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Mato Nanji defines a new era of INDIGENOUS

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Mato Nanji, Nakota from the Yankton Sioux Res in South Dakota, brought a hail storm of riffs that rocked the foundations of sand pillow last Friday night, May 25, at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Black River Falls. Although only playing to a few Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn tunes, it would have been great to hear this young cat scratch out a new era of rock and blues.

It didn't take Nanji's Stratocaster long to rip into chords that would have made B.B King smile. He painted a beautiful blend of blues rock with a tinge of funk appeal that kept people's heads' rockin'. It was thunderous, almost as if the audience could hear the voices of many guitarists, like Santana and Lang during the same song. For the most part, it seemed he was explosive and that the guitar was ready to start on fire.

Although most of the band has changed from his brothers and sister being a part of the band, Indigenous for the most part, still has its es-

sential core with Nanji, on both Lead Guitar and Lead Vocals. The band is virtually his now, needing only a bassist and a drummer to back him up on his current tour. They seemed to have worked up a new sound that pumps and pulsates greed and angst at the same time; a new sound for this stage in Nanji's development as a guitarist.

Nanji talked about his father having the biggest influence in his career. "He had all these old rock and blues albums he would play at our house. Then all of sudden, I wanted to hear those songs. He had all this gear in the basement, and then one day he taught me to play." He recalls his dad making them practice a whole year, every day, before they got to play out in public.

Since that time, Nanji has seen many things during his days. He references his fan base, saying back home, many of his own people aren't into his music for some reason. He describes how the Indians in the Southwest love to see him play. He's got a big following down there. He also noticed Indigenous had developed a loyal following on the East Coast that didn't necessarily follow traditional Indigenous demographics. "Pretty soon we started seeing a lot more white people showing up to the gigs over there. So they must be digging the sound," he said.

Nanji didn't seem too worried about things and being a father at the same time. "It's hard to be two things at one time, but I like being a father first," he said. "So



Mato doubles down on new image

whenever I get a chance to play, I take full advantage to put everything into every show."

Nanji just came off the hugely successful Hendrix Tour that celebrated the music of Jimi Hendrix this year. He was asked to be on that tour due to his rare skills as a guitarist, which then led to a spotlight performance on George Lopez. He's also done tours with B.B. King and Robert Cray, and now hopes to help some young bloods from down south get some exposure.

Asked if he had any wicked band stories, he shook his head no. "I just play guitar. That's what I love do most. I don't need all that other

stuff people do. He said B.B. King told me, "Just stay high on the music. So I do," Nanji stated.

In closing, he said, "Kids should always be themselves and not to try to be anything than what they are inside. Stay high on the music, baby!"



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Nanji's Stratocaster is on fire



The New Indigenous appeals to all crowds now



Beloit casino project is moving ahead...

In May, the legislators approved entering into a contract with an environmental consultant to assist in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is required as part of the process to gain approval of placing the casino site into trust land status. The consultant will be working with BIA regional office and the Nation over the next 18 months to draft the EIS. Some of the studies included in the EIS are traffic, water runoff, socioeconomic, noise, and archeological; along with public hearings

and comment taking/ responding. The process to place the Beloit casino site into trust is anticipated to take two years and the EIS is a big part of that process. Once the BIA regional office has approved the application for trust land it will move onto Washington D.C. BIA for their review and approval and to the Wisconsin Governor for signature.

While the Beloit application is proceeding the Nation is also working with Sovereign financial advisors to develop a plan to address expansion and renovation plans at

all our gaming facilities. This planning involves the development of a financial model to assist in making such decisions as whether; (as an example) an event center or a waterpark has a greater return on investment. At the time of this printing, Sovereign will have completed interviews of all gaming facilities and entered preliminary data into the financial model. The expansion projects have the intended purpose of extending the stay at our gaming facilities and with patrons staying longer there will be

an expectation for increased gaming revenue. The share of the gaming market at our gaming facilities has somewhat stabilized, so to bring in additional revenues the amount of time a patron spends must be increased or new markets sought out. Beloit casino is an example

of seeking out new markets. It extends the Nation's market share to the South and into Illinois.

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Check our Website!

NOTICE: FDP will have a short month for JUNE 2012, Due to an offsite/all-staff meeting/training(NAFDPIR). We will be re-scheduling our tailgates Tomah and Nekoosa for 6/19, 6/21. Please plan accordingly to be at 1 of 4 tailgate sites on the revised dates or plan to come to the BRF office/warehouse during the first 3 weeks of JUNE 2012. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. FDP-HCN Staff Director-Andrew Rave

JUNE:2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1-Jun OPEN-BRF	2-Jun
3-Jun	4-Jun OPEN-BRF	5-Jun OPEN-BRF	6-Jun DELLS TAILGATE	7-Jun OPEN-BRF	8-Jun OPEN-BRF	9-Jun
10-Jun	11-Jun OPEN-BRF	12-Jun OPEN-BRF	13-Jun WITTENBERG TAILGATE	14-Jun OPEN-BRF	15-Jun OPEN-BRF	16-Jun
17-Jun	18-Jun OPEN-BRF	19-Jun TOMAH TAILGATE	20-Jun OPEN-BRF	21-Jun NEKOOSA TAILGATE	22-Jun OPEN-BRF	23-Jun
24-Jun	25-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	26-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	27-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	28-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	29-Jun INVENTORY CLOSED	30-Jun

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

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

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements!
Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 22nd, for the June 29th edition of the Hocak Worak.

We are currently Accepting Applications for the 2012-13 school year, if you have a child that will be 3 on/before Sept. 1, 2012 please call the Head Start in your area.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Law Enforcement Commission Alternate Commissioner Position Vacancy Jackson County Alternate Commissioner

The Ho-Chunk Members of Jackson County have a County-Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement and shall select, an Alternate Commissioner from Jackson County, by majority vote. The Alternate Commissioner shall serve only in the absence of the Commissioner. The Ho-Chunk Legislature shall confirm the appointment of the Alternate Commissioner.

Alternate Commissioners shall serve a two (2) year term and shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Qualifications
A Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall meet the following qualifications:

- i. A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- ii. At least twenty-five (25) years of age.
- iii. A resident of the county of representation for at least one (1) year.
- iv. A satisfactory background investigation shall be required. Any felony conviction within the immediately preceding ten (10) years would prohibit any person from serving on the Commission unless waived by the Legislature when the person has demonstrated and shown that his/her prior activities do not pose a threat to the credibility and integrity of the Commission.
- v. Not an employee of a law enforcement department.
- vi. Not an immediate family member of either the Attorney General or the member attorney from the Department of Justice.

For more information, please see the Law Enforcement Commission Establishment and Organization Act.

HCN DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

Complete a "Request for Pick-Up" and fax it to (608) 374-1233 Attn: Records Clerk or it can be return to Department of Housing in five (5) days prior to your area scheduled pick-up date. For those of you in the first week of June can call Housing at (608) 374-1225.

JUNE					2012	
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
Bik River Falls - Maplewood 4	Wittenberg 5 Bik River Falls	Wittenberg 6 Bik River Falls - Mission	Bik River Falls - Mission 7	Dells Dam 8		
Augusta Osseo / Fairchild 11	WI Rapids Nekoosa Vesper 12	Mauston Lyn Station Timber Run 13	Baraboo Reedsberg 14	Baraboo Reedsberg 15		
WI Dells 18	WI Dells 19	Tomah 20	LaCrosse Sparta 21	La Crosse Sparta 22		

Cigarette smoking: easy to start, tough to quit, but CDC message is getting through

Submitted by Gary Ilminen, RN
 Recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) started running advertisements on television, radio, billboards and print media about the consequences of cigarette smoking. The ads feature people who are living with the physical effects of cigarette smoking, with the title "A tip from a former smoker"; they are graphic and some may even say they are shocking.

For example, in one ad, a young man named Brandon, who has had both legs amputated below the knees as the result of Buerger's disease caused by smoking cigarettes, is shown preparing to put on his prosthetic legs. The message in large, bold print says, "Allow extra time to put on your legs."

The ad goes on to explain the role smoking played in the man's disease and offers free help through a smoking cessation quit line number 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

There is evidence the \$54 million ad campaign's message is getting through: From March 26 to April 1,

34,413 calls were made to quit line number shown in the ads. That is more than double the number of calls made the week before the ad campaign began, when only 14,437 calls were made.

