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# Mining bill hearing in Madison receives input from Ho-Chunk

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Staff Writer

Citizens of Wisconsin from all backgrounds and philosophies gathered in Madison on Thursday, Jan. 24, to express their views concerning a proposed state mining bill. Several Ho-Chunk representatives attended the hearing and at least one testified before the panel of state legislators.

A mining company, Gogebic Taconite of Hurley, would like to remove ore from northern Wisconsin, but wants changes to state law before it applies for a mining permit. For residents of Wisconsin, it's either seen as a boon to the economy, or creating a situation that will destroy the environment.

Republicans have introduced a bill, for the second time in two years, which lessens environmental protections and sets timelines for the Department of Natural Resources to make decisions for an applicant for a mining

project. A bill by Democrats offers more modest changes.

Robert Mann, director of the Ho-Chunk Heritage Preservation Department, spoke before the panel.

"My friends, I come here today to speak a little bit about our culture. I hear a lot about this – two sides to the story," Mann said. "What I want to talk to you about is I speak from the heart and I want to tell you a little about our belief.

"What this is about is kind of saddened to hear all these things. My main concern is the land is very important, not just to my people, but to all of us. We really need to take care of her. In our culture, we call her a grandmother and this is how we look at her. So whatever we do to the Earth is hurting our grandmother," Mann said. "With progress, the way it is today, there are things we do to abuse her. What I'm trying to say is that I ask all of you is: What is our destiny? Not just with the Ho-Chunk people, but all the people of Wisconsin. This I know, that Earth doesn't belong just to man – man belongs to the Earth. These are things that were taught to me by my grandfather, my father, and all my elder relatives. I just wanted to convey this message to you to really think about these things."

"You and Bad River tribe are sovereign nations, correct?" asked Rep. Brett Hulsey (D), Madison

"Yes," Mann said. "As a sovereign nation, you have the right to set your own air quality and water quality standards, which can be strong enough to protect your health, your rice beds, your heritage, in a way, and because this mine is right beside the Bad River Tribe, those rules might apply to that, right?" Hulsey asked.

The ore contains 20- to 30-percent magnetite. Gogebic would construct a facility that would break down the rock and concentrate the ore into pellets that could be used to make steel. Gogebic would employ about 700 workers, with an average pay and benefits of \$82,984 each, according to the company. In a ripple effect, total jobs gained would be 2,834, according to Gogebic's consulting firm, Northstar Economics Inc.

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Robert Mann testifies before a public hearing concerning the proposed mining bill. Mann said that people should consider offering respect for the Earth.

"To some degree, yes it does. We have our own have our own tribal laws and things we do to protect the resources that we possess. But it does coincide with the other things we affect, too," Mann said.

"So, we can debate whether this changes Wisconsin's standards, or laws, and I believe it does," Hulsey said.

The hearing was held to receive input from the public about the subject. So far, no mining project has been formally proposed, however, Gogebic is suggesting is wants to create a \$1.5 billion open pit mine. The first phase would operate for 35 years, creating a 1,000-foot-deep pit, which would cover four miles in Ashland and Iron counties.

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the Democratic version would give at least two years. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would also review the proposals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the responsibility to enforce water quality standards set by the Bad River band of Lake Superior Chippewa, which is opposed to the mine. The tribe is downstream in the Bad River watershed.

Some of the environmental concerns include the fact that sulfide deposits are situated in the rock where mining is proposed, which could harm the waters.

Also, the Republican bill would allow certain lake beds to be filled and wetlands to be destroyed, while the Democratic bill maintains existing environmental regulations.

Sulfide deposits can react with air and water to cause acid mine drainage, damaging surface and groundwater if the water is not contained or neutralized.

The last iron ore mine in Wisconsin was in Jackson County, which operated from 1968 to 1982, and is now Lake Wazee, the deepest inland lake at 355 feet. There are no other iron ore mines in the state.

Virtually all of the nation's iron ore is mined in

northeastern Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The proposed area in Wisconsin is estimated to contain 2.2 billion metric tons of iron ore reserves.

Over the life of the mine, Gogebic officials believe the steel industry will need a new supply of iron. Also, with new technology, the new mine will have a competitive edge over older mines.



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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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**HCN GENERAL COUNCIL AND GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY ATTORNEY GOAL**  
The Ho-Chunk Nation General Council & General Council Agency is requesting proposals from qualified Attorney's to represent the General Council Agency of the Ho-Chunk Nation, which will enable the Ho-Chunk Nation ("HCN") and provide legal representation for the General Council and General Council Agency.

**THE HO-CHUNK NATION**  
In 1963, the Winnebago Tribe of Wisconsin was recognized as a federal tribe pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. In November 1994, the Tribe approved a new Constitution which was formally recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Nation's name legally changed to the Ho-Chunk Nation which the people have always called themselves.

As of January 2013, the Nation has 7,317 enrolled members. Of these, 5,139 (71%) reside within Wisconsin. Unlike many other native nations, the Ho-Chunk Nation does not have a single land base; and the Ho-Chunk Na-

tion's trust land is primarily scattered throughout fourteen counties in Wisconsin which constitute our primary service area: Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Monroe, Sauk, Shawano, Vernon, and Wood. The largest concentrations of Ho-Chunk members reside within these 14 counties and the urban areas of Madison and Milwaukee and at large.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is composed of four branches of government: the General Council, Legislature, Executive Branch, and Judiciary. The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. The General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council. The General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret actions of the Legislature. The

General Council does not retain the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting the Constitution. The General Council retains the power to establish its own procedures in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The General Council retains the power to call a Special Election. Actions by the General Council shall be binding.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Legislature is the governing body and is composed of thirteen (13) elected members representing five (5) Districts. Districts 1 through 4 are located within Wisconsin; District 5 is outside the State. The Nation's Executive Branch is administered by an elected President, and includes eleven (11) executive departments charged with enforcing the Nation's laws and policies to provide essential services to members. The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation charges the Judiciary Branch with the application and interpretation of the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

As a sovereign government, we are dedicated to improving the lives of our members, socially and economically. Currently, gaming is the core business of the Nation. In addition to casinos and bingo halls, we operate convenience stores/gas stations, hotels, and other hospitality-based enterprises. We provide employment for almost 3,400 persons

in our government and enterprises. For additional information about the Ho-Chunk Nation, please visit: [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com).

In 2003 at the General Council held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, resolution # 10-11-03 L, was presented and passed establishing the GCA. The GCA was not officially established until receiving its first ever budget in December 2009. The Office of the General Council did not open until March 2010. GCA is comprised of twelve agents representing the respective communities.

