistant.

Judith Ann Thundercloud donates in memorial of Elvis Presley

Since 2011, tribal member Judith Ann Thundercloud, who is an Elvis Presley fanatic, has been donating money to the Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers group and Black River Falls Memorial Hospital in honor of the late Elvis Presley. Elvis Presley is known by many as the King of Rock and Roll.

Every year on the anniversary of August 16, Judith Ann Thundercloud donates one thousand dollars to the memorial of Elvis Presley, who tragically passed away due to a cardiac arrest in 1977. Thundercloud has a room full of Elvis Presley memorabilia in which she has collected over the years to show the amount of devotion she has for him.



Ho-Chunk Prairie Homes Open House

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, Housing, and Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) hosted an Open House event on Friday, August 16 in Lake Delton, Wis. One duplex in the Ho-Chunk Prairie Homes was open for viewing.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held September 13, 2018 for the six duplexes totaling 12 new rental units on Giebel Road, off from Fern Dell Road. Each duplex has a two bedroom unit and three bedroom unit.

September

Pathway to Healing through culture, awareness, and activity at the Prevent Suicide Conference

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The Pac Haci Youth Council initiated the Prevent Suicide Conference held September 19-22 at the Siga Funmaker Community Center near Wittenberg, Wisc.

The conference organizers effectively interlaced Ho-Chunk culture, suicide awareness, physical activity, Indigenous culture, and suicide prevention tools and resources into an influential four-day event. An amazingly caring staff, community leaders, families, youth, and veterans supported one another and discussed pathways to healing.



Ho-Chunk Elders experienced the first Elder Summit

The first Elder Summit was held August 26 and 27 at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells with 264 in attendance. The conference was open to Ho-Chunk Elders age 60 plus. The Behavioral Health Integration Grant funded the event.

Introducing Reporter Kaili Berg

My name is Kaili Berg. I am the new Reporter here at the Hocak Worak Newsletter. I am a part of the tribe Natives of Kodiak, which is in Kodiak, Alaska.

I am from Black River Falls, Wisconsin and graduated from Black River Falls High School in 2017. I am currently enrolled at Western Technical College for nursing and have previous work experience for the Newsletter.

Run Walk Roar raises funds for the American Diabetes Association

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells is hosting a Run Walk Roar event on Saturday, September 21 and is open to the public. New to the event this year is the 20 mile or 50K bicycling. The ADA is setting this up in a similar fashion to Tour de Cure in Madison. Wildside Action Sports in Baraboo is supporting this portion.

“This is our second year,” said Director of Marketing Dave Abangan. “My thought is instead of just handing over money, let’s create an event on-site here and raise awareness.”

The event includes a 20 mile or 50K bicycle ride, 5K Run/Walk, Zumba, Roar motorcycle rally, health fair, and live entertainment at night. All proceeds will go to the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The American Diabetes Association’s mission is prevention, education, and finding a cure for diabetes.

Mad Dog & Merrill filmed at the Neesh-La Powwow

Mad Dog and Merrill were at the Neesh-La Powwow grounds on Friday, August 23 filming. They were joined by Ho-Chunk Chef Elena Terry and prepared Indigenous foods and drink.

Mad Dog & Merrill are self-proclaimed “grillologists” and entertain thousands with the finer points of grilling. They travel the country performing in front of live audiences and host a TV show.

Neesh-La Contest Powwow

Neeshla Powwow was held August 23 and 24 near Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells.

Ho-Chunk Nation hosts Labor Day Contest Powwow

Black River Falls, Wis. – The 2019 Labor Day Contest Powwow took place August 31 to September 2 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow grounds.

New sharps container located at TAU in Black River Falls

The Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) in Black River Falls has successfully placed the first large sharps container located outside near the side walk to the entrance. Community Health and Environmental Health received these containers from the Region 4 Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition with intentions to reduce the risk of injury and infections from sharps in tribal communities.

Neeshla 3 on 3 Indoor Basketball tournament

Many hoopers participated in the double elimination contest during the Neeshla powwow weekend. The activities attracts many different tribes from around



the country as basketball players were in attendance for the tournament.

General Council 2019 Summary

General Council 2019 took place at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on September 14. Quorum was established at 11:14 AM, with a total of 2,260 voting members present. Reports were given from Legislative Branch and Judicial Branch.