The CDC effort is particularly geared to help young people understand the risks cigarette smoking has that the tobacco companies don't mention in any of their marketing materials that total about \$27 million per day, according to the CDC. According to the CDC's booklet, "Preventing Tobacco Use among Youth and Young Adults," more than 3,800 individuals under age 18 light up their first cigarette each day. Among those who start that young, the CDC estimates three out of four will still be smoking as adults. If they continue to smoke, on average, they will die thirteen years sooner than non-smokers. For more on this report and the CDC public information campaign, see: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/sgf/2012/index.htm

Smoking has been known to cause or contribute to diseases such as lung cancer,

heart disease, vascular diseases, oral and throat cancer and respiratory diseases. In addition to the risk for development of these diseases, smoking increases the risk for early disability and high healthcare costs. For example, according to research recently published by the Mayo Clinic, on average, people who smoke have \$1,275 in extra health costs per year.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health can help smokers quit, in addition to the help offered by the free quit line. Smoking cessation services include information on how to quit, resources, as well as medication options to help with quitting, when necessary.

For more information, contact:
 House of Wellness:
 Phone: 608-355-1240 or on the Web:
www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=349
 Ho-Chunk Health Care Center:
 Phone: 715-284-9851 or on the Web:
www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=269

Smoking causes immediate damage to your body. For Brandon, it caused Buerger's disease, which cut off blood flow and led to amputation. You can quit. For free help, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

CDC U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.smokefree.gov

Minutes in Motion final results

By Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist
 Congratulations to all of you who signed up for the Minutes in Motion program and contributed minutes towards the Coulee Region challenge. We destroyed our record from last year with 173 people signing up (115 contributed minutes) and 139,740 minutes. We had the largest team this year which was one of the goals so great job everyone. There was a total of 5,763,760 minutes recorded from all the participants taking part in the challenge.

Here are some of the results overall:

- Ho-Chunk – 173 participants, 139,740 minutes
- Altra Federal CU – 98 participants, 179,641 minutes;
- Wabasha County – 68 participants, 140,573 minutes
- Gundersen Lutheran – 586 participants, 808,056 minutes

In addition, we had our own "in house" challenge going on. Nike gift cards were

given to the top five male minute earners and the top five female minute earners. Those people were Michael Snowball (3181 minutes), James Buel (3045), Thomas Hunnicutt (2985), Henning Garvin (2104), Jeff McDonald (2010), Deb Statz (3235), Sue Christopherson (3090), Natalie Rave (2603), Whitney Smith (2531) and Lynette Bird (2405).

The Minutes in Motion Challenge is a 6 week challenge that takes place in March through April every year. It is a free program. The goal is for participants to log 210 minutes of activity per week with a total goal of 1260 minutes over the 6 weeks. I plan to promote the program in February of next year so keep an eye out for it. Again, great job and keep on working on your fitness program. Check out www.indianheadtc.org for fitness events held all over Wisconsin.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hockak Worak will be June 8th which will be published on June 15th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls
Diabetes Learning Circle
June 2012

Date	Topic
June 7	Types of Fats / Heart Health
June 21	Insulin: What's the Big Deal

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

**For more information or to register contact:
 Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist,
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Celebrating ethnicity

Tracy Pecore, Editor

A predominantly white community and centrally located city in Wisconsin, with a little over 26,000 community members, Stevens Point also has an ethnic side. On May 12, Portage County held its annual Cultural Festival to "promote cultural understanding in a fun and festive environment" to get the local children and their families involved by providing fun hands-on activities.

One activity is provided by a local teacher who does the moccasin game, brought to him originally by the local

Indian Education project about 20 years ago. His students enjoyed it so much in his classroom that he started doing it at the festival. He does a good job and is mindful to point out that it is an American Indian game.

Ho-Chunk tribal member Chris Roth from Wittenberg displayed his Black Ash basketry skills alongside his wife, Sandy Roth who also displayed her Quill basketry. Throughout the day, there were many ethnic arts and crafts, and exhibitions that displayed educational and cultural awareness from around the world.

Not that I want to focus on the Norwegian culture, but I stumbled across a Norwegian woman that was working on some sort of finger weaving with a wheat plant. She spoke about the hard times growing up, how she was known as a peasant, and how she earned her money by the arts and crafts she made. She even shared a story about how the women in her family would do the hunting, skinning, cleaning, cooking, and planting of their own food for survival and how she passed those techniques down to her own children.

With that being said, it

made me think of how life once was and how similar many cultures are. There was no fast food or electronics for kids to sit on the computer or watch tv all day and be lazy. Today, not only natives are trying to get back to how it once was but other cultures as well are planting their own gardens and trying to live more natural. In my opinion, we've become too dependent on the easy things in life and many younger generations don't know what it means to work hard (including myself).

The cultural festival also had many entertainment events throughout the day

in six different areas of the Stevens Point Area Senior High. One show featured Ho-Chunk singers and dancers that performed a 60 minute exhibition. Eyes were glued on the dancers as they entered the stage and many flashes went off. One spectator made sure he got his dad there an hour early so they wouldn't miss the show as others gathered around at the end to take pictures.

Great job to everyone who participated and for those in the area next year, stop by and check out all of the different vendors, ethnic food, and other cultural exhibitions.



(Left) Ho-Chunk singers and dancers performed for the 2012 Cultural Festival. (Middle) Emcee Elliott Funmaker and granddaughter Destiny. (Right) Chris Roth exhibits his Black Ash baskets and tools.

The Ho-Chunk Values comparison test

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

There must be a feeling many elders get that make them stop in their tracks, look around the community, and shake their heads. They must think, "That wouldn't have happened in my day."

There seems to be a disconnect going on between the elders, parents, and youth, that involve the old Ho-Chunk values. Some might argue they are not being passed down due to many factors. Some say, "Ho-Chunk culture is supposed to change." However, there are those who believe the opposite and say, "these are not our ways." There appears to be a confusion going on about what Ho-Chunk values may or may not be.

Recently there was a break in at the District 1 Community Center by some Ho-Chunk youth who stole money. There is also a tribal legislator who pleaded guilty to taking a bribe for personal gain. So what kind of values did they learn? Did they learn their values from school, parents, TV, or friends? Whatever the case may be, these actions do not go along with the basic Ho-Chunk value system.

For a crash course, Gordon Thunder was shown a list of seven values used by the Anishnabek in their

newspaper called the Tribal Observer. They call them the Seven Grandfathers and use them as a teaching model for their people.

The Hockak Worak wanted to find out whether Ho-Chunk values could be termed the same way. Gordon's response to what some of them meant to Ho-Chunk people were very educational. The result was a brilliant analysis on the following "Seven Grandfathers" values:

1. Wisdom
2. Love
3. Respect
4. Bravery
5. Honesty
6. Humility
7. Truth

Translating what they meant one by one into Ho-Chunk, he said, "Yep, everyone needs wisdom."

"Love, but you can't just say you love something...like eating. It has to be specific." He paused a moment and looked again at the list, "Respect is probably the number one value on here. Honesty, Humility and Truth all seem to go together Ho-Chunk way," he explained.

Thunder then reflected again and did a real Ho-Chunk analysis. "After respect," he said, "we follow wikigos. It's the order of things and this is how life is conducted. When you think about these things, they have their place. You can see why they are important. However, it seems Ho-Chunks

would combine these values through story. I remember the people who taught me would always use story with these elements. 'We should learn this [insert value] from this story', they would say," he points to the paper.

Thunder continued, "If we all just learned these values at home, we wouldn't need jails or social workers. In the older times, our ciporokes were sometimes small and round or they could be longer with two or three families in them. These are the places where we were supposed to learn all these values. Like being in the womb, the mother would take care of us. Our homes are the same way."

Thunder was asked how this would affect leadership. "They taught us to be leaders through this way. We would be able to act in a good way using these values. It was a quest for these skills so we could handle ourselves and our spirits. This was a skill we needed to develop," he said.

"The next step was to recognize our talents and really see what gifts we had. This would be shown to us when we used our talent in a good way. People would give you praise for such things," he said.

Thunder then spoke about recognition, "The other part here is recognition, especially

kids coming into manhood or womanhood. These didn't cross. Men stayed away from women things, and women were taught that men had their ways. However, what was always said is that we had to make up our own minds to be Indian at all. It doesn't make sense if you cannot live these ways. Lastly, we pay homage to those who keep things the way they have always been. They never change things for the sake of changing. Through the centuries, we never tried to change what was told to us. That was the respect we gave to those that came before us."



Ho-Chunk elder Gordon Thunder

HO-CHUNK NATION

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Shelter is open for referrals and emergency housing for those affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

We are looking for Shelter providers to assist as needed with day, overnight and weekend coverage at the Shelter. The hours vary from Sunday – Saturday....