**SCOPE OF WORK**  
The General Council has a specific role within the Ho-Chunk Nation including its policies, procedures and purposes. General Council values its independence and recognition as a separate branch of government. GC strives to serve members of the Ho-Chunk Nation by implementing resolutions passed at General Council. GC is the voice of the people. GCA conducts business as applicable to the GC. GCA monitors and reports status of resolutions passed at General Council, and takes actions as necessary to ensure action is taken on those resolutions. General Council and General Council Agency require an attorney who has the knowledge of the internal procedures of government to government relations examples Secretarial elections, BIA procedures, General Council meetings.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's job description of a Tribal Attorney is attached for your reference. The proposal should summarize the need of the GCA as expressed: process

used to complete projects identified, a proposed fee arrangement, a summary of needs conveyed in personnel meetings, and perform other duties as assigned by the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency.

The Ho-Chunk Nation General Council is seeking a qualified attorney to develop the following documents under the general direction of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency. These statements describe the overall objectives of this project and should not be confused with the required response to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") in terms of proposal format and content. Your proposal should cover your suggested approach to accomplishing each of these objectives, together with your estimated costs for doing so.

- Daily Activities:
1. Representation for ongoing and future legal proceedings.
  2. Drafting resolutions for General Council approval.
  3. Advising General Council Agency.
  4. Drafting press releases.
  5. Drafting letters to the HCN President, HCN Legislature, articles for the Hockak Worak (HCN Tribal Newspaper), and the BIA, etc.
  6. Contract review and negotiation.
  7. Assist the GCA and the Office of the General Council staff.

- Weekly Activities:
1. Answer questions from tribal membership about
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# Boardman says farewell to staff and patients at the Ho-Chunk Clinic

**Ken Luchterhand**  
**Staff Writer**  
It's always difficult to say good-bye, especially when someone who has been an integral part of everyone's life. A farewell celebration was held Friday, Jan. 18, to Dr. Ben Boardman, who has served the Ho-Chunk Nation as a physician for 12 years. Dr. Boardman worked for a year and a half, 1998-1999, with the Ho-Chunk Nation as a physician at the former clinic building at the intersection of Lumber Jack Guy Road and Airport Road. The former clinic building sometimes presented challenges, he said, having only four exam rooms. He also was the only doctor at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, traveling there two days a week until the medical program could be established. He also was part of the "fitness initiative," working with the diabetes part of the support system. Then, Dr. Boardman left the Ho-Chunk Nation for three years, only to return in July 2002. He's been with the Nation ever since. Dr. Boardman is leaving

the Ho-Chunk Nation to work with Memorial Hospital in Black River Falls as the "Hospitalist." As Hospitalist, Boardman will be the physician to patients who have been admitted to the hospital and don't have a doctor on staff, or their doctor is unavailable during part or all of their stay in the hospital. Although Boardman has enjoyed his work with the Nation, he believes it's time he tried something else. "I'm anxious to try a different branch," Boardman said. "It's not a reflection on anyone at the Ho-Chunk Clinic. It's just that there are so many programs that I'd like to be doing." Boardman has always worked at the Krohn Clinic, seeing patients and even delivering babies, he said. "This has all been going on at the same time," he said. "I've had some very long weeks." All in all, Boardman said that he's grateful for the opportunity to work at the Ho-Chunk Clinic. "It is a wonderful place to work. The clinic provides excellent health care," he said.

"I'm very comfortable with the people."  
"I've had a very good time," he said. "I'm happy and I'm honored."



**Dr. Ben Boardman's pillar is engraved with the Ho-Chunk seal and indicates the Ho-Chunk Nation's gratitude for 12 years of service.**



**Dr. Ben Boardman displays his gifts, which he received at his farewell ceremony on Jan. 18. He received a Pendleton blanket and an engraved crystal pillar in appreciation for his years of service.**

## Getting to the Root of Good Nutrition






**Rutabaga**  
Submitted by Tara Ringler Nutritionist  
An excellent addition to winter meals is root vegetables. This is because they can be added to hearty, hot dishes and are often inexpensive in the winter months compared to some other vegetables.  
**Examples of Root Vegetables:**  
Potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Yams, Carrots, Beets, Onions, Radishes, Rutabagas, Parsnips, & Turnips  
The last 3 listed are shown since they are unfamiliar to many people. Rutabagas and turnips can look similar but rutabagas are usually larger. They look similar because rutabagas are part turnip and cabbage.  
All the vegetables listed can be found in most all grocery stores. Look for them fresh, frozen or canned but choose lower sodium and/or sugar varieties when selecting canned ones.



**Parsnips**  
**those wanting to Lose Weight:**  
Rutabagas and turnips have a similar taste & texture as potatoes but they do not raise blood sugar as greatly so they are a great alternative to help with blood sugar control. These vegetables also have fewer calories compared to potatoes so they also help with weight control.  
Carrots, beets, onions, & radishes also are great choices for diabetics since they only raise blood sugar slightly, unless they are eaten in excess. 1 serving is a ½ cup and the recommendation for vegetables is at least 2 ½ cups each day.  
While parsnips are also similar in taste & texture as potatoes, they raise blood sugar slightly greater than potatoes. Sweet potatoes and yams do too. However, all vegetables are a better choice versus foods such as sweets, chips, and crackers when it comes to managing your blood sugar, weight, and health better. Eating a variety of all foods, in moderation, is



**Turnips**  
the greatest strategy for good nutrition!  
**How to Eat Root Vegetables**  
Try adding them to soups or stews or have them with or as a side dish.  
Rutabagas, turnips, & parsnips can be prepared just like a potato such as baked, mashed, or pan-fried with a little olive or canola oil & seasonings. When using these vegetables fresh, you will need to peel the skin off first due to the wax coating that is on the ones purchased in the grocery store. Use a peeler or knife. The wax coating holds moisture to help the vegetables last longer.  
**Storage of Fresh Root Vegetables**  
In the refrigerator:  
Rutabagas, Parsnips, Turnips, Carrots, Radishes, Beets  
In a cool, dry, dark, & ventilated location: Onions, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Yams  
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Contact Joshua Smith at the Ho-Chunk Nation TERO Office by telephone: 715-284-5877 or email [TERO@ho-chunk.com](mailto:TERO@ho-chunk.com) to obtain more information on registering with TERO.



# Request for proposal

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- General Council and assist in drafting resolutions.

2. Assist GCA and the Office of the General Council staff.
- Monthly Activities:
1. Attend meetings as directed by the GCA.

