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Rachel Thundercloud won the Women's 3 Point Shoot-Out taking those Honors home representing the ladies well as she went for the money ball for the points.

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The old Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Bingo Hall gets demolished.

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General Council Agency preparing Secretarial Elections



Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The General Council Agency is preparing Secretarial Elections for several past General Council Resolutions which would amend our constitution. Resolutions on term limits, elected officials, and general council agency are included. The bachelor's degree requirement may or may not be included, depending on the review process of the BIA Solicitor General's Office.

Resolution 09-12-09B: concerns hiring, management, and supervising of General Council Agency employees. It also amends the constitution with provisions about General Council Agency authority as a separate branch of government. Legislature shall amend the Employee Relations Code and any act necessary to provide GCA direct supervision over its employees. The General Council Agency has a power of attorney to request a Secretarial Election.

Resolution 9-12-09E: limits legislative official to two, four-year terms. Currently, there is no limit

to the number of four-year terms a legislative official can serve. If a legislator is filling a vacancy that time will not count in the two, four-year terms limitation.

Resolution 9-12-09F: limits the president to two, four-year terms. Currently, there is no limit to the number of four-year terms a president can serve. If a president is filling a vacancy that time will not count in the two, four-year terms limitation.

Resolution 9-12-09G: provides the president a veto. The president can veto within fourteen calendar days of any action of the Legislature. The president cannot retroactively veto legislation passed prior to this amendment. Legislature may overturn any

presidential veto with 2/3 majority vote, thus making it become law. The General Council has the authority to take enforcement action to ensure resolutions are passed timely, and waives immunity of the Nation to take the case to the Supreme Court if the Legislature or Executive Branch fails to take action within the timelines provided.

Resolution 9-17-05I: provides that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Currently, the Chief Justice must be forty years old, an attorney admitted to practice in any state and before the Ho-Chunk Nation courts, and shall possess all qualifications required by enactment of the Legislature. No person

convicted of a felony shall serve as Chief Justice, unless pardoned.

Resolution 9-17-05J: provides that the Trial Court judges must be elected. Currently, the legislature appoints the Chief Judge of the Trial Court and the Associate Judge of the Trial Court. This resolution will require Trial Court judges to be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation in accordance with the General Election provisions in Article VIII, Section 1. All candidates will be members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The judges will serve staggered four-year terms and serve until a successor has been sworn in, unless successfully recalled or removed. The legislature

may appoint an Interim Trial Court Judge in case of a removal, who will serve until a successor has been sworn in.

The Secretarial Election process begins with the General Council Agency submitting a request to the BIA. At which time, the BIA will review documents, make comments, and advise the tribe. The BIA returns its findings to the tribe; the tribe will make any changes and submit a final review. At this time, the BIA will call for the election to be conducted. The BIA and the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board will set a date for the election, request a list of eligible voters, and prepare notice. Amendments are not in effect until signed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Ho-Chunk President Addresses the Wisconsin State Assembly on behalf of 11 Nations

Read the full article on the Hocak Worak Facebook page

Submitted by Sanford LittleEagle

Indian Country in our state has made employment opportunity available for tribal members and non alike. Between our governments and our enterprises, the tribes in Wisconsin are among the largest, if not the largest employers in their counties. The tribes employ over 13,000 tribal and non-tribal people, with a total payroll approaching 340 million dollars. The tribes collect and remit 97 million dollars in state and federal income taxes. Tribal purchasing adds another 500 million dollars to local suppliers and vendors, totaling nearly a billion dollars in economic impact to the state.

With the tribes' gaming revenue contributions to the state of 120 million dollars a year, I can say we're there to help our state balance its budget. Our agreements with county and local municipalities have given way to supplemental funding to run their boards and purchase needed equipment. The ongoing charitable and in-kind contributions are substantial and seem to grow each year. The dedication to prosperity for all is clearly demonstrated by the giving of the tribes of Wisconsin.



President Greendeer



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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

Letter to the Editor

In December, 2011, I was contacted by Arielle Hall who works with the Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Middle School Youth Council. She notified the Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Violence program that the students, on their own initiative, collected several bags full of personal hygiene items, toys and baby items from their community. The students chose the S.A.F.E. (Stop Abuse From Existing) House, a domestic violence Shelter operated by the Ho-Chunk Nation which is open to all persons fleeing from domestic abuse.