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- Sign service provider contract
- Complete background check (Mandatory)
- Proof of valid driver license/insurance (Mandatory)
- Able to attend free trainings
- Able to shadow Shelter Advocate for 4 hours prior to beginning
- Shelter Provider stipends are available

Any questions please call: **Domestic Violence Program:**
Black River Falls- 715-284-2622 x 5101 or x 5135
House of Wellness- 888-552-7889 x5623



Labor Department offers National Roofing Contractors Association Training to tribal members

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department held a roofing training that was instructed by the National Roofing Contractors Association personnel, Chuck Scislo and Bill Steinmetz, to provide participants with industry standard material. The four and a half day training was customized to cover important topics when working in the roofing industry. Nicholas Kedrowski, Tribal Employment Rights Director, said, "I was searching for someone or some company to provide roofing training in anticipation of the Elder Roofing project. We are now an Institutional member of the NRCA. We joined because the cost of membership was not very large and we saved a great deal more on the cost of this training."

The TERO Commission agreed with Kedrowski in becoming a member of the NRCA. Since late 2011, TERO began looking for participants to fill a class. Kedrowski said, "We placed ads in the Hocak Worak and talked directly with our clients to see who was interested in doing the training. Joining the NRCA, we were able to get customized training. The participants received a certificate that conveyed they received instruction on specific material from the NRCA."

The training syllabus was developed by determining

what TERO wanted taught and how long to cover the material. Kedrowski continued, "Each area needed a differing levels of time to properly instruct, so we had to limit the scope of the training itself. There's a separate certificate the attendees can also test for called CertainTeed Master Shingle Installer's Certification. We give them time to study on their own with the installation manual; then they can take a fifty question online exam to qualify as Master Shingle Installer. They need to score 47 or more points to pass."

The trainers and participants enjoyed the dedicated time to learn the different aspects covered. John Climer said, "We got a general understanding of concepts about roof systems, material, assessments, basic repair methods, and safety. Our trainers were very personable and professional. The hands on training made it easy to understand the new concepts and roofing vocabulary. There were no "dumb questions. They were very experienced in the roofing industry and they gave me confidence and encouragement to apply what they taught me about the roofing industry."

Isaiah Funmaker said, "The classroom gave us better insight into compatibility, longevity, and conducting our own inspections which was a graded event at the end of the week. The hands on portion let us get a feel for



Graduates of the National Roofing Contractor Association training: (front) Chuck Scislo, Ernest La Mere, Barry Saul, Doran Goodbear, Kric Pettibone, Turhan Gates, Harold Hill, Wallace Greendeer, Isaiah Funmaker, Bill Steinmetz, Timothy King, Wesley Cloud.

the tradecraft for which we signed up for. I would like to express my gratitude to the 477 and TERO programs for collaborating and presenting this opportunity. On graduation day, we were awarded with our certificates of completion, tool belts, and gift cards. It was a big step for me, and it has given me another tool in my tool belt advancing myself in this life."

Kedrowski said, "The trainers were very vocal about their experience here. They raved about the hospitality of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the facilities provided. They

enjoyed the students and indicated that they would really like to come back if we were in need in the future. It was a very good experience all the way around."

The Labor Department is working hard in planning other useful trainings for tribal members and Ho-Chunk Nation employees. Kedrowski said, "We are working to provide not only construction related trainings, but also office oriented ones as well. For construction, we are looking at a potential welding, CNC course, a Trans/Road Crew training,

and possibly a cement finisher pre-apprenticeship training. For non-construction, we are looking to hold a Personal Care Assistant training for in home type care and team building and communication series of workshops with Western Technical College. The team building and communication series will be offered to departments within the Ho-Chunk Nation. We are also getting ready to offer Customer Service program for internal and external use, resume writing, interviewing skills, phone/office etiquette, and general soft skills."

Milwaukee Branch Office to be remodeled

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature recently approved \$300,000.00 to remodel the Milwaukee Branch Office. The roof, interior, and HVAC will all be remodeled. The branch office, which is located

on fee simple land in an urban area, serves 344 tribal members in the Milwaukee area.

Carol Rockman, Planning Department, said, "The interior walls will be redone to reroute offices for better work flow. Currently, there

is an office that is passed through if you enter the back door of the building. So the back will be more accessible. The building houses Youth Services, the Branch Office, and Language. We are in the process of getting a contractor."

Luke Georgeson, Ho-Chunk Nation Commercial Construction Administrator, evaluated the building on March 28 to ensure remodel was feasible. The building was formerly a medical supply store and was purchased by the Ho-Chunk Nation in May 1998.

Georgeson reports, "The interior of the building is dated and mismatched. The roof is leaking currently. The staff at the Branch Office had already received bids to replace the existing roof. There are three glass block windows left in the building that should be replaced."

The report recommends having any unnecessary penetrations in the roof removed before installing the new membrane and to remove a large old air intake or exhaust box from the roof.



Milwaukee Branch Office remodel project will include a new roof, interior, and HVAC.



Chimney and old air intake will be removed during the remodeling, back entrance to the branch office will get needed repairs.



The air conditioning units are old and mismatched, and newer units will be more efficient. The duct work needs to be cleaned and fully connected, as conditioned air doesn't run through all the duct work in the floor and ceiling. Electrical wiring is messy and not labeled correctly. Attic vents allow rain to enter the wall cavity. Georgeson's report concludes, "The team feels that the building is in good structural condition and would be sound choice for remodel. We were

not able to gain access to the crawl space or basement; the foundation was not inspected. It would be beneficial to see if the possible before a final decision is made."

Rockman said, "It is nice to have a Maintenance Department that has the expertise to fix building deficiencies. When a contractor is secured, the plan consists of a move to a temporary location for a couple months while the remodeling is done."

Tom Jones achieves tenure at UW Madison Art Department

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Tom Jones, photographer, has reached an academic milestone achieving tenure at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Seven years ago Tom Jones began as a lecturer teaching photography within the Art Department. He has taught there ever since 2006 as an Assistant Professor within the graphics faculty. During that same time, he also developed a professional career with numerous exhibits and works displayed at various venues around the U.S. with some international exhibits in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Canada, and Italy.

"Man, it feels good to reach that next step of recognition. Now I can take some time off," he laughs. "No, I'm not kidding. I am taking a sabbatical from my position and doing a project on Ho-Chunk baskets." Jones remarked. "I want to do another book on the different types of Ho-Chunk baskets with photographs." He was surprised the baskets at the Executive Building were gone. He said, "Now, I'll have to find where they went."

Jones recently worked on a coffee table book with over 300 photographs called "People of Big Voice," a

compilation of photographs taken by Charles Van Schaick from 1879 to 1942. He hopes this new book will capture the essence of this unique Ho-Chunk art form.

The idea behind tenure is a permanent position that will provide academic freedom, long-term employment and benefits from developing a long record of work. Tom Jones embodies all of these qualities and then some. On his website, tomjoneshochunk.com his curriculum vitae list his many awards from grants and shows he has done since 1982.

He loves teaching. In an interview on the department website, Jones talks about the integrity of art and what he wants students to learn. He wants them to be great technicians first, how to develop photographs in a lab, then become artists second. He sees this as an essential step in every photographer's development. He enjoys the Department at UW Madison because there are three American Indian faculty people on staff making a difference in the art world.

Three of his recent projects are: I am Indian First and Artist Second • Encountering Cultures • "Native" Commodity. Each

of these projects has deep metaphorical dilemmas with American Indian art.

The first project investigates how Indian artists want to be known strictly as artists while using Native American themes and symbols from their heritage to promote themselves. He states, "The artists themselves don't want to be classified as "Indian artists" for some reason. He finds this attitude in art somewhat strange, especially with the use of culture. He photographed bottoms of plastic Indian toys to show their abstract designs and how identity genocide may be going on above that world.

The second project is series of pictures of "wannabees" within the Rendezvous culture. Some have American Indian heritage and some do not. Some of the pictures can be quite disturbing to American Indian eyes. It's almost as they are making fun of Indian people, but at the same, they take what they do so serious that the intent may blow away some diehard traditional beliefs.

The third project looks at American Indian images and art used to sell the Wisconsin Dells as a tourist destination. There are some classic pictures of the "end of the



Ho-Chunk tribal member, Tom Jones, photographer and faculty member at UW-Madison receives tenure.

trail" symbols used by motels, arrowhead motifs on doors and signs, and the shocking totem pole surrounded by pop machines, which depicts much about what has happened to

the commodification state of Indian art in mainstream society. In the end, his family gives him Kudos on his new tenure status.

Special Veteran honoree

Tracy Pecore
Editor

On May 18, Ho-Chunk Vietnam Veteran Paul Cloud was given a special honoree plaque at the Gathering of Warriors pow-wow held at the Menominee Nation Woodland Bowl in Keshena.

