Ho-Chunk’s top scholars awarded with South Dakota incentive trip

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Eleven middle school and high school students received a free trip to South Dakota this month, thanks to an incentive program sponsored by the Division of Youth Services in Tomah.

The five-day outing would serve as a reward for their performance in the classroom.

“It’s just an incentive for the kids in our program,” said Tomah Youth Coordinator Leland Bird. “Not many centers do this kind of thing. But we try to be different than the other centers, and do our own thing.”

Stops included Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Park, Wind Cave National Park, Rt. 66, Wisconsin 56001-3

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The students gather at the entrance to Wind Cave National Park.

According to Bird, the incentive program began five years ago with a camping trip to Mauston. After three years of pitching tents, though, the division set their sights on South Dakota.

Exclusive to this year’s trip was a visit to the Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud.

“This is the second year we visited South Dakota,” said Youth Coordinator Alicia Blackhawk. “And even though it’s meant to be an incentive for staying in school and keeping their grades up, we wanted to add in some community service this year as well.”

The group collected winter clothing, school supplies and baby products throughout the school year so that they could donate them to the club and the underserved reservation on which it sits.

Staff members said giving back to the community is a large part of their teachings.

“I think that’s important,” said Youth Coordinator Heidi Miles. “It gives them appreciation for what they have, and allows them to interact with kids from another area and see the similarities. I mean, you can look around and see the Rosebud version of each kid that we have.”

During their visit to the Boys and Girls Club, the Tomah students also spent much of their time interacting with the youth living just outside its doors — on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. They would teach one another traditional games played by their tribe, such as Moccasins.

“It’s amazing how similar our children are to their children,” Miles said. “I guess it’s neat to see that, no matter where you go, people are still the same. They’re different, but they’re still the same.

With some extra time, and a little leftover money, the group would spend its last night in a hotel. There, they were able to get some relief from the 90-degree heat that had joined them on the trip. Despite all the heat and humidity, those that went said they would love to do it again next year.

Students attending this year’s trip included Thalia Nambo, Alexis Casarez, Savannah Blackhawk, Van Schwartz, Andrea Meers, Royce Roberts, Kierra Miles, Michael Miles, Breezy Mann and Kaidan Stewart. Youth Service staff said they have not yet decided upon the destination for next year’s trip, but are considering travelling to South Dakota once again.

Anyone interested in attending should contact a member of the division at (608) 374-3960.
Operating as a Newsletter

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

As I accept the Newsletter Editor position, I considered my leadership goals. Initial ideas were multifaceted but I narrowed my focus. One clear statement defines my leadership and supports my goals: the Hocak Worak operates as a newsletter.

There are differences between newspapers and newsletters. The differences include target audience, publications, and characterizing factors. Newspapers target a larger audience or the general populace. Newsletters publish daily, whereas newspapers publish weekly.

Newspaper characteristics take you back to the early days of newspapers. Crimes, politics, businesses, entertainment, and professional sports are a few examples. Newsletters target a smaller audience, typically an organization or unique group. Newsletters are missing out on their life's work. You should be doing what you are supposed to be doing. You should be working on your bliss.

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Follow your bliss

This is one of the many wonderful ideas that come from author Joseph Campbell. His writing has been a direction on my leadership journey. I have read a number of his books. Many are hard to read due to big words and deep thinking. Usually, I have to read them slowly and repeatedly. If you take up one of his books, be sure to have a dictionary by your side. I know I do! His centerpiece book is called, "The Hero with A Thousand Faces." Another one I do is, "The Power of Myth." Anyway, following your bliss is about how you live your life. He says, "You have to choose what you do, you have to put the joy back into your life. It's your job." You have to make a positive impact, not just to your life, but to their unique group; advice, deadline reminders, important announcements, and schedules of events; and program updates and outcomes.

The Hocak Worak is a bi-weekly newsletter produced by and for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The objective is to publish a professional newsletter that is informative on issues between the Ho-Chunk Nation government, departments, enterprises, and the Ho-Chunk membership. (Newsletter Division S.O.P., 2016)

Moving forward, content of this newsletter will produce articles from the perspective of the organization, the Ho-Chunk Nation. This shift renders our newsletter a productive force and disseminating ideas that work. My name is Ardith Van Riper and recently hired as Newsletter Editor. Hoočok raatza Wįįcąt'įnga hįįgaire. My parents are Gordon Snowball and Emma Decorah (Snowball) and I am a proud member of the Thunder Clan. My grandparents are Luke and Anna (Waakom) Snowball and Arthur Decorah and Verna (Funmaker) White. I married my partner in life and U.S. Army veteran, Anthony Van Riper, Sr., and we raise our five children.

I earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Human Resources Management from Madison College and currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree from University of Wisconsin – Stout. I've resided in Wisconsin Dells, Black River Falls, and Tomah communities and my early years were committed to writing and journalism. I return to journalism anticipating an opportunity to make a positive impact, beginning with redirecting the newsletter's focus. I encourage Ho-Chunk Nation departments and employees, community members, teachers and students, parents and guardians, and the Ho-Chunk membership to contribute and become a part of solutions and inspirations.

Departments and employees continue submitting upcoming event flyers. In addition, submit guides to navigating your programs and services. Help the Ho-Chunk membership troubleshoot and prepare relevant materials. Spotlight an outstanding employee. Spotlight a special project. If you're uncomfortable compos- ing an article, let us know and we will send a reporter. Parents and guardians submit success stories of your child or children. Community members notify us of sports teams comprised of Ho-Chunk players. Teachers and students notify us of a project you are working on. Spotlight an excelling student or athlete. If you're uncomfortable composing an article, let us know and we will send a reporter. Call us with your story ideas at (715) 284-9343 or (800) 294-9343. Ho-Chunk members submit articles that: provide productive ideas; that inspire; that promote and encourage one another; and offer solutions to problem areas. Article submissions accepted via email at anna.reichenbach@ho-chunk.com or tonewletterdepartment@ho-chunk.com. Our fax number is (715) 284-7852.

And follow your bliss!
Annual Elder Picnic provides a time to celebrate life

Ken Lucherhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk elders gathered from all communities on Thursday, June 21, for the annual Ho-Chunk Elder Picnic at Winnebago Park in Tomah. A total of 137 elders attended this year’s event. A multitude of raffle prizes were given and bingo games were played. A meal of traditional food was offered to all people in attendance.

Elders age 90 and above were honored during the occasion. They are:
- Dorothy Decorah
- Alvena Foss
- Vivena Lemieux
- Rebecca Greendeer
- Lillian Thundercloud
- Helen Miller
- Walter Whitehorse
- Alvina Bolinski
- Myrtle Funmaker
- Chloris Lowe Sr.
- Mary Bernhardt

Without Reservations

How do you focus with this phone?

It must be on 'auto'.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be July 6th which will be published on July 13th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 1006 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Comfort takes position as American Indian Nation Liaison at Wisconsin Historical Society

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Rebecca Comfort recently began her new duties as the American Indian Nation Liaison at the Wisconsin Historical Society, housed on the University of Wisconsin - Madison campus.

“The American Indian Nation Liaison’s position is responsible for maintaining and fostering relationships between the 12 American Indian nations of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Historical Society, particularly as it relates to the new Wisconsin history museum that’s in the works,” Comfort said. Comfort is an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and is currently serving as the first American Indian Nation Liaison for the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Before joining the Wisconsin Historical Society, Comfort worked as the scholarship coordinator for the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation and as the interim American Indian Curriculum Services consultant for the School of Education at UW-Madison. She also served as a South region board member for the Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) from 2016-2017 and is currently one of two Southeast region board members.

Comfort graduated from UW-Madison in 2014 with a bachelor’s of science in art and American Indian studies.

“As the American Indian Nation Liaison, it’s my responsibility to bring the tribes’ voices and concerns to the forefront of the Society, and ensure that each tribal community in our state has the opportunity to tell their story through their own words, rather than having the Society interpret their stories for them,” Comfort said.

Situated in the Director’s Office, this position provides a direct line of communication to the Historical Society’s Director, Christian Overland. In addition to working with each of Wisconsin’s First Nations, the Liaison also assists the Historical Society internally with professional development and other issues concerning American Indians. The idea for a new state history museum has been around for nearly two decades.

“Current and past governors Thompson, Doyle, and Walker all support the planning for a new museum, which would address major problems the current museum is facing, including public safety, falling technology, and maintenance issues,” she said. “The project is estimated to cost $120 million with funds from the State of Wisconsin as well as private donors. The state committed $70 million to the project if the Wisconsin Historical Society raises $50 million in private donations.”

There’s not a set finishing date, however, estimates are that the project will be completed in late 2022 or 2023, she said.

With her new position as American Indian Nation Liaison, she has a great sense of pride in her work.

“On a personal level, I love my job because I feel like I’m making a meaningful impact. I see this position as somewhat of a leadership role within the Historical Society, and as a learning role in Indian Country,” she said.