Many of our clients leave their homes with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, and many have small children.

Thanks to the donation of the HCN BRF Youth Council, babies and children will have diapers and toys, and mothers will be able to meet their basic human needs at one of the most frightening, chaotic times of their lives. It is particularly impressive that this initiative was entirely student driven, from the organization to loading the donations into the Nation's vehicle.

It is events like these that give real hope to this Program – the message that domestic violence is NOT OK and that the most vulnerable of our people need help – and it is especially heartening that our next generation has so easily embraced this difficult topic and provided a concrete solution. Although they do not seek recognition in accordance with the tribal value of humility, these young people are to be commended for their leadership in the community and within their school:

- Eli Smith
- Isaak Ortiz
- Cyrus Ortiz
- Lucas Stacy
- Craig Cleveland
- Gary Garvin
- The Youth Council members
- Toni Blackdeer
- Arielle Hall

If I have inadvertently left anyone out of this list, I apologize. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Martina Gauthier

Knowledge

*Our culture has taught us the importance of family
Our lives are centered on the roles of Nanees and Jagees
I look carefully at these family roles and I understand their significance
Their roles are representative of a teaching of experiential learning.*

*They offer their wisdom when we encounter a difficult time in life.
We search for an answer to difficult questions and may seek an answer
Our answer will be given in the form of a story or a life experience.
This endeavor is to give us insight into our difficult situation.*

*Our elders remind us that we possess the answer to our own dilemma.
The answer we seek is within ourselves that fits our individuality.
Each human being is different and needs a separate answer
When we search within ourselves we will know the right answer.*

*As Native People we have always been respectful of the wisdom of elders.
Their wisdom and knowledge cannot be found in a textbook.
Their life learning experiences offers a wealth of information.
The knowledge that they possess for life is found in our teachings.*

*The Elders have learned to interact in Native and non-Native world.
They have gathered their wealth by listening to their elders.
The teaching from experiences offers us the ability to relate.
Our connectedness with family is our richest asset.*

*We should cherish the wealth of the Ho-Chunk Elderly
They will be there to answer our questions and offer a positive response.
For these are the things that make the world much richer*

Written by Roberta Decorah

Letter to the Editor

As an employee of the Hocak Worak, I did not want to do a feature story on my child. After some prompting by family, friends,



Marlene Decorah

and community members I figured this would be the most appropriate approach for the submission.

When my daughter Marlene started kindergarten she brought home a flyer for Girl Scouts. As Ho-Chunk parents, my wife Sandra and I were a little reluctant. We were cautious of all the "what if's" our daughter may encounter in a school where she was one of only five Ho-Chunk children, and the only girl who attended our small Lyndon Station Elementary School.

As daring as most Kindergarteners are and are so ready to leave the bear den, we allowed her to join the Girl Scouts Troop #4469. She was a Daisy for the first

two years and as you know the Girl Scouts are famous for their delicious Girl Scout Cookies. Marlene took part in the annual cookie sales her first year and became the Top Seller in 2009. As a second year Daisy she took home that Honor again in 2010; Hocak Worak reporter Sara Peterson then wrote about her accomplishment at that time. Marlene sold over 300 Boxes in each year, Marlene earned patches to be worn on her Daisy Vest that only is Awarded to the Top Seller of each Troop.

Now when the Mrs. and I are out and about, one of the first things we are asked is how is your little Girl Scout? Did she sell cookies this year? Was she the Top Seller? How many boxes has she sold so far? Do you still have any more cookies?

Well, we are proud to announce that Marlene is still in Girl Scouts. As a 2nd grader she has "Bridged" from being a Daisy to a Brownie. With three years of Girl Scouts under her Sash, our bear cub has gone on to take those Honors 3 years in a row, selling 536 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies this last go round.

This year her approach was very independent. Marlene knew her Sales would rely heavily on family and friends. So she went to where she knew she could sell the most Girl Scout Cookies, to tribal members and employees of



the Nation.