For the past nine years, Menominee Nation Veteran's Association member Wes Martin hosts an honoring event recognizing those that have helped him personally, through his powwow life, and through his veteran life. "I have honored both civil and military persons," said Martin.

This year's honorees were JR Holmes - Potawatomi, Jason Jackson - Potawatomi, Albany Potts - Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe, Virgil Loomsfoot, Kewaunee Indian Community from Michigan, and Paul Cloud from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Martin mentioned each one and commented on how they helped him, as both a dancer and military vet. "I had belonged to the Potawatomi vets group for about 15 years with Jason and JR, I've been dancing with Albany for about 12 years, and Virgil and I knew the Kewaunee Vets group since they came to

our May pow-wow a while back and when I would go to the Baraga Pow-wow. I knew Paul, his brothers, and members of the Lake Delton drum group for some time. I met Paul at a pow-wow with his wife and have helped him when a feather was dropped and we just became good friends."

All honorees are not given advance notice of the event and surprised the day it takes place. "I contact persons close to them and seek a picture of them in military or pow-wow regalia," said Martin.



Ho-Chunk Vietnam Veteran, Paul Cloud, special honoree and receives plaque.

Military Appreciation Day at the Dane County Fair

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Come enjoy the Fair and help say "thank you" to all military families! In honor of their service, all Armed Forces personnel (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserves, National Guard members and veterans) and their immediate family members will receive free admission to the Fair on Military Appreciation Day. Come see and experience the military equipment, special exhibits and fun activities!

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Phenom Koenig lights up NY2LA AAU Basketball Tourney

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Milwaukee, WI. There is a tension in the air as the NY2LA Swish and Dish Basketball tourney gets underway at Homestead High School. Bronson Koenig's team, The Wisconsin Swing, takes the floor against a strong Chicago D Rose Team in this AAU classic seeding game.

Ho-Chunk high school baller Koenig, nationally ranked 14th overall by ESPN's 2013 top point guards, is a prodigy that only a few in the elite rank of H.S. basketball can really appreciate. Bronson, or "B" as his teammates call him, just plays basketball at a higher level. His father, Paul Koenig, says, "If you really watch him play, he's like a composer. He can set people up or he can take over a game himself. He's that good." His nani, Ethel Funmaker, is proud of her son being nationally recognized. "The talent at these tournaments is so high," she says, "his team usually wins."

This night the Swing start

off pretty fast. Koenig seems to have some problems early though. He's being covered essentially full court man to man. He makes some necessary adjustments with some dribbling displays here and there to keep his opponent off balance. The defense can't get a read where he's going next. At one point, he passes to the corner, drives the lane, gets the pass back and takes three guys to the hole for a lay up. Later he dishes some no look passes or lob to his teammates in the middle who finish with open shots.

Koenig seems tired though. He motions for the coach to take him out. He sits on the bench with his head down, trying to get his breath. "I couldn't breathe out there at first. I was trying to work through it, but it wasn't working," he said. The Swing are up ten when he leaves with thirteen minutes to go in the half. Within five minutes, Cliff Alexander and Team D Rose make a comeback. They are down by three points with 3:15 left on the clock. Koenig is still recovering from severe

weight loss from an infection while he had his tonsils taken out. He lost 15 pounds of lean muscle and his conditioning became weak during that layoff. He also tore a ligament in his thumb last season and was sidelined after eight games.

Many have probably seen some great players at March Madness on CBS. But only 17 years old, Koenig is a combination of Steve Nash, John Stockton and JJ Redick.

Bronson checks back into game. The Swing start their run. "B" has been in this situation before. He has a state basketball title under his belt with Aquinas High School in La Crosse, Wisconsin. "He's pretty cool under pressure. His teammates know he's the leader of this team," says his assistant coach. At halftime, The Wisconsin Swing led by seven points.

In the second half, Koenig starts strong. He dazzles the crowd with a string of no look passes. He works crossovers that nearly break ankles. He breezes in with short jumpers. What's astounding is how

consistent and fundamentally sound he is with his court vision. With lightning speed, he takes the ball, fakes a pass, drives the lane and dishes with consistency. Sometimes he catches his own players off guard. He doesn't get mad though, he just keeps it real and works his defense. It's an awesome display. "B" finally catches his breath and finishes the game strong with 18 points and 9 assists and doesn't miss at the free throw line. In the end, they mercy Team D Rose 79 - 58 with 3:41 left remaining in the second half.

Bo Ryan, head coach of the Wisconsin Badgers, attended nearly every one of his AAU games last summer to recruit him over the likes of Division 1 basketball powerhouses Duke, North Carolina, Kansas and Virginia in his sophomore year. Bronson now has verbal commitment to his home state institution at UW Madison.

The Wisconsin Swing lost the title game by 2 points to TP Elite with a last second shot. "They should have won that game," says Paul Koenig,



Bronson Koenig, future badger at UW-Madison.

"they were up ten with seven minutes to play."

Bronson will have a busy summer. He will be attending the NBA's top 100 camp. As well, he will possibly attend the Chris Paul CP3 camp where many top pro scouts evaluate up and coming talent. The NY2LA Tourney put together a mix tape of his different games that weekend titled "Bronson Koenig - Most complete PG 2013" on youtube.com, so check it out and see what I saw.



WhiteEagle helps Witt-Birn Lady Chargers 4x400 Relay Team set a new school record

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Erica WhiteEagle, a freshman at Wittenberg-Birmanwood High School, was part of the 4x400 Relay Team for the Lady Chargers Track team that recently broke a school record. The previous record was set at the Medford Sectional Meet in 2007 with a time of 4:10:96. The new



Erica WhiteEagle runs her leg of the 4x400 in 1:03 to break a school record in the event.

record for the 4x400 relay is 4:10:94. Two hundredth of a second was enough to set a new record.

Erica is the daughter of Deforest WhiteEagle Jr. and Christina Littlewolf. She said, "The first thing I felt when we all learned we broke the school record is this is so unbelievable! I felt so excited, and also proud of our 4 by 4 team. We practiced so hard to get where we are now and we just wanted to run at our full potential."

"Erica is primarily running the 300 meter hurdles, open 400 meters, and 100 meter hurdles," said her coach, Mike Balliett. He explained, "Most of the season, members of the track team are focusing on their individual events. About halfway through the season, things settle down. I

remembered Erica ran the 4x400 relay last year, so I thought she'd do well on this relay team. When they broke the school record, it was the first time this team ran together."

Balliett said, "Erica works hard, but is almost too quiet and needs to bust out. Before the record breaking race, I asked her to step it up. She usually runs a 1:05 or 1:06 for her 400 meter time. I asked her to step up and cut two seconds off her usual time. She turned out a 1:03 time when the record was broken." Coach Balliett told her the words and time she needed to hear to make it happen.

The 4x400 relay team placed fourth at the Medford Sectionals to qualify for State. On June 1, they will be running for a chance at



Erica WhiteEagle with her teammates on the Witt-Birn Lady Charger track team.

a state title in La Crosse. Balliett said, "If they do well Friday, they'll race again on Saturday." The Wittenburg-Birmanwood boys and girls track team are their

Conference Champions. Congratulations to Erica and her 4x400 relay team. Run hard and good luck at State.

Our fallen soldiers remembered

Tracy Pecore
Editor

On Monday, May 28, Veterans from the US Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, and Coast Guard fulfilled their duty once again at the Andrew Blackhawk Powwow grounds located in Black River Falls by helping raise flags of deceased veterans.

Starting at 10am sharp, members of Ho-Chunk Nation drum groups gracefully sang the Flag song as many onlookers stood in silence watching over 100 veteran's flags being raised to Half-Mast. They raised them to Full-Mast at noon. Many shed tears, some stood silent, and others smiled knowing their family member's flag was being raised on Memorial Day.

The flags were hoisted quickly to full-staff and lowered to half mast, as the four service songs were then rendered. As the singers made

their way around the bleachers and into the powwow arena, all veterans followed and made a grand entrance into the arena as the US Flags flew briskly in the wind. Veterans filled the edge of the powwow arena and were invited to introduce themselves. At noon, introductions were paused to bring the flags to full mast.

The day wasn't raining with thunder and lightning like on Saturday, temperatures were not a blistering 90 degree mark like on Sunday, nor was it humid; there were blue skies, a nice cool breeze, and a good day to raise flags and remember those that sacrificed their lives for us; followed by a 21 gun salute and playing of taps.

As the day was just beginning, over 100 veterans sat (with many still standing), around the dance arena as they had the opportunity to share their story. Sergeant

Marcus Carriaga, Marine Corps Veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan thanked all of the Vietnam Veterans who have always been supportive of the younger veterans. He said, "Coming home, I know how hard it was when they came home and I have a lot of respect for them."