2. Attorney review and progress reports including a monthly written report to the GCA on activities.

3. Update on progress of Secretarial elections.

4. Assist GCA and the Office of the General Council staff.
- Semi- Annual Activities
1. Attend Memorial and Labor Day Pow-Wows as requested to inform membership about GCA and assist in drafting resolutions.

2. Assist the GCA and the Office of the General Council staff.
- Annual Activities:
1. Attend the annual General Council meeting.

2. Prepare resolutions for members.

3. Advise members on resolutions and procedures.

4. Advise General Council Agency on meeting procedure.

5. Advise General Council Chair of meeting procedures and processes.

6. Will render an opinion of all General Council resolutions by the next Regular GCA meeting.

7. Draft amendments to GCA bylaws.

8. Assist the General Council, Office of the General Council staff and GCA.
- At the discretion of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency, additional services to further assist General Council may be extended to the consultant by means of the executed contract.

**CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS**

The selected consultant will have the following skills and qualifications:

1. Preferred degree in Tribal law and knowledge of HCN Constitution.

2. Knowledge of the dynamics of the Ho- Chunk Nation.

3. Knowledge of Native American culture, beliefs, and values.

4. Must have litigation and advocacy experience.

5. Must be a member of the Wisconsin State Bar.

6. Must become and maintain membership in the Ho-Chunk Bar Association.

7. Licensed or eligible to practice law in Federal Bar.

8. Must be bondable.

9. Must have a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance.

**PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT**

Each proposal must include the following:

1. Letter of Transmittal.

A letter of transmittal must accompany each proposal. At a minimum, the letter of transmittal MUST:

a. cover letter

b. resume

c. references

The letter of transmittal should summarize the key points of your education, work history and stress your approach to addressing the
- requirements of the General Council and General Council Agency. It should address “what makes your proposal unique and why we should consider you for contract.”

2. Table of Contents.

3. Budget. The following cost estimates are required when submitting your proposal:

a) costs related to scope of work b) cost rates for reimbursable (s). This budget should include your compensation expectations for performing this work.

4. Recent Experience and Credentials. This section of your proposal should include resumes of key personnel and a statement of qualifications with respect to recent relevant experience with similar federally recognized tribes. Please include brief descriptions of the services provided for at least three similar federally recognized tribes.

5. References. Provide a minimum of three clients, including addresses, telephone numbers, and contact persons, for whom similar services have been performed.

6. Statement of Confidentiality. Provide a signed and dated statement assuring the confidentiality of all documents, discussions, reports, and other information received and prepared, inclusive of the contents of this RFP (“Confidential Material”). All work product of the proponent relating to this request is Confidential Material.

7. Intellectual Property. All work product of the proponent relating to this project is the Intellectual Property of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

8. TERO Registration. The HCN’s Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (“TERO”) is implemented by the TERO Division. Please complete and include the attached TERO Registration form with your bid. If you have any questions regarding the registration form or TERO, please contact the TERO Director, at the HCN Department of Labor, telephone: (800) 294-9343.

Any proposal that does not adhere to these requirements may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis. A respondent may attach other materials that it feels may assist the GCA in the selection process. However, these materials should be included in a separate appendix.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

One original copy and thirteen (13) hard copies of the proposal must be received by 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Friday February 15th, 2013 at the following address. Proposals submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Office of the General Council  
W9814 Airport Road,  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI,  
54615-0667
- Telephone: (715)284-7891

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with the following procurement process:

1. Incurring Cost. Any cost incurred by the respondent in the preparation, transmittal, and presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the respondent.

2. Amended Proposals. A respondent may submit an amended proposal before the receipt deadline of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. The Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

3. Respondent’s Right to Withdraw Proposal. A respondent will be allowed to withdraw its proposal at any time prior to entering into agreement with the Nation. A respondent shall do so by written request to the Principal Contact.

4. No Obligation. This Request for Proposal in no manner obligates the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency to use any proposed professional services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by the appropriate authorities.

5. Termination. This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected if the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency determines such an action to be in the best interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency.

6. Sufficient Appropriations. Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may terminate if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Sending written notice to the respondent will effect such termination. The Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency’s decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the respondent as final.

7. Legal Review. The Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency requires that all respondents agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any respondent concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Principal Contact.

8. Governing Law. The laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall govern this procurement and any agreement with respondents that may result.

9. Basis for Proposal. Only information supplied by the Ho-Chunk Nation in writing to the Principal Contact or in this RFP shall be used as the basis for the preparation of
- respondent proposals.


10. Contract Terms and Conditions. The contract between the Ho-Chunk Nation GCA and a respondent will follow the format specified by the Ho-Chunk Nation GCA and contain the terms and conditions contained in this RFP. However, the Ho-Chunk Nation GCA reserves the right to negotiate with a successful respondent, provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP. Should a respondent object to any of the Ho-Chunk Nation GCA’s terms and conditions, the respondent must propose specific alternative language. The Ho-Chunk Nation may or may not accept the alternative language. No employment benefits will be included in the contract.

11. Respondent’s Terms and Conditions. A respondent must submit with the proposal a complete set of any additional terms and conditions that it desires to have included in a contract negotiated with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

12. Respondent’s Qualifications. The Ho-Chunk Nation may make such investigations as it deems appropriate to determine the ability of a respondent to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Ho-Chunk Nation will reject the proposal of any respondent deemed not to be a responsible respondent or that fails to submit a responsive offer.

13. Confidentiality & Right to Publish. Throughout the duration of this procurement process and any contract term, potential respondents must maintain strict confidentiality regarding the GCA Attorney job description. Respondents must secure written approval from the Ho-Chunk Nation prior to release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement or the subsequent contract. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the respondent’s proposal or termination of the contract.

14. Electronic Mail Address Required. Some or all of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Therefore, a respondent must provide a valid e-mail address.

15. Use of Electronic Versions of this RFP. This RFP is being made available by electronic means. If accepted by such means, the respondent acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to ensure that no changes are made to the RFP. In the event of any conflict between a version of the RFP in the respondent’s possession and the version maintained by the Ho-Chunk Nation, the version maintained by the Ho-Chunk Nation shall govern.
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**TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE**  
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 (715) 284-5877

## NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation TERO Commission is seeking applicants to fill one (1) Vacancy.

**Duties:**

Carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with the policy of Indian Preference in employment and in contracting, as established by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The Commission shall be free from interference from any branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government in carrying out their duties under this Ordinance.

Adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations and to develop and implement policies and guidelines necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

Adopt bylaws and internal rules to govern the activities and procedures of the Commission.

Serve in an advisory capacity to the TERO and meet the program staff for the purpose of securing information relative to its advisory duties.