“As part of my job, I have the opportunity to educate the Historical Society on issues that are important to tribal communities, which will hopefully create a greater awareness that lessens the burden of Natives to continuously educate non-native folks,” Comfort said. “When I’m working in tribal communities, my role is reversed -- I’m there to listen and to learn. In my role as a liaison, I’m honored to have the opportunity to act as a vehicle to bring native voices to the table.”

The mission of the Wisconsin Historical Society is “to connect people to the past by collecting, preserving, and sharing stories,” she said. The state has a history of human occupation that dates back at least 12,000 years.

“We can’t tell the story of Wisconsin without telling the story of the people who have called this place home since time immemorial -- especially considering Wisconsin has only been around for 170 years, which represents a measer 1.4 percent of our history,” Comfort said.

Historically, the state’s relationship with American Indians has been rocky, to say the least, she said.

“We’re in a period of reconciliation that started in the 1970s with self-determination; but, if we look back, Wisconsin gained statehood during Indian removal and was complicit in the ethnic cleansing that was taking place east of the Mississippi River,” Comfort said.

“This colonizing relationship persisted well into the 20th century -- including the assimilation (boarding schools) and termination eras. As a state institution, it’s our job to acknowledge our past -- the good and the bad -- so we can move forward in meaningful ways,” she said.

“By creating this position, the Historical Society recognizes the need for a greater American Indian presence at the Society and in the new museum. The position also operates as part of the Director’s Office, providing a direct line of communication between the tribes and our Ruth and Hartley Barker Director, Christian Overland,” she said. Although there isn’t anything in the archives in regards to sound recordings of Native American oral histories, obtaining recordings could be a great objective.

“Nothing regarding content for the new museum is set in stone, but I can’t imagine that they wouldn’t be included. Oral histories are an integral part of telling our stories as American Indian people. I think this would be a phenomenal project to pursue regardless,” Comfort said.

During her time as American Indian Nation Liaison, she plans to both be a receptacle for Native Americans, to listen to their stories and concerns, and an ambassador to approach each of the tribes and their people.

“It is absolutely essential that American Indian voices are integrated into each aspect of the new museum. To do this successfully, the Wisconsin Historical Society has to be proactive about reaching out to each of the tribes and making a concerted effort to collaborate in a good way,” she said.

“My job is to grow and strengthen relationships between the Wisconsin Historical Society and the 12 American Indian nations of Wisconsin,” Comfort said. “Our director, Christian Overland, reached out to tribal leaders to inform them of this position and that we, the Historical Society, are here as a resource. My door is always open; I’m here to serve the tribes.”

Rebecca Comfort displays a map of the effigy mounds in and around Madison, showing a water spirit and a thunderbird in the Lake Mendota area.

Marlon White Eagle examines a historical display about the 1816 treaty between the Ho-Chunk people and the U.S. government. Rebecca Comfort points out that all the words of the treaty are burned into the wood sitting at the bottom of the display.
Cori Blaschke honored with national Chairman’s Leadership Award

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

With a provoking boom of thunder, Cori Blaschke received her award, knowing that her ancestors were there, with her, supporting her.

“Cori was nominated because of her professional and active participation in all matters related to her responsibility as a regulator and her role with the regulatory association. Her nomination reflected her responsibility as a regulator and her role with the association,” Stevens said.

“The convention was held June 13-15 at the Mohican Star Casino in Bowler, Wisconsin. Moran Thundercloud was re-nominated to aide race relations at the convention. At the end of his speech, he announced that he had three awards for Gaming Thundercloud shared that she learned of the award, “I had a very strong mother who worked in the factory. She said her mother taught her every day that she was a ‘beautiful and a ‘beautiful Mexican. Moran Thundercloud shared that she learned of her Mexican heritage from her grandmother in Chihuahua, Mexico. “I was a product of the civil rights movement,” she explained of living on the border of Mexico and Texas in El Paso. “I was mentored by strong African American women,” Moran Thundercloud shared. “I have never been mentored by a Native or Mexican throughout my education. I never got to see ‘myself’ growing up.”

Moran Thundercloud explained, “I have been a product of the civil rights movement.”

Cori Blaschke displays the 2018 Chairman’s Leadership Award plaque she was honored with at the Wisconsin Gaming Regulator Association’s conference on June 15.

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“Cori was nominated because of her professional and active participation in all matters related to her responsibility as a regulator and her role with the regulatory association. Her nomination reflected upon her active and responsible representation of the industry,” Stevens said.

“This national recognition is a reflection of our many years in collaboration with the vitally important regulatory associations at the local, regional and national levels,” he said.