Others honored their chokas, like the late Ebineazer Hall who served in the US Army. Jeff Harrison, US Marine Corps, 4th Platoon Bravo Company, 3rd as-



Getting ready to raise flags at the 2012 Memorial Day traditional powwow.



Onlookers watch as flags are raised.



Captain Kirk Hopinkah saluting the US Flag as others show respect and place their hand over their heart.

sault amphibian battalion, 1st Marine Division, paid respect to the elders by thanking all those who were present and was thankful for the beautiful weather we were having. He also thanked Boye Ladd and the Ho-Chunk drum groups for singing all of the service songs.

As Emcee and Ho-Chunk Veteran Boye Ladd made his round, he also spoke about how we honor our veterans through song and dance. He said, "Upon their return, the warriors would prepare themselves as they came into the circle; some would cut their hair, some would notch their feathers or paint their feathers, again earning the right to come into the circle. We, as Ho-Chunk people, honor our veterans."

After everyone had a chance to say a few words, with some shedding tears to help move forward, the four service songs were rendered again. Throughout the day, many family songs were sung, smiles and laughs were shared amongst family and friends, but most importantly, we paid tribute to our fallen warriors.



Saluting at Half-Mast.



Ho-Chunk singers make their way around the powwow grounds and lead our veterans into the dance arena as they render the four service songs.



Flags raised to Full-Mast.



Words cannot express enough in remembrance of our fallen warriors as flags are raised.



2012 Moccasin champs

Tracy Pecore
Editor

This year's moccasin game contestants played rain or shine. Luckily they were under a tent to keep dry unless they were sweatin' under pressure.

With only three teams this year, registration began Saturday at high noon to begin play at 2pm sharp. Sometimes there just aren't enough hours in a day to finish what you started. With that being said, the Championship game took

place Sunday morning and lasted two hours.

"It was a bad day for Straight Shot, their drum was flat and it was humid. The final score was Moss RV 6 horses, Straight Shot 2 horses. Enough cannot be said for The Stroke, they put a valiant effort in but they just couldn't put it together," said Garvin, who went on to say, "I would like to thank the pow-wow committee for asking me to be the judge of the moccasin tournament once

again. It makes me proud of these teams who are keeping the culture alive here in Ho-Chunk land."

A few of the rules for this year's moccasin game stated men only, must be 14 years old, and no women. Garvin said, "This game is very old, and is seldom played, and there are rules to this game; some of the symbolism is still present and should be adhered to. It's not a child's game, and in today's society old time rules should apply to our traditional games because it keeps us unique."

Garvin went on to say, "Actually moccasin is a man's game. In some of the photographs we have, men are playing this game and it has always been a given rule that if you were to ask any older person you would most likely hear 'that's what they do'."

Another point that was brought to Garvin's attention were some elements in the game that pertain to men. He said, "You have an age requirement of 14 years old. This was also brought to my attention by an older man of the Nation who is no longer here. Sometimes I am asked to teach moccasin to school children, after this game was



"The Stroke" team members wait for the opposing team to choose wisely.

explained to me I was told this is a man's game. Other people have said teach this game to the children. But for myself I have a difficult time explaining to people this is something you just don't do. Customs, tradition's of the Ho-Chunk people are leaving us as a people."

Third place went to "The Stroke" with Curtis Redbird, Eli Youngthunder, Kyle Garvin, and Dan Youngthunder, Jr. Second place went to

"Straight Shot" with James Blackdeer, Levi Winneshiek, Ken "Jack" Basswood, and Lohman Cloud. First place went to "Moss RV" with Larry Walker, Brady Two Bears, Roger Littlegeorge Jr., and Corey Hindsley.

Congratulations to all of the players. Maybe next year we'll see some Ladies of the Nation playing the women's game called Kansu.



"Straight Shot" player "Jack" hides the bullet as Ira Anderson watches fiercely.

Memorial Day Pow Wow

The arena is filled as Sunday's Grand Entry takes place with over 300 dancers



Office of the President dance counter clockwise with the newly presented Eagle feather staff from the Mitchell Redcloud Marine Corps Detachment.



CiCi Bigjohn and her baby still smiling in the 90 degree weather.



Powwow Staff (L-R) Elliott Funmaker, Boye Ladd, and Paul Cloud.



Bearheart singers try to stay cool under their shade. Go Pack Go!



The last three Veteran's dance special that took place on Sunday. After three songs these guys did great and enjoy some cold water.



Weather wasn't looking too good for the weekend and delayed the first grand entry to 7pm on Saturday.

2012 Tomah Diversity Week

Submitted by C-Ann Cleveland, Title VII Indian Ed. Coordinator-Teacher

On behalf of the students and parents, thank you for supporting the Tomah Area School District students, grades Headstart-12, in celebrating their annual Diversity Week, May 7-11, 2012. We would also like to thank the many people who assisted in the activities this week:

- Artisans** – Bonnie Bird, Heidi Bird, Katelyn Bird, Josie Cleveland, Fletcher Collins, Sarah Cooper, Andrea Estebo, Mya Estebo, Zamantha Funmaker, Kjetil Garvin, Eliza Green, Kayleen Hall, Terry Lujan, Shila Pemberton, Willa Redcloud, EJ Snowball, Michelle Winneshiek, Penny Ybarra, Shane Yellowcloud, Eli Youngthunder
- Art/Frybread Contest Judges** – Wilbert

Cleveland, EJ Snowball, Marty Ybarra, Ashley Decora, Barb Smith and Michelle Winneshiek

- Mini Pow-wows** – Blue Wing Singers: Koonzie Decorah, Ashley Decorah, Wade Blackdeer, Brett Blackdeer Jr., Gerald Pemberton, Justice Blackhawk; (MC) Quentin Thundercloud; Dancers: Jason Bird, Victor Bird, David Cleveland, Donovan Collins, Giateo Jefferson, Tahlin Jefferson, Katelyn Bird, Emily Blackdeer, Jaleigh Blackdeer, Kathy Blackdeer, Layla Blackdeer, Priscilla Cleveland, Andrea Davis, Andrea Estebo, Mya Estebo, Zamantha Funmaker, Lizette Goucher, Meleajah Greendeer, Payton Rapp and Lorraina Thompson and Julia Wakefield. Thank you to the HoChunk Daycare staff for bringing the children to dance: Ahupahaiga-Naomi

Littlegeorge, Hijajaiga-Randi Rae Greendeer, Hocakk Hit'ega-Keith Budeau Jr and Kunu Xunuga-Ryan Greendeer.

Thank you to our mini pow-wows chaperones –Bonnie Bird, Wilbert Cleveland, Dana DeBoer, Sam Falcon, Hilary Green, Sharon Green, Faye White and Marty Ybarra.

Thank you to the head dancers this year: Donovan Collins and Zamantha Funmaker.

Thank you to Marty Falcon, our faithful bus driver for all these years! We sure appreciate it.

- Local Indian Education Committee Officers, Parents, Grandparents & Community Members** – Penny Ybarra-Chairperson; Hilary Green, Vice Chairperson; Becky Albert -Treasurer; Marty Ybarra & Staff from the Tomah Youth & Learning Center; C-Ann Cleveland, Title VII Indian Education

Coordinator – Teacher.
5) **Our Sponsors** – Tomah Local Indian Education Committee, Tomah Area School District and TASD Title VII Program.

Frybread Contestants:
1st Place – Christian Scarce, Coach himself and Maria Blackhawk
2nd Place – Ryan Decora, Coach Leland Bird
3rd Place – Emily Blackdeer, Coach Sharon Green
4th Place – Robert Miles, Coach Heidi Miles
5th Place – Shila Pemberton, Coach Myra Jo Pemberton
6th Place – Gerald Pemberton, Coach Myra Jo Pemberton
7th Place – Mya Estebo, Coach Sharon Green
Thank you to all the students who entered the contest; all the frybread was eaten with our delicious Indian taco dinner.