Marlene dragged her dad to everyone's favorite big box store and she picked out supplies and there she used a little ingenuity and made a collage of pictures of herself and what she has done. It displayed Marlene's love for Girl Scouts, Marching in parades, dancing at powwows, and her two favorite sports teams, the Packers and the Badgers. She left the display, along with cookie sign up sheets so people stopping in the Atrium of the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls could place an order.

Tribal members, employees, and visitors to the building who seen Marlene's display signed up and on occasion Marlene came to T.O.B and went from office to office with her Cuwi Wendi Huling and really got some hard core cookie buyers to buy Girl Scout Cookies from Marlene.

As the sales were winding down, Marlene was adamant that mom and dad take her

to see and sell to relatives in Keshena, Tomah, Waksikma, and Wisconsin Dells. We even had a few out of state orders from Iowa. Everyone who bought cookies from Marlene, she says "Pinagigi, thank you for helping me be the Top Seller 3 years in a row."

Marlene earned a 500+ Badge this year and she also earned "Cookie Dough" which she can use to buy books and clothing at the Girl Scout store. Marlene also earned an invitation to the "Choose Your Own Adventure" where she is one of 218 Girl Scouts from the Badgerland Council who sold over 504 boxes of cookies who will go and have a fun day at the Kalahari Water Park in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

As Mom & Dad we want to say Thank you for supporting Marlene's Girl Scout Cookie Sales. And Pinagigi to Ida Carrier for buying up all the Thin Mints and inspiring me to share Marlene's story.

Sanford LittleEagle

Correction: In the last issue of the Hocak Worak (Issue 4), the date was stated April 22, the correct date is April 3!

VOTE APRIL 3rd

TINA BOISEN
SCHOOL BOARD

Team from Ho-Chunk Nation joins national effort to reverse the obesity epidemic

Part of elite group participating in "Collaborate for Healthy Weight," a groundbreaking initiative to improve obesity prevention and treatment in local communities

Submitted by The National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (Boston)

HO-CHUNK NATION, Wisc., March 13, 2012 – With obesity levels in the U.S. at all-time highs, Ho-Chunk Nation healthcare leaders are working together to make local improvements through "Collaborate for Healthy Weight," a national effort to reverse the epidemic through innovative local partnerships between primary care providers, public health professionals, and leaders of community-based organizations. Ho-Chunk Nation is one of 50 locations across the country selected to participate in this groundbreaking program

that will bring solutions to the local community and share strategies on a broader scale. The effort is being led by the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ), in partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

"We are delighted that NICHQ has selected our team from Ho-Chunk Nation to participate in this initiative based on our solid commitment to achieving healthy weight and health equity in our community," said team leader Chris Frederick, exercise physiologist at the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department. "We look forward to sharing what we learn in this project

with communities in other areas of the country."

Along with Frederick, the cross-sectoral team also includes a diabetes coordinator, a nurse educator, a youth coordinator, and a fitness specialist representing the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department and Tribe.

This project will target Native American Youth, aged five to 18 years. In the state of Wisconsin, Native Americans statistically have the highest rates of overweight and obesity of any ethnicity.

The 50 teams from across the country participating in the Collaborate for Healthy Weight initiative will learn from national experts, exchange ideas, and create

plans for becoming best practice models for other communities to follow. The project will run through February 2013. To see a complete list of participating locations, go to: www.collaborateforhealthyweight.org/About/Collaborative/Meet-the-HWC-Teams.aspx.

"Obesity constitutes a grave threat to the health and well-being of our nation, with a particularly strong impact on diverse and disadvantaged communities," said Charles Homer, MD, MPH, president and CEO of NICHQ. He continued, "We are so proud of these communities that are laying the groundwork for tackling this complex and serious issue. As their work gets underway, these efforts

will make a huge difference in the lives of children and their families across the nation."

"Collaborate for Healthy Weight" is a two-phased project supported through the Prevention and Public Health Fund under the Affordable Care Act and made possible by a cooperative agreement from HRSA. NICHQ is leading a coalition of partner organizations that is managing all program logistics and overseeing the work of participating teams.

For more information about this initiative, visit www.collaborateforhealthyweight.org or www.NICHQ.org.