Cori had no idea she was being considered for the award until Mark Powless Jr., chairman of the Oneida Gaming Commission, mentioned to her that he nominated her for an award. She dismissed the comment and didn’t think anything more about it.

Then, at the convention, Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. of the National Indian Gaming Association announced that he had three awards for Gaming Thundercloud said that she learned of the award, “I had a very strong mother who worked in the factory. She said her mother taught her every day that she was a ‘beautiful Mexican.” Moran Thundercloud shared, “When my name was announced, I stayed seated, trying to process whether I heard my name or not,” she said. “I wasn’t until I heard the chairman say ‘Cori that I got up and made my way to the front of the room.”

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The Ho-Chunk Nation will have new rental units available for tribal members by July 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, HHCDA, Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department, the American Indian Community Development Corporation and Smart Homes/Dynamic Homes collaborated to create the duplex. The land for the property was donated by the American Indian Community Development Corporation located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This project began in October 2017. There was hope to get the rental unit finished by December 2017. The weather and other challenges pushed the completion date back from the original date intended. HHCDA worked with Dynamic Homes out of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota which is owned by Ho-Chunk Incorporated, which is owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC) CEO and Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member Mike Goze stated, “The American Indian Community Development Corporation believes that increasing the tribal footprint in the South Minneapolis area is paramount in providing housing and business opportunities for American Indian individuals and families. The AICDC Board of Directors has shown its commitment by donating the land for the first housing development for the Minneapolis/St. Paul District 5 community.”

Jeff Hendricks, HHCDA Director of Modern Development, provided a tour of the new rental property on June 14, 2018 to District 5 Representative Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit and AICDC Board Member Marlene Helgemo. The new building is located on 17th Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Both rental units have four bedrooms, 2 ½ baths and share a detached garage. Interested tribal members applied to Ho-Chunk Nation Housing and Public Works.

Jeff Hendricks added, “It is an honor for me to provide project management with the many housing projects that greatly benefit our tribal membership.” HHCDA is currently working with District 2 on a rental project in the Baraboo area. They have received inquiries and interest from District 5 for the Chicago area as well. Stay tuned there are more housing projects in the works and on the way.
Family Enrichment and Wellness Retreat inspires healthy life habits

Submitted by Social Services Staff

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education - School Community Relations, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services - Division of Community Supportive Services, and Division of Child and Family Services, recently collaborated to put on the first annual Ho-Chunk Nation Family Enrichment and Wellness Retreat on June 13, 14, and 15, 2018. This inaugural event was held at Champions Riverside Resort in Galesville, Wisconsin, with one hundred families participating in the events planned. Many of the participating families elected to brave the great outdoors and camp during the event!

Registration occurred on Wednesday, June 13 and Ho-Chunk Nation employees were granted administrative leave to attend. Families were provided a delicious supper, families were treated to a s’mores bar. After supper, families were treated to a s’mores bar. On Thursday, June 14, children ages 4-17 and adults listened to the keynote address, as provided by Tamra Oman and Paula Buege of Hope Road. Ms. Oman and Ms. Buege both spoke of their pasts. This includes a history of mental health diagnoses, substance abuse, child abuse, incarceration, sex trafficking, childhood mental health, and the struggle of working with schools to find a solution to meet the educational needs of a child with mental health diagnoses, suicide attempts. They both included finding the positive paths that they are currently on.

Ms. Oman stated that her own recovery didn’t start until she found her spirituality during the darkest points in her life. Her struggles resulted in her being a person who understands many of the issues affecting communities while offering support as a certified peer recovery specialist.

Ms. Buege spoke of her own recovery with substance abuse and mental health issues while trying to raise her children. Her children faced their own challenges, like aggressive behaviors and a suicide attempt at the age of four. Both Ms. Buege and Ms. Oman spoke of hope, and while a person’s past is part of their life story, it doesn’t have to become their whole story.

Mr. Gilbert Brown and Mr. Craig Newsome encouraged the youth to believe in themselves and be good teammates regardless of if they play sports or not. Mr. Brown encouraged being a positive and supportive friend, encourage others to do well in school, be a part of the community, and be a positive role model or mentor to younger family members or friends.

Mr. Ted Hall of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Pharmacy spoke on the dangers of drugs. Chief Earl Lemieux of the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and Chief Duane Waldera of the Jackson County Police Department provided the ‘In Plain Sight’ event for parents and adults. Youth were not permitted to attend this event, as training displayed what to look for if parents/caregivers suspect that someone may be using drugs.

Mr. Waylon Pahona provided the afternoon session for both adults and youth. He made sure to get everyone out of their chairs and on their feet! His positive message reverberated throughout the afternoon, inspiring people to get active. He urged they focus on their health, which could be through leading sober lifestyles and making sure to get adequate exercise as a family.