**Qualifications:**

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Knowledge and familiarity with the TERO Ordinance

Knowledge and understanding of employment issues

Business experience, Board experience and flexible scheduling are beneficial.

**Application Deadline: Until Filled**

Interested applicants may obtain a TERO Commissioner Application from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor or on the TERO website: <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/?PagelId=926> or from Nicholas Kedrowski, TERO Director. [Nicholas.kedrowski@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Nicholas.kedrowski@ho-chunk.com)

Return the application along with your resume, a copy of your Tribal I.D. Valid Driver’s License and Proof of Insurance to the Tero Department. The application may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor

ATTN: TERO DIRECTOR

PO BOX 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615



# Local poets have works published

**Ken Luchterhand**  
**Staff Writer**

One day, Rayn was reading a magazine when something caught her eye. She saw an advertisement announcing a poetry contest.

“Entering a contest was one of three things I needed to do to get an ‘A’ in class,” Rayn said.

So, she entered the contest along with her mother, Trinity Kail.

Both mother and daughter were notified that their poems won a place in their contest and would be appearing in a book of poems, “In My Lifetime” by Eber and Wein Publishing of Shrewsbury, PA.

Rayn, 14, said that she has been writing poetry since she was 11. She also is writing a book about a wolf that has a quest to have humans and wolves understand each other.

Trinity said that she writes poems for friends and recently wrote a poem for a friend whose husband committed suicide.

She plans to continue writing and has plans to write

children’s books.

Rayn is the daughter of the late Jesse White and the granddaughter of Glen White.

**Stay by Me**  
Hold my hand and say it’s forever  
Don’t wash away my memories  
I feel so secure when we’re together  
It’s like a never-ending love story  
Coming light to dark  
You will always hold my heart  
Always lonely and cold  
With no one to hold  
These thoughts keep running through my head  
What a story to be said  
The tears are falling and I don’t know why  
Can you hear the wolf calling  
I don’t want to say goodbye  
Such a wonderful dream it could have been true  
Such a beautiful dream me and you

**Trinity Kail**  
**Black River Falls, WI**

**Light in a Desolate Room**  
I sit alone in this empty room,  
Feeling only sadness and gloom,  
With each passing day I assume,  
I am left forever alone in this desolate room.

I lean against these stone walls;  
And hear the song of the distant wolf calls;  
And then the rain falls,  
Pounding against these stone walls.  
Then one day a light appeared,  
I felt no sadness nor fear,  
As it expands it becomes clear,  
I became free the day the light appeared.  
The day the light came; I left,  
I feel no sadness nor regret,  
They no longer treat me as a pet,  
As for that room; I’m glad I left.

**Rayn White**  
**Black River Falls, WI**



Local poets Rayn White and Trinity Kail.

# Eagle Watch Days in Sauk Prairie

**Sherman Funmaker**  
**Staff Writer**

During the winter, hundreds of eagle’s roost, soar, and fish along the banks of the Wisconsin River at Sauk Prairie. Every year, during the first three weekends in January, Sauk Prairie hosts Bald Eagle Watching Days, giving visitors up close views of these once-endangered national symbols from riverside vantage points.

Of 8,600 known birds of the world, the bald eagle has gained more than its share of attention. Exclusive to North America, it has been a premier predator of the heavens for thousands of years and justifiably so. An adult of this species has only one noteworthy enemy — man. Until recent decades, careless disregard for this beautiful bird nearly caused its extinction.

Bald eagles literally dominated the skies of North America before the 1800s. Shortly into the 19th century, however, habitat destruction and the shooting of eagles for sport started their gradual decline. With the birds careening dangerously toward extinction, the government initiated passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916 and, a number of years later, the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940. Violators face fines of up to \$20,000 and one to five years imprisonment. Enforcement, though, was weak. By 1950, eagles no longer existed in many of their previous habitats.

With only 82 known pairs left nesting within its borders, the state of Wisconsin finally took action. In 1972 the bald eagle was placed on the Badger State’s endangered species list. That same banner year, the federal government

outlawed DDT and other pesticides that had been contaminating the eagle’s food chain. These actions marked the turning point for the eagle’s restoration. Unfortunately, recovery has been slow.

Most residents of Wisconsin have supported their state’s contribution to aiding the plight of bald eagles; however, two communities deserve special thanks, the folks of Sauk City and Prairie du Sac have dedicated themselves to the long-term welfare of eagles and other migratory birds that winter there each year.

The cold winter months of December through February are good times to find and watch bald eagles in Wisconsin. Since lakes and rivers freeze over in winter, dams and power plants provide areas of open water in which the eagles can fish.

The greatest number of eagles can usually be seen at open-water areas in the

mornings as they fly back and forth, searching for their first meal of the day. Wintering eagles also feed on carrion and later in the day can frequently be seen searching for and feeding on dead deer and other animals in the countryside. Once a carcass is located, several eagles often congregate to feed. Late in the afternoon, the eagles head to their favorite night roosting areas - places with large trees that provide protection from cold winds and severe weather.



An eagle sits along the Wisconsin River



A lone eagle sits alone during a recent snow



Eagle along the Wisconsin River



# The 2013 Indian Wills Winter Caravan stops by the House of Wellness



University of Wisconsin volunteer law school students helping with this free service.



Matthew Austin and David Armstrong assist students with a Nations employees legal needs.

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

This January, Wisconsin Judicare staff, Easter Seals of Wisconsin sponsors and the University of Wisconsin Law School volunteers made stops by several Ho-Chunk facilities to help tribal members and employees with drafting a will, power of attorney and basic estate planning services for free.

The service stopped by Wisconsin Dells, Black River Falls, Nekoosa and Madison. Dates in some other communities in March will be announced soon.

According to David Armstrong, the Director of Indian Law Office of Wisconsin Judicare, the reason why tribal members should use this service is because many of them own

trust land.

“If you own trust land, whether here in Wisconsin or in Nebraska, those lands are governed by special federal laws for probate, and those federal laws make it so as to where they encourage you to have a will because there are provisions that a lot of people may not agree with. Things like if you have a very small interest and they can only go

to your oldest child. So we want to make sure that need is addressed in the community because doing wills for tribal members that have trust land reduces land fractionation.” He said.

David also added that the Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Housing program and HOP requires you to have a will.

This was the second year that they have come to


Ho-Chunk country for this service.

If anyone has questions or concerns you can contact the Wisconsin Judicare offices for legal help and information about this free service to elders and low-income individual.

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs



Benefits Expo



February 15  
Noon to 5 p.m.