HIV/AIDS in the Native Community

Submitted by Kiana Beaudin, PA-C

HIV/AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease that is a growing problem in our communities. The latest statistics indicate that in 2005, the rate of new diagnosis was 10 per 100,000 and in 2007 the rate jumped to 12.8 per 100,000. Although Native Americans/Alaska Natives account for less than 1% of HIV/AIDS cases in the nation, according to the Centers for Disease Control, we are ranked 3rd in rates of diagnosis after adjustment for population

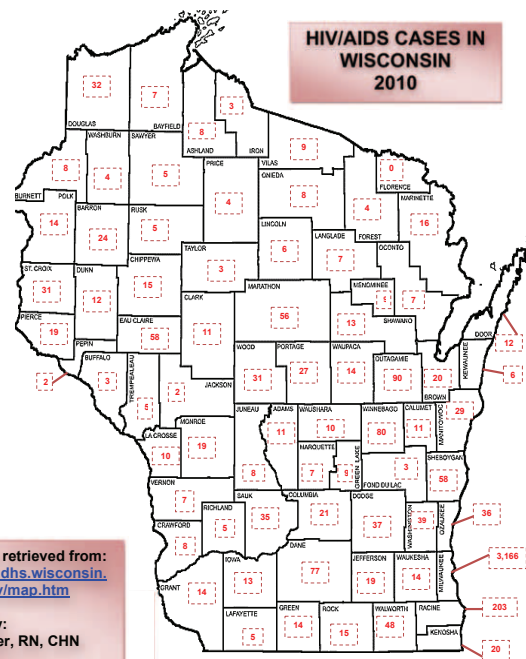
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In addition to rates of infection increasing, life expectancy of those diagnosed is shorter than all other racial/ethnic group, except blacks. Therefore it is important that we focus on preventing this disease. Get screened; know your status and your partner's status! Use condoms every time. Don't share needles.

Please attend the National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event at House of Wellness Tuesday, March 20th from 11-1.

There will be educational booths, a speaker who is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is HIV positive and lunch is provided! If you cannot make it to HOW, screening is available at each of our clinics, or contact your local community health department for more information on testing.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Mar. 23rd which will be published on Mar. 30th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



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The Carcieri Fix: No worries for the Ho-Chunk Nation

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The 112th Congress has a bill to fix the U.S. Supreme Court's decision which is holding up many land transfers from fee to trust status for tribes. On February 24, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Rhode Island Governor, Donald Carcieri, over the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar that the wording "now under Federal jurisdiction" meant that only tribes federally recognized before the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 were allowed to have land placed in trust. Senator Daniel Akaka, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, sponsored S. 676 to address the uncertainty created by the decision. Akaka said, "The bill will allow tribes to meet the economic and basic needs of their members for housing, elder centers, schools, and

tribal businesses. The bill ensures that all tribes are treated equally and have the same abilities to function as governments and meet the needs of their people." This legislation does not give to the Secretary any new authority, but reaffirms the Indian Reorganization Act as it has been carried out for the past 75 years.

In 1991, the Narragansett tribe purchased 31 acres of land to be used for elder housing and applied to have the land put into trust status by the Secretary of Interior. In 1998, the BIA notified Rhode Island that the 31 acres would be placed into trust for the tribe. Consequently, Rhode Island appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals, but was unsuccessful. Next, the state filed a law suit in U.S. District Court, which also ruled in favor of the tribe and the BIA. Then the state filed an appeal

with the U.S. District Court of Appeals, which affirmed all other decisions. The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in November of 2008 and issued its ruling.

Whereas, Justice Souter stated "under federal jurisdiction" and being federally recognized were not one and the same; Souter was joined by Justice Ginsburg. Justice Stevens thought "now" meant at the time the land was to be turned over to the BIA. The majority of the Supreme Court indicated "now" referred to tribes recognized at the time the IRA was enacted (1934). The decision is critical to Indian gaming and Tribal sovereignty. Two bills have already been introduced in the House, and one in the Senate. They have been stalled. There is opposition from elected officials who come from states that have gaming.