Wilfrid Cleveland received 650 votes for Chairman and called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM. Agenda motions and discussion began. Resolutions were presented, discussed, and voted on.

Chairman Wilfrid Cleveland adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM after a motion to adjourn was made and voted on with 1,043 accept, 848 reject, and 78 abstain.



October

Ho-Chunks share traditional ways at Farm Aid 2019

The Homegrown Village held during this year’s 34th Farm Aid concert, brought together farmers, activists, and farm advocacy groups from across the country.



The village offered an opportunity for concert goers to view a multitude of exhibits focused on the nation’s soil, water, energy, and food, many of which offered hands on experiences.

In addition to the village, was a FarmYard stage, a venue for farmers and some of the concert artists to visit some of the issues facing an increasingly volatile industry.

It seems fitting, with the focus of the village being sustainable farming and food, that descendants of the original farmers of the land were represented in the village. Although not the only tribe to be represented, the vast area surrounding this year’s Farm Aid venue happen to be the inherent lands of the Hocak people.

Thundercloud singers, Country Western star Margo Price, kick off 2019 Farm Aid concert

In its 34th year, Farm Aid 2019 rocked the farmland in South-central Wisconsin. Held at the Alpine Valley Music Theatre in East Troy, Wisconsin this past Saturday, this year’s concert opener, paid homage to the first people of the area, the Hocak (Ho-Chunk) Nation.

As part of the organization’s action to include the original farmers of our nation, which natives refer to as Turtle Island, members of the Hocak, Cherokee, Oklahoma, Otoe-Missouria, Shawnee, and Otoe-Talihina tribes, along with singer Margo Price, opened the concert.

Hocak Elder and Vietnam Veteran Navy Corpsman Andy Thundercloud, extended a traditional greeting to the crowd. Thundercloud, supported by relatives Justice Green and Koonzie Decorah, with all three playing hand drums, rendered a welcome song, while Andy’s sons Jon and Josh stood on stage.

HCN set to release license plates

The Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) will be the seventh federally recognized tribe in the State of Wisconsin to issue license plates to enrolled Tribal Members.

The Wisconsin Statute 341.409 allows the State of Wisconsin and the HCN to register motor vehicles owned or operated by an enrolled member or by the HCN. The license plates will be released in two stages.

Ho-Chunk Cultural Art represented at MATC

A Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Chris Sweet, created a cultural art piece representing the Ho-Chunk Nation and Native American culture for a building at Madison Area Technical College.

Green Corn Harvest Celebration

Around this time of the year, our harvest season is when Ho-Chunk people use to make sure we had enough food to get us through winter. We would gather our foods and prepare them for storage. Some foods were also prepared and shared in celebration because the harvests we received were a gift from the Creator.

On October 4, a Green Corn Harvest Celebration took place behind the Tribal Office Building near Black River Falls, Wisc. An Earth oven was created, various dishes were prepared, the moccasins game was played, a meal was shared, and a singing and dancing celebration took place.



Protecting our Natural Resources – Sauk County Indigenous Peoples’ Day

Sauk County, in collaboration with the Ho-Chunk Nation, established the first annual Indigenous Peoples’ Day. The County recognized and promoted contributions of Indigenous Peoples to our county, state, and nation during various events.

“Sauk County has the honor of devoting three days to Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” said Sauk County Board Chairman Peter Vedro.

One day was dedicated to Restoration, one to Celebration, and one to Commemoration. ‘One Sauk, Naturally’ motto was adopted by Sauk County, its five municipalities, and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Ho-Chunk Crew Member participates in the 50th Annual Oktoberfest Race Weekend

On October 4, Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member Scott Kingwan and the Morrissey crew got ready for the 50th Oktoberfest Race Weekend in West Salem, Wisconsin.

Andrew Morrissey is a driver from Deforest, Wisconsin who has been racing his entire life. Andrew took home the trophy for the 2018 Oktoberfest 200 at the Lacrosse Fairgrounds Speedway. Scott has been a part of the Morrissey crew since 2016.

Harmful effects of tobacco in Indian Country

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States. Nearly 40 million U.S. adults still smoke cigarettes, and about 4.7 million middle and high school students use at least one tobacco product, including e-cigarettes. Every day, about 3,000 youth younger than the

age of 18 smokes their first cigarette.

American Indians/Alaska Natives have the highest prevalence of cigarette smoking compared to all other racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Each year, nearly half a million Americans die prematurely of smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke. Another 16 million live with a severe illness caused by smoking.