On Thursday, participants were able to learn about different programs within the Ho-Chunk Nation and receive a free Child Safe ID kit for their children through a partnership between the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department and the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department. The Social Dance was held Thursday evening and was the highlight of the event for many people. Both staff and families commented on how cool it was to see the presenters participating in dancing, visiting, and learning about Ho-Chunk ways. Music and company were both excellent, with the sound of laughter filling the night.

On Friday, participants learned how to play kaasu, how to make drum sticks, sew their own bags, and experience archery. After a bag lunch was provided, participants were encouraged to go home and practice what that they learned during the retreat.

We hope to see YOU next year at the Retreat!
Simley High School-Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Skyler is the son of Kumu Dave & April Russell of St. Paul, MN. Grandson of Jim & Bonnie Clairmont, & great grandson of the late Peter GreenCrow and Raymond & Elizabeth “Ga-Ga” Deere.  
Skyler will be attending United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND in the Fall of 2018, where he will be playing basketball and pursuing his degree in Graphic Design.  
CONGRATULATIONS, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!  
Big Pinagigi to all the family, relatives, and friends for coming to Skyler’s graduation festivities, especially for the prayers and well wishes on behalf of our son, grandson, and nephew.  
The Clairmont & Russell Families

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Nekoosa High School Class of 2018

Future Plans: Attending University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) the Fall of 2018  
Parents: Fletcher Collins and Ericka (Cloud) Totzke  
“Congratulations Wiha, we are very proud of you for reaching this goal in life!  
Love you, Mom and Dad”

Congrats to Naacge pii aka Samuel Nelson Funmaker  
for graduating with his Senior Class of 2018 from Baraboo High School!  
With great dedication, comes great achievements.  
Good luck on all your future endeavors & many blessings Naacge pii!  
Rebecca & Terrance Davis are the proud parents!

Marshall Herbert Lonetree

Eleva Strum High School  
Parent: Hera and Dakota Lonetree-Rindahl  
Maternal Grandparents: Dale and Cynthia Lonetree  
Proud to share his success in completion of his High School career, he has also successful completed his Emergency Medical Technicians Course. Marshall will be enlisting in the United States Air Force.  
All our love and support for his dreams and goals in life. Congratulations Sonny Boy- Much Love  
“The Lonetree Chicks”

Nona St. Paul High School

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Graduating from Farmington High School, MN  
To my son Alec! You make me a PROUD Father.  
I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH!!

Elijah Tremaine Carlson-Perez

Naacge pii  
Samuel Nelson Funmaker

Alec Fox

4K graduate from Beloit, WI  
Looking forward to Kindergarten this fall.  
Future endeavors are enjoying quality time with family, and soccer camp at Beloit Memorial HS.  
Proud parents:  
Rosa G. Perez and Benjamin Carlson.  
Proud grandparents  
Ramiro & Gloria (Decorah) Perez and Chris & Geraldine Carlson, all of Beloit, WI.
Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Teens from all over Wisconsin gathered in Black River Falls for the annual Youth Culture Camp from June 18–22.

The theme this year was “Living Good Together.” Approximately 70 youth attended the camp this year.

For five days, Ho-Chunk youth gathered to learn more about their culture and heritage. The majority of the culture sessions were held at the new District 1 Community Center with many of the outdoor hands-on activities held at the Powwow Grounds.

One of the participants, Aaron Day from Wisconsin Dells, thought it was great. “I thought it was good. There were a lot of good things, yet there are a lot more to be taught. It’s great that they kept us active and not on our phones.”

“My favorite part of the camp were the lessons with Mr. Preston. We learned what happened to our people in the past, the boarding schools and assimilation,” Day said.

He also enjoyed making his own drumstick and then to use it while learning the traditional songs. “It was a good five days. I made a lot of good friends and more bonds. Many feelings were expressed,” he said.

Izzy Stacy of Black River Falls also enjoyed the camp. “It was fun. I learned a lot,” she said.

Her favorite part was learning to play double ball. This was her first year attending the camp. She hopes to come back again next year. “I made a lot of friends,” she said.

Layla Blackdeer of Tomah thought the camp was very educational with many activities. “The whole experience puts you in your place. Someday the youth here will look back to this day and the words spoken here will really have an effect on you,” she said. This is her third year and she hopes to be back again next year. “I liked the elders talking to us from their experiences and what they were taught,” Blackdeer said.

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Part of learning traditions is by doing. Young men learn how to construct a cliporoke at the Ho-Chunk powwow grounds.