The intent of the IRA was to undo the effects of the Dawes Act (aka the Indian Removal Act) where nearly 2/3 of tribal lands were lost. The Dawes Act promoted assimilation of Indians into the mainstream society by general allotment of land to be maintained by the individual tribal member. Taxation and not being competent individual farmers were the major reasons for land loss. The Dawes Act led to blatantly harsh takeover of lands east of the Mississippi River.

When tribes apply to take land into trust, a tribe must provide the following information to the BIA: Tribes must provide official citations of federal statutes under which the transaction is to take place and a tribal government resolution authorizing the acceptance of the transfer. Provide a legal description of the property, and a tribal request for trust status. Applications must include discussion of whether third parties will be using the land, and the need to take the land into trust, and justification why the present status of the land will not serve that need. Description of the purposes of the transfer; avoiding taxation may not be used as a reason. The tribe must specifically explain the intended use of the acquired land, and how the acquisition will enhance that use. Assessment of impact on local government. The tribe, after consulting with local government, must describe any existing conflicts over taxation and services such as: policing, utilities, zoning and fire protection. Tribes must provide indication of resolution of problems and conflicts. Tribes must also describe how they intend to resolve conflicts over tax funded activities, and provide proof of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and federal hazardous waste laws.

The BIA sent the following (excerpted) letter after the Carcieri Decision came down,



A Carcieri "Fix" hinges on Congressional action.

"which found a continued tribal existence dating from 1634... Therefore, the request for trust acquisition is eligible for trust status under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA)."

The Ho-Chunk Nation is organized in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA). Section 5 of the IRA, 25 U.S.C. §465, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior discretionary authority to acquire any interest in lands for the purpose of providing land for Indians.

On February 24, 2009, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in Carcieri v. Salazar. The decision held that Congress granted limited authority to the Secretary of the Interior under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) to acquire land-in-trust for Indian Tribes. To acquire land-in-trust under section 465 of the IRA, a tribe must have been "under Federal jurisdiction" at the time the IRA was passed in June 1934.

We find that the question of the Nation's status in 1934 has been determined by Nathan R. Margold, Solicitor, in an opinion dated March 6, 1937. II.Op.Sol. 732 (March 6, 1937). The

Solicitor determined that the Wisconsin Winnebago is a tribe, eligible to organize and purchase land under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. The history of the Nation as outlined in the Solicitor's Opinion shows that the Nation has been under federal jurisdiction since the 1800s and was under federal jurisdiction in 1934.

Additionally, by letter dated April 23, 2009, the Nation provided supplemental information in support of its federal status in 1934. The tribal materials were reviewed, considered, and made part of the record, including a copy of the findings of the Indian Claims Commission, Dockets 243, 244, and 245, Paragraph 9 (August 10, 1959), which found a continued tribal existence dating from 1634.

Based on the 1937 Solicitor's Opinion and the supplemental information provided by the Nation, we have determined that the Carcieri decision is not implicated by this decision. Therefore, the request for trust acquisition is eligible for trust status under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA).



The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Carcieri v. Salazar created uncertainty for tribes not federally recognized in 1934 when the Indian Reorganization Act was created.

ANA Inter-Generational Gathering

(2 locations: Baraboo and Madison)

House of Wellness

Games Food Court Prizes
March 21, 2012
1:30-3:30pm

MADISON YOUTH AND LEARNING CENTER

2040 SHERMAN AVENUE, MADISON, WI
March 28, 2012 • 4-5:30pm

The Ho-Chunk Language Division and the Ana Grant staff are hosting a Inter-Generational Gathering. This will consist of elders and youth conversing in the Hocak language with introductory words. This is to encourage the youth to speak the language. Language Apprentices will also be attending to assist in games/stories. Ending the gathering will be gifts for youth attending and elder speakers that assist in language. Please feel free to attend and participate! We look for ward to hearing the language being spoken!



stories

Contact for more information:
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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 their 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.

University of Wisconsin Green Bay 15th Annual Pow Wow

Saturday, April 14, 2012  Kress Center

Honoring The Ones Who Came Before Us

Host Drum: BEAR CREEK

Invited Drums:

Smokeytown,
Young Firekeepers,
Ho-Chunk Station
Chief Hill

Emcee: Dan King

Arena Director: John Teller Jr.