Inaugural Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Powwow

The Ho-Chunk Nation and Forest County Potawatomi hosted the first Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Powwow October 12 and 13, 2019. The powwow was organized by the Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee and took place at the Wausau West High School Field House.

4th Annual Domestic Abuse Awareness color run

On October 12, the Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division hosted its 4th annual color run supporting Domestic Abuse Awareness Month at the Tribal Office Building near Black River Falls.

November

Black River Falls Homecoming features Ho-Chunk culture and history

On Friday, October 18, the school district of Black River Falls had its first Annual Ho-Chunk Appreciation Night at the Tiger Stadium in Black River Falls. The Student Senate club decided that it would be a good opportunity to honor the Ho-Chunk culture and history by having this event while playing football against Wisconsin Dells, which also has a Ho-Chunk population.



November marks 33 years for Hocak Worak

Volume 1 Issue 1 of the newsletter was published in November 1986 by the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee (WWBC) in Tomah, Wisconsin. The title of the publication at that time was Ho-Chunk Wo-Lduk. November 2019 marks 33 years the newsletter is published as volumes and issues.

The Ho-Chunk Wo-Lduk underwent modifications over the years. Publication location moved to Black River Falls in October/November 1991, following the relocation to the Executive Offices to Highway 54 East. The publisher's name was changed to Ho-Chunk Nation in November 1994 following the official name change of the tribe. The title was altered to Hocak Worak in July 1997 to correspond with the Ho-Chunk Nation's official alphabet.

The inaugural issue's front page featured the WWBC meeting minutes, and accompanying articles included reports on budgets, housing, planning, education, TERO, health, BIA, elder news, birthday announcements, and a wedding anniversary. Information directly impacting the Ho-Chunk Nation membership were presented.

Tribal Excellence Transportation Conference recognized Ho-Chunk employee and tribal member with awards

October 29 -30, the Department of Transportation held its 13th Annual Tribal Excellence Transportation Conference at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Award recipients were recognized for providing exemplary contributions and services to building and enhancing partnerships with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin Tribal communities.

Jon Schrader, Transportation Planner for the Ho-Chunk Nation, and Clayton Winneshiek, Traditional Chief of the Ho-Chunk Nation with 29 years of service to Mathy Construction, were presented awards.

Language Division hosts annual "Ho-Chunk Baseball Tournament" at Tribal Office Building

This year the annual Ho-Chunk Baseball Tournament was held at tribal office building in Black River Falls. Various areas that participated in the tournament were from Wisconsin Dells, Mauston, Tomah, and Black River Falls.

This year the tournament had more input and involvement from the community and students from the schools. Through double elimination, teams from their areas competed for the trophy and bragging rights. Overall the game had the competitive aspect but also the joy and laughter that we Ho-Chunk people are known to possess and bring our people together.

This year the tournament was won by a cooperation of the departments taught and led by Andrea McCaskey. The Language Division does its very best to influence and teach our people and those in the community the language, culture, and history of the Ho-Chunk.



Dane County Landfill Biogas Facility Fuels Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison's First Renewable Natural Gas Maintenance Truck: Ho-Chunk Nation's Ongoing Effort to be Environmentally Conscious

MADISON, WI November 5, 2019 - Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is excited to announce that for the first time they are now using Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) to power one of their Maintenance trucks.

During Earth Week in April of this year the Dane County Landfill Biogas

Facility opened a \$28 million plant as the first of its kind in the United States. The plant converts the collected methane into compressed natural gas (CNG) which is then injected into its pipeline. It turns decomposed waste (and cow manure) into renewable fuel which can be bought and sold.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison has formed a partnership with Dane County Landfill Biogas Facility to become the Ho-Chunk Nation's first natural gas fueled vehicle, powered with the cleanest transportation fuel available. When this fuel is used for vehicles they have a lower emission rate than gasoline or diesel. Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison has kept their pledge to remain a sustainable leader in Madison and they continue to try to reduce their carbon footprint through research and identify environmentally engaged options.

Stephanie Begay's oath of office ceremony

On Wednesday, November 20, the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board hosted an oath of office ceremony for newly elected Legislator Stephanie Begay. Begay was declared the winner of the October 26 Special Runoff Election. The Special Election was due to the resignation of Legislator Carly Lincoln.