Youth learn about culture and tradition at annual summer camp

Youth coordinators offer a few words and a prayer at the conclusion of the camp on Friday afternoon.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Selection of Final Redistricting Proposal and Submission to the Election Board to Conduct Special Legislative meeting May 21, 2018. Discussion was on the deadline of April 13, 2018 for submission of the Redistricting Scenarios to the Election Board, and the elimination of scenarios that were uncertain with the date. Additional information provided at this meeting. It was noted that there is time to review scenarios with the tribal members. The motion was held on redistricting and it was on a recess to redistrict and to consider the scenarios.

Clayton Wenslow spoke about how the proposed scenarios will be at all the Districts. Tribal Health was held off to a future date. Censorship should be key to provide a redistricting. The motion was held on redistricting and it was on a recess to redistrict and to consider the scenarios.

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Meeting—District 2 Tomah Area Meeting

FYI: There was an issue of prescription drugs, temperature violations and employee turnover. It is currently being out of this is about his spouse’s medication being held. The drug being taken by state Rep. Lin. Another issue, minor child has a broken ankle. The Black River Falls School District is in the process of getting the district. Mail orders cannot be changed back, but the district will keep track of what was received for next session. NESSCK 14-0-0.

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Million Dollar TournEvent® of Champions qualifier from Wausau

Submitted by Katrina M. Wychest, Senior Public Relations Manager | Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg in partnership with TournEvent® of Champions, North America’s leading slot tournament, awarded Danalee Gray $5,000 Cash, an all-expense-paid trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and the opportunity to compete again a portion of $1.3 million in cash prizes, including a ONE MILLION DOLLAR top prize. Throughout Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg’s TournEvent® of Champions — Wittenberg, the area’s Premier Gaming Wittenberg consists of a stylish new 86-room, 5-story hotel; the 80-seat, 3 meal restaurant named The River’s Edge, a renovated Forest Edge Snack Bar, 2 full service bars, Non-Smoking and High Stakes Game Rooms and an expanded gaming floor offering the hottest games in the area. Everything you already love about Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is now EVEN BETTER! On July 11, 2018, the Grand Opening Ceremony kicks off at 3:00 p.m. where guests may go from “bags” to riches with a Mystery Bag Giveaway. The first 600 Guests will receive a GUARANTEED price of Rewards Play or a chance to win from $100.00 to $5,000 CASH! The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held under the Porte Cochere at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of Ho-Chunk Tribal Members, dignitaries, Chamber Ambassadors and guests from near and far. Following the Ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshing, including Champagne, and a lite bite will be served; while supplies last.

One winner would be heading to Las Vegas in October for a chance to win ONE MILLION DOLLARS! Each Finalist was allocated one minute to rack up as many credits as possible by frantically hitting the Spin button during their money-making opportunity. It was Danalee Gray, a Wausau resident; who was awarded the top Qualifying Event Prize which included: An Air Travel Allowance for herself plus one (1) guest, a 3-night stay in Las Vegas, Nevada, a food and beverage credit; and, most importantly, the opportunity to compete against other Finalists in the Contest Championship Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 10, 2018. During her interview, a stunned Ms. Gray said, “This is a much needed trip for me! There was no talent involved here. It was the luck of the draw.” Ms. Gray chuckled, “I think I probably have carpeting tunnel vision.” The First Runner-up also expressed her sincere gratitude to Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, “I always feel so welcome at Ho-Chunk, it’s like we’re family; the staff is very genuine and I enjoy shooing the breeze with them. If the staff, restaurant, and hotel wasn’t as great as it is, I wouldn’t be coming back time and time again.”

TournEvent® of Champions qualifier from Wausau

Legal Notice

IN INVITATION FOR BID

BID # HCNEX0650418

TURK-KEY SOLUTION FOR DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF

NEW SURVEILLANCE BUILDING IN NEKOOSA, WI

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 AUGUST 14, 2018. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and not considered. Documents may be obtained by downloading it at http://ho chunknation.com/Procurement. Search on the bid number and title.

Please call Catherine Link at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1502 or Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1243 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM

Procurement Manager | Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept of Housing, “Ho-Chunk Nation Utilities Division, Plaintiff”, vs. Alexis Thundercloud 6704 Elmwood Ave. Tulsa, OK 74132, Defendant(s).