Male Head Dancer: Alan Caldwell

Female Head Dancer: Connie Danforth

- Grand Entry 1 pm & 7 pm
- Open to the Public
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Passion for wrestling runs in the family

Tracy Pecore, Editor

The wrestling season may be coming to an end, but for Wittenberg/Biramwood High School Senior George White Wing, his final farewell to High school wrestling took place on March 7. White Wing was one of 24 wrestlers who took part at the 2012 Central Wisconsin All-Star Classic held at the D.C. Everest Junior High.

D.C. Everest Coach, Eric Lehrke, said they have been doing this program for the past 16 years. When asked how they pick who will attend, he said the wrestlers are picked by a number of people; from news media such as Channel 9, to coaches who have seen these young men wrestle throughout their high school career. He also mentioned that divisions were not a consideration.

As all 24 wrestlers paraded into the gym, the US National Guard presented the colors. White Wing was the eleventh match out of twelve for the evening, wrestling in the 285 pound weight class. As White Wing took to the mat, he began with the crane formation (from karate kid), which put a smile on many that were in attendance and a few chuckles throughout the crowd. The ending score was 2-1, although he didn't win, it was an honor and good experience to be selected as an All-Star.

Although this may have been White Wing's last wrestling match, he comes from a family of wrestlers so I don't

think it will be his last time in the gym.

In 1964, 48 years ago, Dallas White Wing (George's jaji Ho-Chunk way), also wrestled and he too went to state. He was in the 180 pound category and took fourth place. Like George, Dallas also played high school football and said, "I made the all-conference in high school football, I was in shape then." While serving in the armed forces, Dallas wrestled using the Greco Roman style in the Marine Corps (in 1970), while he was stationed in Quantico, VA.

Another jaji to George is Sidney White Wing. He too was a conference champ in the 120 pound weight class. Back when he wrestled, he said, "There was no such thing as a Division 1 or Division 2 or 3 schools." He especially remembers "whooping up on the Wisconsin Rapids team".

John White Wing, George's father, said it's sad to see his son's last match; he's been there since day one, has been to a lot of matches, but "that's what happens as they get older." Wrestling at a young age, John said George didn't wrestle in eighth grade because he was too big and had no competition. But he went back in his ninth grade year and continued to excel and do well. "George had to wrestle older and more experienced wrestlers growing up because of his weight class. He lost a lot of matches that way but it was good experience."

said his dad John.

Reminiscing a bit, John said he remembers one match George won 23-7. He said all the parents and coaches were hollering from the side saying, "what are you doing?" to the kid George was wrestling.

When asked how he felt about wrestling his final match, George said,

"Horrible! I want to wrestle more."

Good Luck George and an awesome job through your high school wrestling career. The Hocak Worak staff wishes you well in your future endeavors and that you have a great track and field season to finish out your senior year!



(L-R) Sidney White Wing, John White Wing (father), George White Wing, Pam Hesse (mother), and Dallas White Wing show continued support.



Wittenberg/Biramwood's George White Wing, takes to the mat and wrestles Grant Collins of Merrill during the 2012 Central Wisconsin All-Star Classic held in Wausau on March 7.

Congratulations Roger!

Sanford LittleEagle Staff Writer

Roger Greengrass loves to Bowl. And his love for Bowling has paid off. On February 21, 2012, the 8 year old won his first 1st Place Championship Trophy as a Result of Bowling a 102. That score would be enough for Roger to take home the Trophy.

Roger is on a bowling team, he bowls for the King Bowlers and averages a 79. There are 12 teams in the league; Roger has been bowling in League Bowling in Wisconsin Dells, WI all school year. He bowled every Tuesday night after school.

In addition to the Trophy Roger also received a Patch in recognition of Bowling over 100 pins throughout the league season.

His mother Melody, and Brothers Curtis and Austin and sister Enchanting and nephew Julian all are very proud of Roger Donald Dean Greengrass and send their love and want Roger to keep doing his best in school.



NOTICE Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Reform Task Force HCRTF

Regular monthly meeting at 9 am on
Saturday, March 24, 2012
at Ho-Chunk Casino in the Lower Dells Boardroom.