Art Contest:
Head start – Grade 2
1st Place – Spring Is Here by Jolani Lujan
2nd Place – Bears Wear Red by Anthony Smith
3rd Place – Dino Loves Underpants by Vanicia Blackhawk-Schwartz
Grades 3-5
1st Place – Indian Village by Savannah Blackhawk
2nd Place – Native by Azalea Roberts
3rd Place – Mother's Day by Mya Estebo
Grades 6-8
1st Place – Wiz Khalife by Christian Scarce
2nd Place – Bazinga Pillow by Alaugn St. Germaine
3rd Place – Flower Rose by Victor Bird
Grades 9-12
1st Place – HoChunk Youth by Shila Pemberton
2nd Place – Music Is the Light to Life by Billy Scarce
3rd Place – HoChunk Pottery by Kayleen Hall



Captions from left to right: 1) Bonnie Bird shows Sabrina Scarce how to make a paxge earring. 2) Shila Pemberton won first place for the canvas painting entitled "Tomah Youth". 3) Sharon Green coached Mya Estebo and Emily Blackdeer for the frybread contest. 4) Kayleen Hall and Shila Pemberton assisted Penny Ybarra make 700+ frybread for the Middle School HoChunk Village Day. 5) Wiha Pemberton assisted her Nunu in making frybread. 6) Here are some of the Tomah dancers getting ready for Grand Entry. 7) Our 2012 Diversity Week Dance Troupe. 8) Christian Scarce, first place winner, coached himself in making his batch of bread. 9) Our 2012 Frybread Contest winners: L-R) Christian Scarce, Ryan Decora, Gerald Pemberton, Shila Pemberton, Robert Miles, Mya Estebo. Kneeling – Emily Blackdeer.

Congratulations Leighlani

National Junior Honor Society recipient

On May 15, thirteen year old Leighlani Yazzie was one of 25 candidates chosen to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), a well-known organization that recognizes high school and middle school students. "I was more than happy, excited and speechless when I heard the awesome news," said Leighlani.

The four primary characteristics that NJHS emphasizes include scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. To meet the scholarship requirement, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a standard 4.0 scale. Individual schools can decide to elect members with a higher minimum grade point average. Individual schools can also set their own standards for measuring service, leadership, character and citizenship. Currently in 7th grade, Leighlani attends the John T. Magee Middle

School in Illinois. Proud parents are Aaron and Jocelyn Yazzie who said, "We're very proud of her." Proud Grandparents on her father's side are Anthony and MaryAnn Yazzie. Proud Grandparents on her mother's side are Eugene Yellowhorse and Alice Tsosie.

For three quarters of the school year, Leighlani held a 4.0 grade point average. Prior to that, she had always been either on the High Honors, or the Principals List. "The National Junior Honor Society felt that she would be an excellent candidate so they sent her an invitation letter where she wrote all her accomplishments and wrote a one page essay on why she would like to be a part of the NJHS and based on that, she was accepted," said proud mom, Jocelyn.

On her free time, some of Leighlani's hobbies are playing video games, caring for animals, and drawing/making God's eyes out of

yarn and popsicle sticks. She also plays softball, basketball, volleyball, and band where she played the oboe and clarinet. Leighlani is also a school mentor.

At such a young age, Leighlani already knows that she wants to go to Oxford University in England because they are one of the best schools; to become a Zoologist and an Oceanologist. In her teen years, she'd like to work at Six Flags Great America.

She says it meant a lot to her and that it means she will have a bright future. She says she is certain that anyone who puts their mind and hard work into a goal, they can accomplish it. "A lot of people motivate me. Peers, elders, adults, and children that are either closely related to me or just people I see that have bright futures; especially my parents," said Leighlani. She also respects and looks up to her higher power more than anything.



Proud National Junior Honor Society recipient, Leighlani Yazzie.

To all of our young Ho-Chunk youth, "Keep on trying and if you keep trying, good things will come out of your future life, and Don't do drugs!" said Leigh lani.

U.N. Special Rapporteur updates U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Since March 2008, James Anaya, a Regents Professor at the University of Arizona, has been serving as the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the right of indigenous people by appointment from the U.N. Human Rights Council. He recently gave his annual report to the U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and completed a visit to indigenous people of the U.S.

In September 2007, the United Nations adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People with 144 in favor, 4 against and 11 abstentions. The Declarations, though not legally binding in international law, intends to have government work with indigenous people to address global issues by protecting individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples' culture, resources, and land. The Declaration has forty-six Articles designed to protect and obligates governments to fulfill indigenous rights, outlines the role of the U.N., and do not limit greater rights. Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the U.S. were the four to oppose the Declaration, but have since endorsed it. The four all have their origins as colonies of the United Kingdom and have large non-indigenous immigrant majorities and small remnant indigenous populations.

Working as a Special Rapporteur, Anaya travels all over the world for meeting, conventions, and visits to indigenous communities. On May 15, Anaya gave his report to the U.N.'s Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. He participated in brainstorming sessions on the upcoming World Conference in Copenhagen to find ways to get indigenous people to participate. He said, "The World Conference

provides an opportunity, first, for contributing to the development of measures for the direct participation of indigenous people in United Nations meetings; second, for advancing greater and more concerted efforts with the U.N. system to promote the rights of indigenous peoples; third, for promoting action at the national and local levels to secure the realization of indigenous peoples' rights; and fourth, for celebrating indigenous peoples and their contributions worldwide."

Anaya is working with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to develop policy on indigenous people, to include representatives of the World Heritage Centre. He holds meetings with indigenous people and organizations most days. He said, "I am committed to examining all cases that are brought to my attention. I would like to remind indigenous peoples and organizations that, even without face-to-face meetings or country visit. I routinely consider and in appropriate cases act upon the information that is submitted to me in writing." He continued, "In Peru, my involvement took place in the context of discussions around a new regulation to supplement an already existing law on consultation with indigenous people; in Brazil, it took place in the context of a conference convened by the government to start discussions with indigenous leaders towards the development of a new consultation law or regulation; in Costa Rica, I met with indigenous leaders and government officials to follow up on a visit and examine the situation of indigenous communities that could be affected by possible construction of a hydroelectric project in their area."

Additionally, Anaya has

examined cases of alleged violations of human rights of indigenous people in Israel, Thailand, Malaysia, Peru, the United States of America, Mexico, Ethiopia, Bolivia, Finland, Canada, Guatemala, Chile, Costa Rica, France, and Brazil. He has just completed his visits to Argentina and the U.S., and a report will be presented to the U.N.'s Human Rights Council in September. He'll also be visiting Namibia, Canada, and in several Asian countries before his mandate is complete.

Anaya has distributed a questionnaire to indigenous peoples, governments, businesses, and other key stakeholders that deal with indigenous people and communities. Anaya said, "The responses revealed a clear understanding of the negative, even catastrophic, impacts on indigenous peoples. Many governments underscored the key importance of extractive activities on indigenous people's land as it relates to their economies. Many governments have demonstrated an awareness of the need to protect the rights of indigenous people, but a lack of consensus about the extent of states' duties concerning resource extraction and the means of ensuring protection of indigenous rights. The regulatory framework regarding indigenous rights are insufficient or do not exist. There is need for change in the current state of affairs. Greater common understanding among indigenous peoples, governmental actors, business enterprises, and others about the content of indigenous people's rights and the means of their implementation. Without such understanding, the application of indigenous rights standards will continue to be contested or ignored,

and indigenous people will continue to be vulnerable to serious abuses of their individual and collective human rights."

Anaya plans to launch an online forum to submit information for indigenous people and communities with hope of gathering specific information on extractive industries. Then he will analyze empirical information on specific examples to curb the extraction of natural resources on indigenous lands.

Anaya directed his speech toward the theme of the Permanent Forums, which was the Doctrine of Discovery. He said, "I have observed persistent painful legacies of the use of the doctrine of discovery to justify ignoring the presence of indigenous peoples and their rights. It is clear that the colonial era doctrine of discovery, when coupled with related doctrines of conquest and European racial superiority, was a driving force for atrocities committed against indigenous peoples on a global scale, with ongoing consequences for today. This doctrine shamefully persists in the jurisprudence of national judicial systems and in many of the domestic laws and regulatory regimes that affect indigenous people. The doctrine infected the perceptions and outlooks of majority societies in relation to indigenous peoples. The feeling of superiority on the part of dominant actors and a disregard for indigenous peoples' cultures, values, and ways of life continue to permeate various sectors of society. This doctrinal infection of society results, in many places, in a continued discrimination against indigenous people and an invisibility of indigenous peoples in political, economic, and social spheres of the states which they live."

He concluded by saying, "The Declaration provides a new ground for understanding the status and rights of indigenous peoples, upon which the legal doctrines of conquest and discovery must be discarded as a basis for decision making by judicial and other authorities. While I made this statement in the context of the United States, it applies equally to countries where indigenous peoples are found around the world. Our challenge is to enter into a new era, one in which the lingering effects of the doctrine of discovery do not continue to be felt, and indigenous peoples thrive and are valued with the countries which they live."

In his visit to the United States, Anaya spent twelve days visiting tribes in Washington D.C., Arizona, Alaska, Oregon, Washington State, South Dakota, and Oklahoma on reservations and in urban settings. He also met with various state officials and members of the Obama Administration. No members of Congress met with him.