Opening ceremony at 1:00 p.m.  
Country Singer Ricky Lee will be performing the National Anthem and his hit song “She’s an American Soldier” - as well as a benefit concert from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Register Now: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5320409488>  
Check [www.WisVets.com/WomenVets](http://www.WisVets.com/WomenVets) for more information





## WDHS sports: Mattei, Miner join Wisconsin Dells High School Athletic Hall of Fame

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Monte Mattei and Stewart Miner have been chosen as the 2013 inductees to the Wisconsin Dells High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The two were chosen by the School District of Wisconsin Dells and the WDHS Hall of Fame Committee.

Mattei and Miner will be inducted into the Hall of Fame prior to the Feb. 9 varsity WDHS boys basketball game against East Troy, to be held at JustAGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

The ceremony will take place at about 4:40 p.m. The community is invited.

Miner, a 1970 graduate, earned three letters in track

and field and was the second WDHS student-athlete to win a state championship. He also set a track record in the two-mile run at sectionals with a time of 9:49.1, and a conference record (9:50.4).

Miner, who also won two letters in cross country, attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse after graduating from WDHS.

Mattei, a 1973 WDHS graduate, earned two letters in football and was team Most Valuable Player and an all-conference selection in 1972. Mattei went on to play football at UW-Stevens Point.

Mattei also was a three-year letter winner in basketball at WDHS and was an all-conference selection in 1973, as well as being named the

team’s captain and MVP that season.

Mattei also was a three-year letter winner in golf.

Mattei continues his commitment to WDHS today as he has served as the Chiefs’ girls’ basketball coach since 2007. He also served as boys basketball head coach from 2000-2006 and boys basketball varsity assistant coach from 1984-1987 and 1998-1999.

For more information about the WDHS Hall of Fame or to nominate a worthy candidate, contact WDHS activities director Aaron Mack at 608-253-1461 Ext. 1005, or [amack@sdwd.k12.wi.us](mailto:amack@sdwd.k12.wi.us).



# Ho-Chunk employees are taught how to drive defensively

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

If there's a way people can avoid injury and personal property damage, Donald Greengrass may have the answer for you.

He's been offering the class, "Defense Driving Course" to employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"Since they are using fleet vehicles for transportation while doing their jobs, it's important that they do it safely," Greengrass said. "Plus, they need those skills when they come to work and go home. We're teaching them good driving skills."

Greengrass uses materials from the National Safety Council to teach his class. He offered the class twice on Friday, Jan. 25 and hopes to offer it again in February. Participants are awarded a certificate, which some insurance agencies will accept for a discount on their car insurance.



Donald Greengrass explains to the group of Ho-Chunk employees how they can avoid vehicle accidents by staying alert and plan for correct action before an emergency maneuver needs to be taken.

"Driving safely saves lives, time and money," Greengrass said.

What drivers need to do, when on the road, is to prevent accidents by thinking ahead. A preventable collision is one in which the driver fails to everything reasonable to avoid it.

Also, the time clock causes

accidents, causing people to drive faster and less cautious to get somewhere they need to be.

Another factor is that "baby boomers," who are now in their 50s and 60s, are on the roadways in large numbers, therefore the driving population is getting older. "There is no law that says you can't drive into your 90s or 100s," Greengrass said.

Greengrass offered the acronym "R U A Safe Driver?" with the first letters representing actions need by a safe driver.

"R" stands for "Recognize the hazard," meaning drivers have to scan ahead, around and behind the vehicle. They need to check mirrors every three to five seconds and

use their "what if" strategy to keep themselves alert to hazards.

"U" stands for "Understand the defense," meaning drivers need to know what to do to avoid a hazard. They need to know the basic defenses, such as slow down and maintain a safe following distance.

"A" stands for "Act correctly" in time, meaning to stay focused and choose the safest maneuver to avoid a crash. Others may act in time, but incorrectly, such as swerving into oncoming traffic instead of onto the shoulder. Drivers may panic because they are young and inexperienced.

## WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

### MEETING MONTHLY



Are you interested in **speaking your mind**, **meeting new friends**, and **learning helpful life skills**? Please join us for a free, non-judgmental support group open to women of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs. We are committed to empowerment, self-growth.

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**For meeting information in your area contact one of the facilitators below**

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	Julia Persike (608) 445-3111 <a href="mailto:JuliaPersike@charter.net">JuliaPersike@charter.net</a>	Baraboo/Dells
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- Emotion Management
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Spirituality
- Women's Health
- Simplicity
- Mindfulness
- Parenting

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## Dells Youth & Learning Center



# 1st Annual Fun Run/Walk

## FEBRUARY 16, 2013

((Lower Level at the H.O.W.))

**HEART WALK**

**11AM-2PM**

**Warm your hearts and support our youth as they walk for a cause.**

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

*Learn and Live*

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

All the Proceeds will be donated to the:  **American Heart Association**

**If you'd like to participate: Get your own pledges & walk with us contact Daria Powless at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Learning Center in the House of Wellness.**



# 33rd Annual Martin Luther King celebration held at the State Capital



Lady Dancers perform the Swan Dance

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of people gathered Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the annual state Capitol tribute held in Madison Wisconsin.

Gov. Scott Walker and Madison Mayor Paul Soglin were among those who attended the state’s 33rd annual ceremony honoring King, which included speeches, singing and dance performances.

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

It is a relatively new federal holiday and there are few long standing traditions. It is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their background. Some educational establishments mark the day by teaching their pupils or students about the work of Martin Luther King and the struggle against racial segregation and racism. In recent years, federal legislation has encouraged Americans to give some of their time on this day as volunteers in citizen action groups.

Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the “I Have A Dream” speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968.

In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions lead the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976. Following support from the musician Stevie Wonder with his single “Happy Birthday” and a petition with six million signatures, the bill became law in 1983. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.

Among the performers were the Wisconsin Dells Singers and along with them 16 dancers that showcased their talents.

The Wisconsin Dells Singers were formed in 1976 by Kenneth Funmaker Sr.; today his son Elliott coordinates the group which includes Kenneth Funmaker Jr., Kerry Funmaker Sr., Lance Blackdeer and Heath Littlejohn.



Paul Cloud and Heath Littlejohn lead the dancers in.



The Wisconsin Dells Singers



# “Save our water, no unsafe mines” rally Saturday

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

Several hundred people gathered on the steps on the State Capitol at noon this past January 26th to voice their concern about the impacts of a proposed mine in the Penokee Hills and outrage over the introduction of Assembly/Senate Bill 1, the iron strip mining bill.