Infor Lawson software system set to go live January 1, 2020

Tentatively, the Infor Lawson ERP software system goes live December 1, 2019 on financial and procurement areas and goes live January 1, 2020 on payroll and human resources areas. The Ho-Chunk Nation decided in 2015 to procure and implement an ERP system.

ERP stands for Enterprise Resource Planning Solution, a modern, integrated financial management, procurement, HR/payroll, and supply chain management solution.

The long-term vision for the Nation's ERP system is to increase automation and enhance management decision making capabilities. The focus is to increase business efficiencies, reduce dependency on paper and utilize interfaces between systems in order to create a single, integrated system focused on the delivery of real-time data.

UW-Eau Claire hosts a powwow honoring veterans

On Saturday, November 9, the University of Eau Claire hosted a powwow honoring veterans. Doors opened at 10:00 AM at the Zorn Arena.

Four Ho-Chunk Veterans awarded a Quilt of Valor

On Friday, November 8, four Ho-Chunk Veterans were awarded a Quilt of Valor. These Veterans included: Susie Coffey- U.S Navy; Gary Funmaker- U.S Navy; Kim Whitegull- U.S Marine Corps; and Jeff Harrison-U.S Marine Corps.

Quilts of Valor is a non-profit foundation whose goal is to cover all physically or psychologically wounded service members with a freedom quilt, honoring them for their sacrifices.

December

Madison Mayor visits the Ho-Chunk Nation

During the last week of November, Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway visited the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal office building. President Marlon WhiteEagle of the Ho-Chunk Nation and representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature welcomed Mayor Rhodes-Conway.

During the visit, President WhiteEagle expressed words of appreciation and detailed the union between Madison and the Ho-Chunk Nation. WhiteEagle also talked about the history of which Madison shares with the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation. After WhiteEagle's commentary, the Ho-Chunk Nation President offered a Ho-Chunk Flag as a gift to the city of Madison.



Tribal participation vital in the Census 2020

The Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. A census provides facts and figures about America's people, places and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all the information the Census Bureau collects.

Tribal participation is essential in the American Community Survey because it supplies the statistics needed to assess a variety of programs. When American Indians and Alaskan Natives complete the ACS, they are helping to ensure that the best statistics are available to their communities to inform future decisions. The need for accurate and complete data is particularly crucial for tribes and tribal organizations.

New Social Media Policy in effect

Effective December 2, 2019, Ho-Chunk Nation issued a new social media policy and procedure. Those currently administering social media accounts on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation or a Ho-Chunk Nation entity have until January 16, 2020, to register their existing account(s) with the Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations office.

Timberwolves celebrate Native American Heritage Night

On November 20, Timberwolves fans, players, and community members celebrated Native American Heritage Night at the Target Stadium in Minneapolis, MN.

Western Tech Graduates visit Ho-Chunk Nation sites and learn about the workforce

At the end of October, the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted the Western Technical College (WTC) graduating class of Black River Falls at the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal office building to educate and present real-world expectations of the workforce.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF:
Levi H Thunder Sr.

A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative Dashell Thunder, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is March 13, 2020. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA, State of Wisconsin and Olivia G. Merriman, Petitioner, v. Dakota R. Cloud, Respondent.
Case : CSFJ 19-66

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Dakota R. Cloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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

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

Tianna Harrison, Petitioner, v. Clayton Harrison, Respondent.
Case : FM 19-18

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Clayton Harrison

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled action for divorce. This legal notice of the *Petition for Divorce (With Minor Children)* 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 DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ORDINANCE, Para. 3d. 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 result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA and April J. Webster, Petitioner, v. Miguel Franco Toscano, Respondent.
Case : CSFJ 19-57

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: April J. Webster

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, _____ IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Amended</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Case No. <u>PR 19-04</u></div>	For Official Use
<p>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A <i>Petition for Probate</i> was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>Sept 12, 1941</u> and date of death <u>July 23, 2019</u> was domiciled in <u>JACKSON</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u>, with a mailing address of <u>PO Box 94 Black River Falls WI 54615</u> 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>William Hall Maple Ln Hatfield Wi.</u> 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Jo Deen B. Lowe</u>, on (Date) <u>01/14/2020</u> at (Time) <u>10:00 AM</u>. 	
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;"> If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. </div>	<div style="text-align: right;"> <small>Clerk of Court</small> <u>Mary Thunder</u> <small>Name Printed or Typed</small> <u>11/18/2019</u> <small>Date</small> </div>
DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice. <p>* IF not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication *</p> <p>Notice to Petitioner: The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hocak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2).</p> <p>Notice to Newspaper: Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.</p>	
PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims 8 HCC § 13.47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.	