Case #: CV 18-25

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(s):

Shaila Henneg

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Complaint is now served upon you by publication. You must file an Answer to the Complaint must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the first published issuance of this Summons in the Ho-Chunk National newspapers. See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 5(C)(1)(a), (6). Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to the attorney of record and provide the Court with a Certificate of Service. Failure to file a timely Answer will be deemed entered against you. Id., Rule 54.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(s): Alexis Thundercloud

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Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM, Hocak Worak.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT


Case #: CSF 17-34

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(s): Ella M. Decorah

You are hereby informed that you have been named the party in the above-entitled child support proceeding. A 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 Complaint 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 CHI-DIV 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 the attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer will be deemed entered against you. In the time allowed in the time allowed in the time allowed in the time allowed in the time allowed to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id., § 7.36(d).

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT


Case #: CSF 14-14

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(s): Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM, Hocak Worak.

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Even after the cooking is done, our foods can become contaminated if we do not cool and/or store them properly. You should regularly check to make sure your refrigerator is at or below 40°F, and your freezer stays at or below 0°F. You also want to cool foods rapidly without having them sit out at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

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A swift and clever way to buy a home: Get your foot in the door with down payment assistance grants

Submitted By Michelle M. Greendeer-Rave

There are thousands of people on the tribal housing loan waiting lists and tribes simply do not have the large amount of money to finance everyone at once. So how can tribes get tribal members into home loans without the huge up-front loan finance/loan (money) to do so? The answer is through properly created charitable Down Payment Assistance Grants to get your foot in the door so you can buy your home at lower interest rates and utilizing the lending market for the rest. If you want to buy and home, I would not wait for the tribal housing loan program because they are limited to 10 homes per year for elders, 10 for non-elders, and 10 for vets. Yeah, I said it, only 10 for each group.

There are readily available grants in most of America to access financial help you get into a home called Down Payment Assistance Grants (also known as DPAs). Some grants are small and local, while others can be regional or national, and go up to $10,000, if you qualify for a home loan already. The Ho-Chunk Nation offers a DPA grant for enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members through the General Welfare for Housing Program and applications are readily available on line for you to print at http://www.hochnation.com/publicDocu-
ments/05.17.2017_Down_Payment_Assistance.pdf. In addition, we are fortunate enough to have access to a secondary DPA program known as a benevolent DPA Grant through the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), also in the amount of $10,000. The HHCDA is a tribally-chartered non-profit to aid low income tribal members in ob-
tain clean, safe and affordable housing. The HHCDA Grant is available for low income eligible tribal members and can be used at the same time as the Housing DPA, so a tribal member can effectively access up to $20,000-$60,000 of grants to garner safe, clean and affordable homes. In order obtain the HHCDA Grant application, feel free to call (608) 374-1245. I know that the article already sounds like a com-
mmercial, but it is not. It is intended for strictly educational and informational purposes, and not legal advice. Nothing in this article is intended to create an attorney-client relationship with the readers. It is just a compilation of thoughts, programs, loans and ideas all put together to get you on the path to homeown-
ship.

Every day, many tribal members contact me and ask how to buy a home. These very basic steps are being pro-
vided to you to educate you about your path of your jour-
ney. It would be wise to take a home buyer education class offered by your local housing programs, banks, credit unions or NAHASDA/HUD. We would recommend proceeding with a home purchase, though it is not necessary.

Oweesta Capital Pool

Submitted by Becky Albert-

First Nations Community Financial

Oweesta has provided First Nations Community Financial the funds for their brand new mortgage lending program. We are looking for FIVE applicants during our pilot phase. Put down roots in your community, make your house your home, and make an investment that will last a lifetime.

First Nations Community Financial (FNCY) is excited to announce we were one of the recipients of Oweesta’s launch of a first ever opportunity for the $10M Native CDFI Capital Pool to Fund Growth in Indian Country. FNCY will receive the maximum allowed to a recipient, $750,000. This is based on qualification and criteria that demonstrate a strong, solid organization. A 2012 Oweesta-sponsored Access to Capital study of certified Native CDFIs re-

MADISON365, HO-CHUNK NATION TO HOST HISTORIC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT OCTOBER 18-19

Most influential leaders of color to gather for first-ever conference

By Madison365 staff

The most influential African American and Latino leaders from across Wisconsin, as named in Madison365’s Black Power and Si Se Puede lists over the past three years, will gather at Ho-Chunk Gam-

ing and Convention Center in October for the first-ever Wisconsin Leadership Sum-

mit. The general public may also purchase tickets to this historic event.

“As we have brought these influential leaders into the spotlight over the past three years, the one thing that’s really surprised me is how many of them didn’t know each other,” said Madison365 Publisher and CEO Henry Sanders. “We’ve brought some of these influential lead-
ers together for events with the Milwaukee Bucks and Milwaukee Brewers, and it’s always an amazing energy in the room. It became clear really quickly that if we could get all of these leaders in busi-

ness, government, education and social justice in the same place to really dig into the is-
sues, that would be incredibly powerful. We’re very excited to make it happen, and grate-
ful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for hosting us and being a great partner.”