VietNam Veterans Day 2012 Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls Bingo Hall

Wednesday, March 28,
4pm until 9pm

Special Guest Speaker Jim Northrup
Iron Mound, Little Thunder Drums
Meal

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March Madness 2012

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

This year's House of Wellness March Madness tournament is now in the books with a new Men's Championship banner going to the Plainzmen; They battled out of the Consolation bracket. This year's Women's Champions go to the Lady Ballers coming from Oklahoma, sailing right through Victory lane.

While The Hocak Worak covered much of the real time game scores on our Hocak

Worak Facebook profile, this year's March Madness Tournament got under way with 7 women's teams and 16 men's teams filling out the Brackets.

There was no Opening ceremony, but there was a lot of Basketball action starting on the morning of March 2, 2012. Games were played at the Ho-Chunk House of Wellness and at the University of Wisconsin – Baraboo also known as "Boo-U".

On Friday night the stands started to fill as the Nelson

Funmaker Memorial 3 Point Shoot-Out began. Layatalati Hill was the Winner of the Nelson Funmaker 3-Point Shoot Out and he was awarded a Pendleton, a beaded medallion, trophy and a monetary gift. An Honor Song was rendered as he danced with the Funmaker family. Tribal member Rachel Thundercloud won the Women's 3 Point Shoot-Out taking those Honors home representing the ladies well as she went for the money ball for the points. Each game ball was worth 1 point and the "Money Ball" was worth 5 points.

The Kunu Yazzie Memorial Slam Dunk Contest also took place Friday night. Brothers and nephews of the Late Aaron Yazzie served as judges for the dunk contest. Contestants paid \$10 to enter and were given 3 chances to pull off a dunk and when their dunk was judged the family held up score cards ranging from 1 – 10. Cornell Williams would be crowned the Dunk Champion for 2012 as he won an easy final round where all he had to do was



Nelson Funmaker" Men's 3 Point Shoot-out Winners.

finish a dunk. His competitor unfortunately missed all 3 attempts. Cornell was honored with a blanket and Championship jacket bearing the name of Kunu Yazzie.

The highlight of this year's Tournament had to have been in the Semi-Final game on Saturday night as two unbeaten teams, Razor Sharp and the Plainzmen, went head to head. With just under a minute left the Plainzmen lead 57 – 54. While the Plainzmen inbounded, Razor Sharp stole the ball and tied it up at 57 – 57 with a 3 point shot. With time now less than 25 seconds and possession in

their favor, the Plainzmen inbounded toward the hoop from half court and they passed it around to take a shot and it did not fall only for the basketball warriors to jump up for the rebound; with a last touch by the Plainzmen the ball was tipped off the backboard and the ball was now in the hands of Razor Sharp from the end of the court side. With 5.1 seconds left, Razor Sharp was pressed by the Plainzmen. Austin "Coop" Kirkie, dribbling from opposite end of his hoop, dribbled passed the

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"Kunu Yazzie" slam dunk winners.

2012 Little Hoopster's Basketball Tournament

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Teams and spectators took a break from the high stakes, win or go home action of the 2012 March Madness basketball tournament, hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation and the House of Wellness, to encourage, support, and cheer for the fifty plus youth participants in the Little Hoopster basketball tournament. The tournament can accept up to eighty participants, which breaks down to four, twenty person teams. The age limit is as young as five, up to age twelve.

Scott Gilbeck, the Little Hoopster and March Madness tournaments director, said, "It's been twelve years. Basketball has been a part of my entire life growing up and I have coached basketball at the club, high school and college level. I enjoy working with kids, seeing them grow and achieve success at basketball. I wanted the Ho-Chunk Youth to experience the March Madness

Basketball Tournament so they can look forward to playing in the tournament when they are out of high school and to see so many parents support their children during Little Hoopster's."

The volunteer coaches: Hank Funmaker, Kerry Funmaker, Elliott Funmaker, and Greg Bird have all helped out in past years. Participants get into a single file line and Gilbeck sends them off to their team. After all the participants have been assigned a team, the teams are assigned colors and come up with a team name. This year's teams were: Hawks,

coached by Hank; Blue Crush, coached by Elliott; Red Devils, coached by Kerry; and the Green Ballers, coached by Greg.