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, <u>Juneau County</u> IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Amended</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Case No. <u>PR 19-05</u></div>	For Official Use
<p>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A <i>Petition for Probate</i> was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>6-22-46</u> and date of death <u>10-19-19</u> was domiciled in <u>Juneau</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u>, with a mailing address of <u>N6052 15th Ave. New Lisbon, WI 53950</u> 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Jo Deen B. Lowe</u>, on (Date) <u>2/10/2019</u> at (Time) <u>1:30 pm</u>. 	
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HO-CHUNK NATION
2020
NEW YEAR'S EVE
SOBRIETY POW-WOW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019 | 6PM - 3AM

HO-CHUNK HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITE EAGLE RD, BARABOO, WI 53913

MASTER OF CEREMONIES | GERALD CLEVELAND

ARENA DIRECTOR | DELANO CLEVELAND

DOORS OPEN | 6PM
REGISTRATION | 7PM
GRAND ENTRY | 8PM

FEAST | SOBRIETY RECOGNITION
DANCER HONORARIUM | DRUM SPLIT (MUST HAVE 5 SINGERS)
MOCCASIN TOURNAMENT | 1st - \$400, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200

Contact: Rick Cleveland Sr. (608) 381-0043

Ho-Chunk Wa ruc hiweni Food Distribution Program 2020 Tailgate Distribution Dates							
	NIZRA	DEJOPE	PACCINAK	AHU CO	NI TANI	CEX HACI	
	Wis Dells	Madison	Wittenberg	Tomah	LaCrosse	Nekoosa	
	INVENTORY	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday
JANUARY	31st	8th	10th	15th	22nd	24th	30th
FEBRUARY	28th	5th	7th	12th	19th	21st	26th
MARCH	31st	4th	6th	11th	18th	20th	25th
APRIL	30th	1st	3rd	8th	15th	17th	22nd
MAY	29th	6th	8th	13th	20th	22nd	27th
JUNE	30th	3rd	5th	10th	17th	19th	24th
JULY	31st	8th	10th	15th	22nd	24th	30th
AUGUST	31st	5th	7th	12th	19th	21st	26th
SEPTEMBER	30th	2nd	4th	9th	16th	18th	23rd
OCTOBER	30th	7th	9th	14th	21st	23rd	28th
NOVEMBER	30th	4th	6th	12th	18th	20th	25th
DECEMBER	31st	2nd	4th	9th	16th	18th	23rd
*Participants can apply for food at any location.							Tailgate Hours:
*Fastest service is generally at the warehouse.							9:00a-200p Wisconsin Dells
*Located behind the Executive Offices and Ho-Chunk Health Care Center							9:30a-100p Wittenberg
							9:00a-200p Tomah
HOURS Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 3:45 pm *Closed 11:45 - 1:00pm for lunch & restocking							9:30a-200p Nekoosa
Closed EVERY Wednesday-See Tailgate schedule above							9:30a-1130p Madison
TELEPHONE 1(800)284-9466 x5038 or (715)284-7461 x5038							1000AM Pickup Lacrosse
FAX (715)284-5620							
E-MAIL Andrew.Rave@ho-chunk.com / Susan.Wilcox@ho-chunk.com							
HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM							
N6520 LUMBER JACK GUY ROAD							
BLACK RIVER FALLS WI 54615							
http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir							

BRMH will not raise rates for the fourth consecutive year

Submitted by Barb Brower, Black River Memorial Hospital

Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) is consistently looking at ways to be a part of making healthcare affordable. The Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team have approved the recommendation to not raise rates for the fourth year in a row for 2020. The average rate increase in 2019, for Wisconsin hospitals, was 4.25%, according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

Matthew Streeter, CFO for BRMH, stated, "The people of Jackson County deserve high quality, affordable care. We are always seeking ways to reduce the cost to our patients."

Black River Memorial Hospital offers emergency and urgent care, surgical services,

obstetrics, diagnostic, rehabilitation, respiratory, home-based services and more. Being the only hospital in the county, providing the care needed and remaining sustainable is very important to the health and well-being of Jackson County.