Anaya believes reconciliation is needed before progress can be made. The call to recognize tribal sovereignty is nationwide. He said, "Securing the rights of indigenous peoples to their lands is of central importance to indigenous peoples' socio-economic development, self-determination, and cultural integrity." The need for the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is reflected well in U.S. law, policy, and programs at state and federal levels. Anaya said, "I'm talking about restoring to indigenous peoples what obviously they're entitled to and they have a legitimate claim to in a way that is not divisive but restorative. That's the idea behind reconciliation."

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

Jalesa Stampley, Petitioner, v. Zachary C. Bryant, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-30

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Zachary C. Bryant

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

Amber Leigh Niemi, Petitioner, v. Tad Isaac Butcher, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-38

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JR Redwater exhibits funny bone

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

For over a month, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has been advertising the Chiefs of Comedy to be held on Saturday, May 26. If you didn't make it then you missed out, JR Redwater tore it up. Saturday night's performance had 'em laughing in the aisles. As they say in the biz, he killed it.

Prior to taking the stage,



JR complains to his mom about his Indian butt



MC Red Cloud assisted by Pam Wilber

it was interesting to see how laid back he seemed before the performance. As he was introduced, he had that old bull walk when he came up to the stage; a tell-tale sign of something good is about to begin. The crowd patiently sat and quieted down as he scanned them over with authority, slipped his LA Dodgers baseball cap backwards and went to work.

JR mentioned first what he sees at pow-wows and how it shocks him sometimes. He said he couldn't believe what some mothers will do to win money dancing. "I seen that woman jingle dressing today and she was dancing with her baby. But it wasn't the light kind of dancing. It was that full out 'I gotta win the cash' dancing." He mocks a mother dancing with high knees, carrying the baby like a football, the baby's head just rocking as his hand goes in the air as if he was carrying real fancy eagle feather fan. "That's the crazy part," he says, "you should see them at Rosebud," he continues, "I seen this woman with not just one baby...she had two!"

He makes it look like he's the same mother dancing wildly with the two babies, one in each arm. The crowd is going wild by now trying to picture this happening in real life. "It's true," he says, "all true. I swear to god."

"Man! Then that one was pregnant..." he starts up again, "the one with the two babies. You would think this would be enough. Then she was pregnant on top of that too," he pauses making the sign of a big stomach, "that baby just fell out of her on that last push up... eeeeeeeeee," he shakes his head. "She was trying to pick that one up and dance with the other two like she was hoop dancing." The crowd is in a frenzied state; they can't believe he just went there. But they love it.

He goes on to talk about his dad being in the crowd that evening, how he got his Indian name, of course Indian butts and how flat they are. He looks at the nani down in the front row and says to her sternly, "This is all because of you, mom," while showing his backside to the crowd. He called his mom's stretch marks "Badges of Honor". She was just laughing. "Be proud, mom. You earned those," he said.

One man in the crowd with a very deep voice tried to heckle JR Redwater but it didn't work. Redwater looked over and mocked the man's deep, loud voice. He had plenty to give to the heckler who started first and who wouldn't quit. First he makes fun of the man's deep voice. "I hate that...those guys with the big, deep voices. Can't even understand what they're saying." The guy pipes up again in his regular voice, "See, that's what I mean!" he points in the direction of the guy and apologizes saying that was his girlfriend and how he told her to stay home. Everyone laughs. He makes fun of the guy's low



JR makes fun of heckler's low voice

voice with a type of bullfrog croaking sound. "Maybe you know what you're saying, but we don't. Geez this guy...really wants to be a part of the show," he says.

One of his funniest episodes he explained was dealing with one of his past girlfriends. She was one of those tough Lakota women who wasn't afraid to fight a guy. "She could pack a punch," he said. "I think that one night I blocked them all (he pauses)... with my face." He shows a series of upper cut punches his girlfriend was dishing out and his head going back after every blow. "Man, she was mean," he screamed. "I had to call the cops on her." So the cops came by and picked her up. She just got handcuffed and was about to be put in the squad car when he said, "Man, I got brave. I yelled to her, 'Me and the kids won't be here when you get back. She yelled back 'they ain't yours, anyways!'" The crowd just howled. Then he nods his head, "Ok then, we'll be here when you get back," he says in a quiet voice.

Redwater talked about the

idea of comedy and where he sees himself as a possible premier act. "Right now, I'm in two films that are in post-production so we'll see where that goes. I'm 36 years old, so I got to hit it hard in the business." He said his influences are Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor and Robin Williams to name only a few.

Redwater has been travelling with numerous comedians over the past two years. He has a Twitter page, a facebook page, a Myspace page and numerous youtube videos. What seemed so interesting was his connection to the area. He is related to the Youngthunders. Eula Thompson remembers JR when he was a kid. "He and his Nani would always show up at my home in St. Paul," she said.

He had a chance to come out to the Memorial Day Powwow and talked about his stint in the Navy and where he served. He also said he entertained troops whenever he could. He did a great job! If he's ever in the area again, go check him out if you want some belly bustin' laughs.

Black River Falls Department Correction Inmates donate to Louella Blackdeer Fun Run



Department of Corrections Boot Camp Inmates run the Louella Blackdeer Fun Run.

Forrest Funmaker, Staff Writer

On Saturday, May 26, roughly forty inmates ran a 5k and donated to the Louella Blackdeer Fun Run/Half Marathon. John Steindorf, who works with the Department of Corrections, organized for the 5k participation and donation directly from the inmates to the Louella Blackdeer Fun Run.

Lani Blackdeer said, "The inmates still wanted to run the 5k and donate to the Fun Run/Half marathon to be held Labor Day weekend." Blackdeer speaks at their facility every April about the Louella's story and the fun run. She said, "I let them know the fun run was cancelled. They ran without the benefit of shirts or rewards."

The donation was check for \$1050.00. Each inmate must pass a fitness test to go on the 5k field trip and have not been disciplined recently. Steindorf said, "The check was donated by the inmates. They raised \$1,050. The boot camp program has a 76% success rate with all offenders ever coming

back to jail after this program. Every year it gets bigger. I want to thank Lani and Blackdeer family for singing her (Louella) song and providing the run again this year. Our guys are going to keep participating in the run."



John Steindorf donates \$1,050.00 to Lani Blackdeer and Jimmy Blackdeer for the Louella Blackdeer Fun Run.





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Free Rabies Clinic

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

Date	Location	Time
June 19	BRF Sand Pillow Community Bld	9:30am-12:00
June 19	BRF Indian Mission/Old Food Distribution	1:30pm-4:00pm
June 21	Wittenberg Health Office	11:00am-2:00pm
June 26	Tomah Blue Wing Community Bld	9:30am-12:00
June 26	Nekoosa Community	2:30pm-4:30pm
June 28	Ho-Chunk Village/HOW	10:00am-1:00pm
June 28	Winnebago Heights/TAU Parking lot	2:30pm-4:30pm

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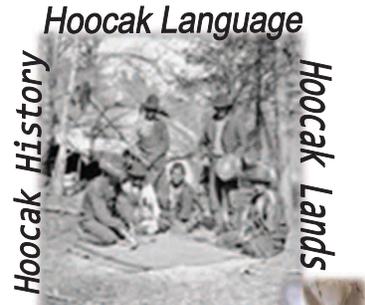
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 Grandfather-Father-Son Event**
 At "Indian Heights"
 June 16th: From 9:00am-4:00pm
Agenda for the Day
**Saturday
 June 16th, 2012**




9:00-9:15am Registration
 9:15-9:30am Review agenda/Opening Prayer
 9:30am-Noon Outdoor Father and Son activities
 Noon-1:00pm Lunch provided
 1:00- 3:45pm Native Speaker, Bernard Stevens
 3:45-4:00 Awards/Door prizes

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It's time for the 13th Annual Canoe Trip!
 Friday, June 22, 2012
 Wildcat Mountain State Park – Lower Park
 Highway 33, Ontario, WI



The Fitness Initiative Committee of the Ho-Chunk Division of Health invites you to join us for another great canoe outing. We will be canoeing in a section of the beautiful Kickapoo River. We invite those who participated last year as well as newcomers to this wonderful event. This will be about a 3 hour trip. The agenda is as follows:

- * Check in at 10:30 am sharp. Check in will be held at Wildcat Mountain State Park – Lower Park. **NO FURTHER CHECK-IN WILL BE ACCEPTED ONCE THE CANOE SHUTTLE BUSES (THAT TAKE US FROM THE PARK TO THE CANOE LANDING) HAVE LEFT.**
- * No more than 3 people in a canoe (2 adult, 1 child max, 450 lbs is the recommended weight limit).
- * 10:30-11:00 – Check in
- * 11:00-11:15 – Welcome & then board shuttles to canoe landing.
- * At least (1) adult per canoe. Parents must provide own child's life preserver for children under 4.
- * Snacks will be offered for canoe trip and meal served after the event

You must pre-register for this event. A \$10.00 deposit per canoe must be sent with your registration to Chris Frederick by June 8th. This will be returned to you AT THE EVENT. If you do not attend the event, your deposit will be forfeited.