Protesters demanded that the legislators reject the recently-introduced mining bill, Senate Bill 1, as well as Sen. Tim Cullen’s bill and any other legislation that weakens environmental regulations and citizen participation in iron mine permitting. The protest also called on legislators to respect Native American treaty rights and comply with the requests of the Bad River Band of Ojibwe not to allow a mining project that could jeopardize the natural resources they rely on for their culture and way of life.

The Bad River Ojibwe Tribe opposes the Penokee Mine and has been proactive in fighting to defend the land and water. The EPA recently approved a new set of tribal water quality standards that prohibit any projects upstream from polluting waters flowing into their reservation. They are seeking Class 1 Air Quality designation, which would further federally protect their region from mining. Finally, the Tribe released a set of ten principles for any changes to mining laws that would protect the environment and cultural resources for future generations:

1. Exclude any project proposal that has the potential to cause acid mine drainage.
2. The burden of preparing and submitting a complete application should be entirely on the permit applicant.
3. Provide adequate time for the DNR, the public, federal agencies, and affected Indian tribes to fully review and participate in the process.
4. Maintain existing wetland protection standards and the federal/state partnership in the environmental review process.
5. Correct, don’t weaken, the DNR’s federal Clean Water Act implementation.
6. Allow contested case hearings with full participation by citizens, including Indian tribes.
8. Allow citizen suits to make sure permit provisions and legal restrictions on new mines

will be enforced.

9. Require consultation with Indian tribes by the DNR as part of the permitting process.

Following the rally, there was a march to Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce to highlight the role they play in pushing the agenda of Gogebic Taconite and mining equipment manufacturers Caterpillar and Joy Global.

In testimony during Wednesday’s hearing on the mining bill, WMC spokesperson Scott Manley falsely claimed that the bill would not allow waste rock to impact water quality, when in fact the bill allows mining companies greater latitude to fill wetlands and navigable waters, allows consideration of sites for waste rock with a reasonable probability of polluting surface water, and doubles the size of the area in which mine waste can legally pollute groundwater.

Mining proponents tout an optimistic number of potential mining jobs while failing to mention of the potential economic costs to farmers, tourism, the Bad River Band, and others that rely on clean water from the proposed mine site.

The rally and march was organized by Madison Action for Mining Alternatives and has been endorsed by 21 organizations from around Wisconsin, including the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice.



A crowd of about 300 gather at the steps of the Capitol.



Fran Van Zile and Fred Ackley from the Red Lake Sokaogon Ojibwe tribe speak to the protesters.



Native opposition of the mine in Penokee Hills.



# Highground honors Native American veterans with First Warrior exhibit

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

For the first time, a display for Native American veterans is on display at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park near Neillsville, WI.

The name of the display is “First Warrior” and is housed in The Highground’s Learning Center. An Opening Ceremony was held Jan. 16. The display will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily until the end of February. The Learning Center is still accepting memorabilia from Native American veterans until the conclusion of the display.

“Native Americans have

produced on the stories of Native American veterans.

Berg began search on the Internet for materials and found most of the information on American Indian veterans was on the Code Talkers. However, with further research, she was able to find a new venture by Jeffrey A. Mitchell from Oregon. Mitchell felt that the Native American veterans were not well represented, so he began collecting their stories and posting them, together with their pictures, as framed art. He began with the World War II veterans because their time on Earth is very limited and he wanted to get their stories before they were gone,



Singers from the Ho-Chunk Nation provide a cultural aspect to the Opening Ceremony for the “First Warrior” exhibit at The Highground Learning Center.



Many heroes of the wars have their information displayed, such as the display for Ho-Chunk Captain Joshua Sanford.

the highest enlistment of any minority group since World War II,” said June Berg, Learning Center coordinator. “When asked to serve, they stand up and do it.”

The idea for the display came about to Berg a year ago. She’s been at The Highground for three years and she was making decisions on upcoming displays. She noticed that there seemed to be a lot of Native American visitors to The Highground and there seemed to be a general consensus that not a lot of information has been

Berg said. He then worked on Korean War veterans and Vietnam War veterans. The effort is ongoing and will continue to expand.

Mitchell’s display was unveiled on Jan. 7 at the Learning Center, with the official opening on Jan. 16. A few Native Americans have viewed the display since its opening and they have expressed their gratitude, Berg said.

“Not only are the stories important, but the pictures are stories in themselves,” she said. “There are four pictures

in particular that intrigue me. It seems like their eyes follow you, wherever you go. Their spirits are here, along with their histories.”

Also on display are tribal flags from seven different tribes, including the Ho-Chunk Nation. However, The Highground has 68 Native American flags because they are flown in rotation over the Native American Veteran Tribute.

Also, the names of Native Americans and their tribes are listed as “Code Talkers,”

veterans who spoke, relayed and interpreted vital messages during the wars. The effort was crucial to the war effort because the enemy was not able to understand the messages being sent.

At the Opening Ceremony, singers from the Ho-Chunk Nation provided the music and several Ho-Chunk veterans spoke, offering their own stories of service. Speaking were Navy Veteran Norman Snake and Air Force Veteran Ralph Snake.

More displays will be added

as they are acquired. Berg said that members of the Ho-Chunk Nation indicated that they are attempting to gather pictures and memorabilia of Corp. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., who earned the Congress Medal of Honor posthumously for his courage and valor during the Korean War.

For more information about the First Warrior exhibit, The Highground can be reached at (715) 743-4224.



Learning Center Coordinator June Berg stands near some of the photographs of Native American veterans and their stories.



Many colorful Native American tribe flags hang from the ceiling of the Learning Center at The Highground.



# Chief Theresa Spence hospitalized in Ottawa



Chief Theresa Spence

Sherman Funmaker  
Staff Writer

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, who spent the past 44 days on a hunger strike, was taken to a local hospital in Ottawa, Canada.

This was confirmed this morning to the Native News Network by Jamie Monastyrski, who is serving the media spokesperson for the Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

The Naisnawbe Aski Nation is coordinating today’s events

in Ottawa that are intended to honor Chief Spence and elder Raymond Robinson, who have been on hunger strikes to bring attention to the deplorable living conditions of First Nations peoples and other indigenous peoples who live in Canada.

As a precautionary measure Chief Spence was taken to a hospital after not feeling well according to Monastyrski.

Earlier in the day, it was announced Chief Spence

and Robinson would end their hunger strikes after reviewing a “Declaration of Commitment” that was crafted with 13 points that will keep the concerns of First Nations peoples and other Canadian indigenous peoples a high priority with the Canadian Parliament.

There was a special honoring ceremony planned in Ottawa at the Delta Centre Hotel where Chief Spence was to officially end her hunger strike.