Streeter said, "We continually look for ways to reduce the cost of healthcare even in the face of declining payments from insurances. Each year it gets more difficult, but we are committed to making care affordable."

Hospitals must report changes in revenue related to price increases per state law. This information is public and can be found on the Wisconsin Hospital Association website. (www.whainfocenter.com/consumers/hospital-rate-increases)

ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY LIST

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws. This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
SCOTT, Adakai Rager	01/15/2019	77/256	E Noo Kah Elizabeth Dora Thundercloud 1901-00692	Non-Member Austin V Scott	Non-Member Shanna L Frazier
DECORA Novi Adeline	03/08/2019	111/256	Na He Kah Nathaniel Decorra 1901 – 01176	Non-Member Derrick A Decora	Non-Member Celia-Joi C White
PETERSON, Marlene	01/19/1957	1/2	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
SOHM-SKOW, Averyin Ethan Lee	10/01/2012	1/4	Coo Noo Kah Charlie Opinkah 1901-01403	Ethan J Sohm	Non-Member Jaden L Skow
TECH, Nolan Zander	05/23/2018	1/4	Hay Nun Kah William Decorra 1881-00486	William L Tech	Non-Indian
JOHNSON, Lorraine Ellen-Rose	03/05/2019	699/2048	Ma Choo Zhoo Na Gin Kah George Bud Blackdeer Garvin 1901-00967	Non-Indian	Kiara A Blackdeer
DECORAH, Emani Storm	10/28/2017	5/8	Ha Ga Kah Jones J. Decorra 1901-00430	Eric S Decorah	Andrea J Littlewolf
LINCOLN, Steven Foster	04/13/1999	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Kee Wjh Kah Will Winneshiek 1881-00434	Steven D Lincoln	Non-Indian
MINASIAN, Milana Shari	04/04/2010	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker Sr. 1881-00328	Non-Indian	Felicia J Avila
DECORA-SOLTVEDT Riley Grace	05/30/2017	3/8	James J. DeCora N1910-01036	Ryan J DeCora	Non-Indian
RAMON, Miimike Storm	09/18/2018	1/4	Wau Soo Mau Nee Kah Frank Snowball 1881-00502	Non-Member Steven P Ramon	Non-Member Crystal Snowball-Ramon
SMITH, Owen Cyrus	07/26/2019	5/8	Mon Choo Kee Nee Kah Frank R Smith 1901-00944	Desmond L Smith	Jalisa Ellen Smith
CHOJNACKI, Iris Sapphira	10/02/2017	1/4	Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie 1881-00486	Non-Indian	Eden D Decorah-Scheurich
FALCON, Jaella Renee	11/27/2017	39/64	He Wee Chaw Zhou Kay Kah Thomas Falcon 1881-00410	Anthony M Falcon	Victoria Jean Houghton
BERG, Dalane Louise	11/11/2018	5/16	Ha Ga Kah Moses Decorra 1881-00716		Tiffany Maves King
PETTIBONE, Abigail Yvonne	08/16/2018	3/8	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone 1881-00582	Roger K Pettibone, Jr	Andrea Marie Pettibone
MINER, Sylas Derrius	11/04/2013	29/64	Ha Na Kah George Miner 1901-00237	Branden S Miner	Non-Member Ashly M Johnson
YOUNGTHUNDER Roland James	01/26/2013	3/8	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Youngthunder 1881-00090	Alden P Youngthunder	Non-Member Sylvia C Hill
WHITE EAGLE, Brayden Joseph	09/29/2011	3/8	Coo Noo Nik Kah Charley Whiteeagle 1901-00010	Cameron L White Eagle	Christeena M White
ZERNEKE, Kenleigh Joy	04/28/2016	1/4	Hay Shon Ke Kaw John Mike Jr 1881-00103	Non-Indian	Paulette J Skinner
WAUQUA, Gabriel Marie	09/10/1998	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Skaw Kah Henry Whitethunder 1901-00332	Colin J Wauqua	Non-Indian
BARTON, Gisella Marie	05/26/2017	1/4	Hay Shon Ke Kaw John Mike Jr 1881-00103	Non-Indian	Paulette J Skinner
KLEVGARD, Kaylin Rae	06/29/2019	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL	Mathew R Klevgard	Non-Indian
McANDREW, Axl Ray	07/07/2018	21/64	Ha Na Kah George Miner 1901-00237	Kenneth R McAndrew	Kayree R Funmaker
COLLINS, Rylie Vandana	11/19/2015	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL		Vandana Estevez
BEVERSDORF, Layton Andrew	05/30/2012	1/2	Ha Ga Kah Elijah Whitewing 1901-00195	Clint A Beversdorf	Jamie L Decorah

I, Rita Gardner /s/, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 19Th day of December, 2019.