This event is sponsored by the Special Diabetes Grant for Indians

Cut on line

Name _____ Canoe Registration # _____ # in group _____ # of canoes _____
 Address _____ Ages _____
 Phone # _____
 \$10.00 Deposit: _____ (checks payable to Chris Frederick)

Registration slip with deposit must be received by June 8, 2012 and sent to Chris Frederick at the House of Wellness, 52845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI 53913. Once the deposit is received you will be sent a letter of confirmation, a map and further details for this event. Any questions, please call Chris @ 608 355-1240 or 888-360-4616, ext 5611.

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HAGA season begins

Submitted by Larry Littlegeorge
 Sixty-one HAGA (Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association) Tour golfers made their way to Glacier Woods golf course at Iola, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 12, 2012.
 The day provided temperatures around the 70 plus degree mark with sunny skies and virtually no breeze for the first outing of the season. Marty Littlewolf served as host as sixteen teams were drawn to compete for championship honors and various flag events.
 Only one youth, James Bird was able to make the trip as he recorded a score

of 45 for his nine hole efforts. First place went to the team of Maynard Funmaker, Jessi Cleveland, Wesley Cloud and Marcus Decorah; on the somewhat challenging par 71 course with a score of 7 under 64.
 A putting contest was also held with about twenty golfers competing, only to see Trenton Littlegeorge coming closest to the pin to win. The staff at Glacier Woods, were happy to accommodate the tour group as with all venues the HAGA Tour visits.
 Once again, the HAGA tour encourages both young and old to come out and golf for fun and exercise.



Standing (L-R) Maynard Funmaker, Jessi Cleveland, Wesley Cloud and Marcus Decorah. Kneeling is James Bird.

Congratulation to Lois WhiteEagle and Celina Hall!

They received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award for having a 3.7 grade point average and testing high on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination. Keep up the good work girls!

You make your families proud.



Donald Blackhawk Sr.

Feb.24/1929-Dec.16/2007

Dad it's been 4 years this past December 16th. We still miss you and we'll love you ever more.

Happy Jaji Day

God took the strength of a buffalo,
 The majesty of a warrior,
 The warmth of a summer breeze,
 The calm of a quiet day,
 The generosity of his culture,
 The comforting arm of Mother Earth,
 The wisdom of the elders,
 The power of the Thunder Beings.
 Then god combined these qualities,
 There was nothing more to add.
 His masterpiece was now complete,
 He lovingly called him, DAD.

Your Loving Family,
 Blackhawks

Jaeleigh Anna Blackdeer



*Congratulations on completing your second year of dance. You gave a wonderful performance at your recital. You make us so proud of all your accomplishments. We love you so much!
 Love, Mommy and Daddy Fletcher ♥♥♥*

It's Pow Wow Time!!!

Marshall Kingston Standstraight

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DANCE HARD KUNU!!!
 We love you and are proud of you,
 Dad, Mom, Skye Rose, Weha and Kenai



On Sunday, June 17 Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells will host a tree dedication in the memory of John Sherman Cloud. Mr. Cloud was an important member of the local Ho-Chunk community. His commitment and care to his family, friends, neighbors, and tribe will be felt for many years to come.
 Please join the family of John Cloud for the dedication ceremony to be held in the hotel courtyard of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells at 1pm.
 A small reception will follow.

The Family of Brad Littlegeorge

would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted us after his death in February. Special thanks to Mr. Dennis Funmaker and Mr. Robert Bird, and all their helpers who took care of Brad. It is always a humbling and educational experience working with Mr. Funmaker. Also, Many thanks to our Uncle Earl Blackdeer and wife, Bernice, for all the support given us during this time. Thanks also, to Aunt Ruth, Aunt Toby, cousin Patty for all the shopping and cooking you did for us. We could not forget all the help from Ms. Judith Ann Thundercloud. To the Greendeer Ladies, word can't express how thankful we are for the wonderful lunch you put together after the burial service. To all those who had said prayers, made donations and brought food, We thank all of you. We thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for all the financial Assistance given us at this time. If we have missed any one, we are sorry, it was not intentional. Many Thanks to everyone.



There's no crying in football

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Aissa (Ice) Bourdon and Alana (Kiddo) Littlewolf are two prototypes of Ho-Chunk henuks playing professional women's football. On game night, the ladies show up early at Stiehm stadium with bad intentions: they love hitting other women...legally. "This ain't no powder puff league," Bourdon proclaims.

Littlewolf knows the score as well. They have battled some of the biggest, hardest hitting women in the 63 Women's Football Alliance league (WFA) teams and have the battle scars to prove it. This night promises to be no different. They are going against their arch rivals, The Wisconsin Dragons, in a battle for Wisconsin, and possibly, the right to go deep into the playoffs. This year's title game will be held at Heinz Field, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Wolves just

missed out by a game last year with a 4-4 record. "We were a rookie team back then; this year is going to be different," Bourdon states.

The Wisconsin Wolves currently 2-2 with an eight game schedule see their sophomore year as a turning point. "It usually comes down to who has the most points this time of the season," explains Mark Dearth, owner and founder of the team. "It's usually Points For (PF) and Points Against (PA) that determines who gets into the playoffs. We need to make some points tonight." The Wolves are on a two game win streak. They are in a four team bracket called the American League Division 10.

Dearth bought the franchise and wants to put up a great family product. This night, an Anishnabe youth group from Lac Du Flambeau, has come

down to watch the game. They get the royal treatment.

interest, but many are still too young.

almost like they just took the championship. It's a great



Wisconsin Wolves role models to future players.

They get a tour of the locker room, the announcer booth, and an unbelievable on-field experience. With the youth group throwing and kicking footballs in the background, Dearth explains how the Wisconsin Wolves help out Tribal communities with workshops, clinics and talks. "It's almost unlimited what the franchise can provide," explains Dearth.

Lac Du Flambeau has promised to enter into sponsorship negotiations with the Wolves. Dearth explains the different types of sponsorship packages available, and adds that the Ho-Chunk Nation once sponsored the organization while based in Middleton, Wisconsin when Sandra Blumer, another Ho-Chunk, played on the team.

Dionne Madosh and Ashlee Allen are two other American Indian ladies representing Keshena and Lac Du Flambeau respectively. Madosh is a "bowling ball" who plays both running back and full back on offense and linebacker on defense. Madosh's father volunteers as the videographer for the Wolves. He loves seeing his daughter play. Ashlee Allen comes to the stadium wearing a powder puff T-shirt to mock her teammates. Her teammates tell her to rip off her sleeves at least. She rolls up her sleeves and flexes her arms. She shows a variety of tribal tattoos on her guns and then smiles at her teammates. They all laugh. She currently works with the Army National Guard as a truck driver. "Yeah, it gets pretty physical out there," she adds.

Asked if other women should come out and play, they all reply, "Come out and give it a try but don't quit after the first practice. Commit yourself to getting better." Madosh explains that they don't see too many other American Indian women playing in their division. There were a couple playing for Nebraska. Allen counters saying there is a lot of



Littlewolf and Allen share an NDN joke on the sideline.



Wolves on good drive towards playoffs.

This night starts off easy for the Wolves. It's still pretty warm out. The night begins with a coin toss and onto the National Anthem. The crowd is starting to show up and it's an interesting mix. There are some Ho-Chunks from Wittenberg and Rapids who show up and point out their players on the field. They wave.

The Wolves go down the field on their first possession using a variety of running and pass plays. They run some misdirection plays and the Dragons seem one step behind. Touchdown! By the end, the Wolves totally destroy the Dragons 54-0. At the end, fans line up to congratulate the players. It's

feeling and there's a lot of laughing. Aissa Bourdon and Alana Littlewolf smile as their families and friends surround them.

There is a cool invitation at the end of every game where fans can do a meet and greet with the players for a \$5 wristband at a popular watering hole in Mosinee. Mark Dearth loves this part where fans get the ultimate experience to talk with players face to face. No better marketing than bringing the fans to the players. Bourdon adds, "Along with more crowds this season, the brown section is definitely getting bigger. It's nice to see."



Aissa Bourdon lives and breathes professional football.

Dodge Ball Night



Date: Thursday, June 14, 2012
Time: 6:00 pm
District One Community Center

Calling all adults, come and relive your favorite childhood game Dodge Ball on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 6pm in the District 1 Community Center.
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