However, since she was still in the hospital at that planned time of event, it was postponed.

Hunger strikes and spiritual fasts are potentially extremely dangerous to human beings.

Given the longevity of Chief Spence’s hunger strike, which she began on December 11, 2012, her health has been reportedly weak in recent days according to sources who have been on Victoria Island, near Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, Canada’s national capital city.

## Foreign Landowner Notification

Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency informs foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Act became effective on February 2, 1979 and requires any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest other than a security interest in agricultural land to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the sale or purchase.

The Secretary of Agriculture designated the Farm Service Agency to collect the reports which are to be submitted on form FSA-153, Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act Report. The completed form must be filed at the FSA county office where the land is located.

“Failure to submit an accurate or timely FSA-153 could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property,” said Dokkestul

County government offices, bankers, realtors, attorneys, and others involved in real estate transactions are encouraged to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements. It is the foreign landowner’s responsibility to report the land transaction.

An FSA-153 form can be obtained from the Jackson County FSA office or downloaded from: [http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eFormsAdmin/FSA0153\\_101013V01.pdf](http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eFormsAdmin/FSA0153_101013V01.pdf)

Anyone needing additional information can contact the Jackson County FSA Office at 715-284-4515.

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: HCN Election Board  
Melissa Olvera-Marquez, Administrative Assistant

CC: Wendi Huling, Tribal Counsel  
Jon Greendeer, President  
Greg Blackdeer, Vice President  
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FROM: Sheila D. Corbine, Attorney General *sd*

DATE: December 13, 2012

RE: Secretarial Election Certification

On December 12, 2012 the Office of the President received the official certification and approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) of the Secretarial Election amendments that were voted on as part of the August 14, 2012 Secretarial Election. The Election Board has already called for the General Election pursuant to Article VIII of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and the Ho-Chunk Election Ordinance, 2HCC§6. Due to the fact that the Nation has now received the official certification of the 2012 Amendments from the BIA the Election Board will be using those amendments, specifically the amendment striking of the four (4) years baccalaureate degree requirement to run for Legislature under the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution at Article V, Section 7.

As has been previously published, an individual tribal member had appealed the election results to the BIA and that appeal was denied. Said tribal member has now appealed the BIA’s decision to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) within the Department of the Interior. Due to this appeal it should be noted that there is a chance that the IBIA could issue a stay of the BIA’s certification of the amendments. If this were to happen, the previous version of the Constitution would have to be used by the Election Board to certify candidates and this would mean that a four (4) year baccalaureate degree would be required. However, no such stay has been issued and the Nation, including the Election Board can proceed with business under the 2012 certified amendments.

## NOTICE DISTRICT 5 ELDER ROOF UPDATE

The elder roof repair allocation for District 5 still has funds available for District 5 Elders, 60 years of age and older who are in need of roof repair. Requests will be selected based on the remaining amount of funding available and be prioritized based upon the condition of the roof. The Department of Housing point of contact is Malachi Emery or Anna Vidana-Brown at 608-374-1225. Once approved , the Department of Housing will be the contact between the tribal member and the contractor. Projects will not be allowed to begin until we have a signed / processed contract in place.

**DON’T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR FILTERS**  
Air filters come in a variety of construction styles and materials. Choosing the best filter for your furnace requires an understanding of the purposes of the types of filter(s). Learning a few basic facts can help you pick the right filter for your furnace and lifestyle.

**TYPES FILTERS**  
There are fiberglass filters which should be changed every 1-2 months. These are the least expensive and provide the least amount of protection against smaller particles. There are also pleated filters which are made of pleated felt which screen out fine particles such as allergens, dust, and pet dander. They also provide better protection so mechanical parts do not wear out.

**FILTER CHANGING SCHEDULE**  
At a minimum check the filter monthly during the heating and cooling season. Regular filter maintenance keeps your air clean and your furnace working smoothly. Dirty, clogged filters make blowers and other mechanisms work harder ultimately shortening their life.

**REMEMBER**  
Cleaner air means less frequent cleaning or painting of surfaces in the home, and better lung health.











District One Community Center

Shape Shifters

Men's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

Women's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

The new Shape Shifters will begin on Friday, February 1, 2013. THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED BY THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF BODY WEIGHT LOST.

You must have your registration fee before you can weigh in.

Last weigh-in will be Friday, April 12, 2013 .

Weigh-in Schedule for Friday, February 1, 2013

6:00 AM—9:30 AM District One Community Center

10 AM—11:00 AM TOB

11:30 AM—9:00 PM District One Community Center



CONTACT MELISSA OR DERRIS AT 715-284-0905

Elder Social



February 7, 2013

Thursday at 10:00 AM

District One Community Center

Come and join the fun!!!

Bingo

Lunch

Feel Free to Bring a Prize to Share

55 and Older

Contact Melissa or Derris at 715-284-0905

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL HOUSING

Board Meeting

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Housing

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

9:00 AM

Department of Housing Office

500 East Veterans St. Building 23

Tomah, WI 54660




2013 SEASON

District One Community Center

3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2013 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!



Date: Monday, February 11, 2013

Time: 6:00pm

District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting February 11, 2013.

Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 8, 2013.

Sign up as a team or an individual.

Season will be determined on how teams are participating.

All players must be 18 years old.

Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!

We're Looking forward to another exciting season!

See you on the court!

Contact Melissa or Derris at 715-284-0905

District One Community Center

PINAGA TOURNAMENT



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

Pinaga Tournament on

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

If anyone wants to learn or have a refresher on how to play, we will be holding a Pinaga clinic on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 2012 from 6:00pm—8:00pm at District One Community Center

CASH PRIZES

1ST PLACE-\$200.00

2ND PLACE-\$150.00

3RD PLACE-\$100.00

4TH PLACE-\$50.00

Contact Derris or Melissa: 715-284-0905

FUNDRAISER/ SOCIAL HOUR

Monday, Feb. 11, 2013

5 – 7 p.m.

3 Rivers House, La Crosse, WI.

Join us for a Social hour of Round Dance Songs by the Little Thunder Drum Group and help us raise funds for our 2 youths from La Crosse who will be going to Florida for acting tryouts for the Disney Company. Great food and round dance singing to bring back your favorite memories. Come join us.

5:00 – Food – Yellowbird/ Thompson Families

6:00 – Round Dance/Little Thunder Singers

6:40 – Introduction/ Fancy Dance Exhibition – Geno Yellowbird and Raina Thompson – “Future Youth Actors”

Help support our outstanding youth and a taste of great frybread while relaxing to some old time song & maybe a little dance. Thanks

1-608-769-4566 for more info.