JOIN OUR NYE CELEBRATION

2020 NYE NYE COUNTDOWN

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

NYE PRIME RIB BUFFET | 11AM - 12AM | \$21.95

BINGO | \$5K CASH GIVEAWAY | OPEN AT 4PM

CARICATURE ARTIST | 8PM - 12AM

BRAT PACK RADIO | 9PM - 12:30AM

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



HO-CHUNK GAMING
BLACK RIVER FALLS

Experience the Difference



Visit all six casinos at ho-chungaming.com





MANDATORY Insurance Open Enrollment 2020

THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020

Open Enrollment 2020 is MANDATORY. This means that if you are on the Nation's Health Plan, you must attend a scheduled meeting

Enroll/Change the following:

- ◆ Health Insurance - Dental/Vision
 - Enroll if you previously declined coverage
 - Add eligible dependents*
 - Drop currently covered dependents; or
 - Drop all coverage
- ◆ Short Term Disability
 - Apply for coverage (with EOI) or change current benefit level
- ◆ Life Insurance
 - Increase or add coverage (with EOI)

**If adding any dependents on your major medical health/vision/dental plan, remember to bring their Social Security numbers with you. If the dependent is Ho-Chunk Enrolled, please bring Ho-Chunk Enrollment number. If adding a spouse with a different last name bring a copy of Marriage License.*

New Health and RX cards will be distributed

A representative for the 401k will be onsite at some locations

All paperwork must be in the Black River Falls Insurance Department by 4:30 pm on Friday, January 31st, 2020 or it will be too late and not processed!

DON'T MISS OPEN ENROLLMENT OR YOU WILL WAIT UNTIL JANUARY 2021

Staff will be at various locations to assist employees with questions, updates or changes. See reverse side for scheduled dates and times.



Ho-Chunk Nation Employee Insurance 2020 Open Enrollment

January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31		01	02	03	04
MANDATORY - Attendance Required			Happy New Year!! Office Closed			
			OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS @ 8:00 AM			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	Madison Branch Office 4724 Tradewinds Parkway Meeting Start Times: 8:30 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	HCG - Wisconsin Dells Upper Ballroom B Meeting Start Times: 8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	Wittenberg Siga Funmaker Comm. Bldg. W17634 Radke Rd. Meeting Start Times: 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 1:30 PM		Tomah TAU Meeting Start Times: 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	
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Come and join us for the 3rd Annual (officially) Wazee Wonderland Officially Unofficial Snowshoe Race!

Where: At Lake Wazee, go left at the guard shack and down to the swim beach on the right (about a mile)
When: January 4th
Time: 10:00 a.m. No oversleeping!
Distance: 3+ miles – You can run, walk, crawl...whatevs!



What to look forward to:

- Really crappy awards for the top 3 finishers for men and women
- In addition, we will have a special award for the final male and female in! Who doesn't want that award?
- Timing yourself – we can't afford stuff like that!
- Writing down your placing as you cross some kind of finish line
- This is an "at your own risk" event. Don't drop dead please, that is just wrong
- No registration fee!
- No t-shirts! Bring your own water!
- This will be an awesome event
- We will mark the course for your convenience!

Open bathrooms!
What??? Awesome!

For more information, contact Kathleen Clemons 715-299-0870



FAMILY SNOWSHOE DAY 2020

Saturday, January 11 at 9am

Check-in 8:30am

Lake Wazee Recreation Area

N6302 Brockway RD, Black River Falls

Perfect opportunity to snowshoe for the first time and enjoy the beautiful outdoors!