The conference will feature panel discussions on issues ranging from education to nonprofit leadership to in-
carceration, as well as a gala dinner, community arts show-
case and many networking and professional development opportunities. Former Badger and NFL wide receiver Brandon Williams will serve as host and master of ceremo-

nies. “We’re excited to team up with Madison365 and bring some of Wisconsin’s brightest and most talented profession-

als together for days of learn-

ing and networking,” said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfred Cleveland. Honorees from Madi-

son365’s Black Power and Si Se Puede lists will be invited to attend free of charge. Gen-

eral public registration for the summit will cost $200, which will include all meals. Additional guest tickets for the October 18 dinner and community arts showcase are $75. Ho-Chunk Gaming and Convention Center is also offer-
ing discounted hotel rooms starting at $99.

Sponsorship opportuni-
ties are also available. For additional information or to register, visit http://www.wiscons

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The most influential African American and Latino leaders from across Wisconsin, as named in Madison365’s Black Power and Si Se Puede lists over the past three years, will gather at Ho-Chunk Gam-

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mit. The general public may also purchase tickets to this historic event.

“As we have brought these influential leaders into the spotlight over the past three years, the one thing that’s really surprised me is how many of them didn’t know each other,” said Madison365 Publisher and CEO Henry Sanders. “We’ve brought some of these influential lead-
ers together for events with the Milwaukee Bucks and Milwaukee Brewers, and it’s always an amazing energy in the room. It became clear really quickly that if we could get all of these leaders in busi-

ness, government, education and social justice in the same place to really dig into the is-
sues, that would be incredibly powerful. We’re very excited to make it happen, and grate-
ful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for hosting us and being a great partner.”

The conference will feature panel discussions on issues ranging from education to nonprofit leadership to in-
carceration, as well as a gala dinner, community arts show-
case and many networking and professional development opportunities. Former Badger and NFL wide receiver Brandon Williams will serve as host and master of ceremo-

nies. “We’re excited to team up with Madison365 and bring some of Wisconsin’s brightest and most talented profession-

als together for days of learn-

ing and networking,” said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfred Cleveland. Honorees from Madi-

son365’s Black Power and Si Se Puede lists will be invited to attend free of charge. Gen-

eral public registration for the summit will cost $200, which will include all meals. Additional guest tickets for the October 18 dinner and community arts showcase are $75. Ho-Chunk Gaming and Convention Center is also offer-
ing discounted hotel rooms starting at $99.

Sponsorship opportuni-
ties are also available. For additional information or to register, visit http://www.wiscons

insonleadershipsummit.com or email wisconsinleadership

summit@madison365.org.

August 4th & 5th

Saturday & Sunday

BROWN FAMILY

19th Annual Reunion

Family – Food – Fun

Swimming – Games – Bonfires – Auction

Bring a dish to pass = meat provided

Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI

Questions call – Frank Lighthill 715-297-4239 Or Lee Brown 715-297-4417

MONTHLY DUMPSTER SERVICE FOR MISSION / SANDPILLOW RESIDENTS

Starting on June 29, 2018 there will be a dumpster available to Ho-Chunk Nation members on a monthly basis for one weekend per month. The Dumpster will be located on Winnesheik Circle, Black River Falls (former Housing Mobile Home Park in the Mission). The dumpster will be delivered on the last Friday of every month and picked up on the following Monday. You may use these dumpsters to dispose of large items and trash.

Delivery Dates for 2018:
June 29th – July 2nd
July 27th – July 30th
August 31st – September 4th
September 28th – October 1st
October 26th – October 29th
November 30th – December 3rd
December 28th – January 31st

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, TVs, batteries, Wet Paint, Oil, Hazardous Materials, Car Batteries, Tires or any type of compost or Yard Debris (leaves, trees, shrubs, plants, etc.)

Teen Boy Traditional 12-17; Teen Girl Traditional 12-17; Teen Grass 12-17; Teen Jingle 12-17; Teen Boy Fancy 12-17; Teen Girl Fancy 12-17; Teen Girl Applique 12-17. All Pay 1st: $400; 2nd: $300; 3rd: $200 4th: $100.


Drum Contest: 1st: $6,000; 2nd: $5,000; 3rd: $4,000; 4th: $3,000. Minimum 6 Singers, Must Register Prior to Setting Up, Registration Closes July 7 - Noon.