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When: The last Thur. of ea. month @ 6:00 pm

Next mtg. is on Thur. Feb. 28th, 2013

Where: House of Wellness –2845 WhiteEagle Rd. Baraboo\* 1st floor conf. rm\* Please RSVP by calling : 1-888-552-7889 ex. 5623 or ex. 5621\* LAM

Come Join Us—Bring a friend—Snacks provided

Sponsored by: Ho-Chunk Nation- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program & the AODA Women & Children Special Project

SATURDAY, FEB 9, 2013 SAVE THE DATE

PAUL KRAUSE—CHAIR

FORREST FUNMAKER—CO-CHAIR

VICKI BROWN EAGLE—SECRETARY

HO-CHUNK CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TASK FORCE'S BLOCK PARTY

ALL HO-CHUNK TRIBAL MEMBERS INVITED!

\*Learn about the constitution and have fun! Let your voice be heard in a good way.\*

Agenda

9 am registration

Introduction

Open Forum

Must be registered no Later than 10 am to be In drawings

Win

Prizes

Three Rivers House


724 Main Street

La Crosse

9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION? DON'T WORRY NEITHER DO WE....JUST KIDDING. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMENTS. JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF LEARNING, FOOD AND PRIZES! Must be 18 and over to win.








**WHERE WILL YOUR CHOICES TAKE YOU?**  
Join us & play the game that simulates a person's travels through life.


**WHAT'S NEXT?  
College, Job, Military**

**February 15, 2013**  
**Registration:** 2:00 P.M.  
**Ends:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** House of Wellness




**Food will be provided**





Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Social Services  
Family Services Program

For more information please contact:  
Ashley Keller  
715-284-2622 Ext. 5114





**4th Memorial Meeting for  
Pamela Mallory (Wiragusgeiga)**  
**February 23 - 24th, 2013**  
**Native American Church • Wisconsin Dells**  
**Roadman:**  
**Gordon Thunder**  
**Give away to follow**  
**Family of Pamela Mallory**



**NOTICE**  
**REGULAR TERO COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 6, 2013**  
**(WEDNESDAY)**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Ho-Chunk Gaming – BRF Hotel Conference Room**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**Nicholas Kedrowski, TERO DIRECTOR**  
**715-284-5877**  
**POSTED:**  
**1/16/2013**

**Happy Golden Birthday**  
**February 8th**  
**Vanetta Waukon Cloud**  
**XOXO**  
**Love your Family**



**Wa-žo-kį Wa-ma-sja-kį**  
**Strengthening Families Program**

**Who:** Parents or Caregivers and their youth ages 10-14  
- Limited to first 10 families that register

**What:** The Strengthening Families Program consists of 7 sessions  
- Meals provided

**When:** Tuesdays (5pm-7:30pm) March 5<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>  
- **Registration Deadline: February 15, 2013**

**Where:** Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Building  
808 Red Iron Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615

**Benefits:**




- Meet other Parents and Children from the community
- Help participants build on their strengths in showing love and setting limits
- Help youth develop skills in handling stress, peer pressure, and building a positive future
- Have fun with the family
- Certificate & family portrait at the end of program!!

There is **NO COST** to attend the program and we have many family **INCENTIVES** for attending!!

\* Child care and transpotation provided upon request \*

**To Register:**  
**Contact:** Ashley Keller  
(715) 284-2622 ext 5114  
[Ashley.Keller@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Ashley.Keller@ho-chunk.com)  
Ho-Chunk Nation Family Services

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Family Services Program



**Ho-Chunk Nation House For Sale**  
**3110 95th St. South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**  
**1.01 Acres • 1,022 sq. ft • \$2,326.60 Taxes • 3 Bedroom • 2 Bath-**  
**room • Deck • Two-car Garage • Heated Workshop**  
**Price \$125,000**  
If you would like to receive any additional information please contact  
Leanne Burnstad or Patti Hanson at 608-374-1225



NOTICE AND RULES OF  
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013



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

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

- (1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e, above.
- (2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates) tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election.
- (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Ordinance and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

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

LEGISLATURE

- District 1:  
Seat 1  
Seat 3  
July 2013 – June 2017
- District 2:  
Seat 2  
Seat 3  
July 2013 – June 2017
- District 3:  
Seat 2  
July 2013 – June 2017

- District 5:  
At-Large  
Seat 1  
Seat 3  
Seat 4  
July 2013 – June 2017

SUPREME COURT  
Chief Justice  
Six (6) Year Term  
July 2013 – June 2019

Associate Justice 1  
Four (4) Year Term  
July 2013 – June 2017

**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES**  
The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on Friday, January 4, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 6e of the Election Ordinance which states, "...candidates have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms,

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**  
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Ordinance Sec. 9 (6).

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

**ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**  
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Page 20 Section 2, (Deadline, Wednesday, February 13, 2013).

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

**Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Wednesday, February 13, 2013@ 4:30 p.m**

**ABSENTEE VOTING:**  
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Friday, March 1, 2013 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Ordinance, Page 13, sec. 11 a(1) Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

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

A map of the state of Wisconsin is shown, divided into four colored regions representing election districts. District 1 is in the north-central part, District 2 is in the south-central part, District 3 is in the east-central part, and District 4 is in the south-east part. The map is labeled with the district numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

**POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:**  
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

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

**ELECTIONEERING:**  
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
DAY  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION  
Monday, December 10, 2012

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST  
Sunday, February 3, 2013

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
Friday, March 1, 2013 @ 4:00 PM

GENERAL ELECTION  
Tuesday, June 4, 2013

- POLLING PLACES:**
- OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**
- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
HHCDA  
INDIAN MISSION  
715/284-8900
  - TOMAH, WI  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
358 EOS ROAD  
608/372-4547
  - LACROSSE, WI  
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 MAIN STREET  
608/783-6025
  - BARABOO, WI  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD  
608/355-1254
  - WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.  
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE  
715/886-5444
  - WITTENBERG, WI  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD  
715/253-3536
  - CHICAGO, IL  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
5744 W IRVING PARK RD  
773/202-8433
  - MILWAUKEE, WI  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE  
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE  
414/747-8680
  - ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE  
1821 UNIVERSITY AVE.  
Suite 409 N  
651/641-1801
  - MADISON, WI  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE  
1320 MENDOTA STREET  
608/277-9741  
608/277-9964
  - WISCONSIN DELLS, WI  
INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.  
N9557 DYER AVENUE  
715/299-6104
  - GREEN BAY, WI  
BRANCH OFFICE  
1047 9<sup>th</sup> STREET  
920/360-1898