Three Route Options:
Short (1 mi)
Medium (1.5 mi)
Long (3 mi)

FREE Park Admission to Participants
FREE Snowshoes to use. First come, First serve.
FREE Hot Chocolate and Coffee

Event will be cancelled in the event of sub-zero temperatures or freezing rain.
Check the JIA Facebook page for updates.



www.JacksonInAction.org

No Pets Please!
Questions? Contact 715-284-9851 ext 5308 or jacksoninaction12@gmail.com

HO-CHUNK NATION TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking three (3) qualified candidates to serve as Committee members responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

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

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

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

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: January 17, 2020 to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Trust & Investment
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615
ayako.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com



Thousands of patients with blood cancers could be cured with a blood stem cell donation from a genetically matched donor. Join us to learn how you could BE THE MATCH for blood cancer patients.

- DATE** Tuesday, January 7th, 2020
- TIME** 12:00pm-6:00pm
- LOCATION** Lunda Community Center
405 State Hwy 54 W
Black River Falls, WI 54615
- CONTACT** Kathleen Clemons
715-284-9851, ext 5308



Can't make it to the event but would still like to join the registry? Registration is free for those 18-44 years old. Scan the QR code or visit join.bethematch.org/BRFsaveslives.

If you would like to join between the ages of 45-60 years old, there is a \$100 tax-deductible cost for typing passed on to the registrant.



**MYTHS VS. FACTS:
BLOOD STEM CELL DONATION**



For patients with deadly diseases like blood cancer and sickle cell, there is a cure—a blood stem cell transplant from a genetically matched donor. **YOU** could save someone's life.

MYTH: Donating is very painful.

FACT: Donating is less painful than you probably think.

- While TV shows and movies have wildly exaggerated blood stem cell donation—especially bone marrow donation—as something scary, the reality is much less dramatic.
- Discomfort during recovery varies from person to person. Side effects may include back pain, fatigue, headache or bruising for a few days or weeks.
- The vast majority of donors say it was worth it to help save a life, and they would do it again.

MYTH: Donating involves opening up or removing bones.

FACT: Most blood stem cell donors give PBSC—a process similar to platelet donation.

No bone is removed.

- **PBSC donation** is a nonsurgical procedure and the most common way to donate. For 5 days leading up to donation, you will be given injections of a drug called filgrastim to increase the number of cells in your bloodstream that are used for transplant. Some of your blood is then removed through a needle in one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the blood-forming cells. The remaining blood is returned to you through the other arm.
- **Bone marrow donation** is a surgical, usually outpatient procedure. You will receive anesthesia and feel no pain during the donation. Doctors use a needle to withdraw liquid marrow from the back of your pelvic bone.

GIVE EVERY PATIENT AN EQUAL CHANCE

There is a cure for blood cancer, but not everyone has an equal chance at finding a life-saving match.



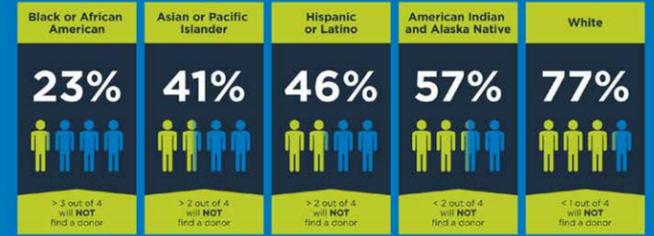
Every 3 minutes someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with blood cancer.



70% of patients don't have a fully matched donor in their family.

Patients need a genetically matched blood stem cell donor to save their life.

CHANCE OF FINDING A MATCH



UP THE ODDS. REGISTER TODAY.



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MEETING NOTICE

- WHO:** Housing Board of Directors
 - WHEN:** Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
 - WHERE:** Department of Housing
27374 State Hwy 21 E, Bldg. 5
Tomah, Wisconsin
- Note: Housing Department Meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Public is welcome.

Please call (608) 374-1225 for more information or to confirm meeting date and time.

**Legal Notice
INVITATION FOR BID**

- BID #:** 2002-01SFS – Provide Professional Commercial HVAC Services for HCN BRF Health Clinic
- BID #:** 2020-02SFS – Provide Professional Commercial Plumbing Services for HCN BRF Health Clinic

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Bid document and submit bids. Sealed bids must be submitted by, **2:00 PM CST on January 02, 2019**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <http://ho-chunknation.com/Procurement>. Search on the bid number and bid title. Please call Catherine Link at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1502 or Steve Sallaway at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1316 for response to any questions or requests for additional information. Published this 27th day of December, 2019.

Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM
Procurement Manager
Ho-Chunk Nation
The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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