This year's champions are the Blue Crush, second place went to the Green Ballers, third place was the Hawks, and in fourth place, the Red Devils. During the games, a most valuable player is picked from all the boys and girls. This year's male MVP is Daymeck Walker, and the female MVP is Allia Jacobs.

Congrats to all the organizers, coaches, parents, and most of all, to the players!



1st Place Blue Crush and Coach Elliott Funmaker.



Coach Elliott Funmaker works with little hoopsters on lay up drills



2nd Place Green Ballers and Coach Greg Bird.



Allia Jacobs, Girls MVP; Scott Gilbeck, Tournament Director, Daymeck Walker, Boys MVP.



3rd Place Hawks and Coach "Hank" Funmaker.



4th Place Red Devils and Coach Greg Bird.

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Miss NDN Ave led by Lois Stevens (WI/KS).



Outlaw Women led by Elizabeth Huggins (FL/WI).



Lady Ballers led by Shahla Kerford (FL/OK).



Kortney Smith, Justina George, Dana Martin, Ryneldi Becenti, Shahla Kerford. This year's MVP goes to Shahla from lady Ballers.



Big Town led by Amos Huggins (FL)



Rez Life led by Patul Atkinson (KS).



Razor Sharp led by Leon Lussier (MN).



Plainzmen led by Jim Archambault (FL).



Kurt Schwamp, Dre Heard, Austin Kirkie, MacKenzie Casey, Ronnie Battle. This year's MVP goes to Ronnie Battle from Plainzmen.

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Plainzmen, making his way down just outside of 3-Pt range. As he released the ball there was an immediate dead silence as ndnz held their breath. As the buzzer expired, the ball swished through the net with Razor Sharp staying undefeated winning 60 – 57. As Razor Sharp gathered as a team at center court on the Great Seal of the Ho-Chunk Nation, they were Thankful and it was an emotional win for Coop.

News from back home in South Dakota struck in an unfortunate event; Coop's childhood friend Austin Robert Hawk Sr. 29, and his son Chris-Lee E. Hawk, 4, of Fort Thompson, SD passed away due to smoke inhalation. "It was an emotional win and it was spiritual, hitting a shot like that after we were losing all game long I was just so thankful and happy, because that don't happen to everybody; but I was missing my friend." I was able to document the game winning buzzer beater and placed it up on the Hocak Worak's youtube channel. Coop sent a shout out in dedication and my curiosity lead me to ask what he meant by it. Having never met him until the Tournament, I knew there was more behind it and I want to thank Austin Kirkie for sharing the story with us.



This year's emcees, Ernie Stevens Sr. and Harry "the Hammer" Funmaker.

On Sunday as the Tournament was coming to a close Roberta Funmaker was Honored for her support and keeping the Tournament going in her tenure as Facilities Manager while employed at the House of Wellness and for getting the word across Indian Country about the Ho-Chunk March Madness Tourney. Funmaker was recognized with a Pendleton and an Honor Song by the Lake Delton Singers.

For some it is just a basketball tournament, but for some basketball is a way a life. Just as there are those who sing and dance at pow-wows, travel to play moccasin game, or bingo. Indians love basketball and are great at it.

"Basketball can make you feel better about yourself and it lets you know never give up" – Austin "Coop" Kirkie.



Roberta Greendeer honored as one of the first individuals to help get March Madness going.



Lady Ballers and Outlaw Women go head-to-head.



Plainzmen at halftime



Sportsmanship



Cameron Greendeer handles the ball for Oak Park.



Rachel Thundercloud with MT. All Stars.



Lake Delton singers.

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. **This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership.** EOPUB03/09/2012

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
BAKER, Angelina Danielle Rae	02/08/2008	1/4	Mauh He Saw Wa Gi Shish Ga Brown Decorra 1901 - #00398	Daniel Joseph Perez	-----
BLACKDEER, Niina Honeyrose	11/26/2010	3/4	Peter Whitegull N – 1910 - #00436	Nolan Jay Whitegull	Ember Summerdae Blackdeer
BOULDING, Azaria Aiyana	02/07/2008	1/4	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone 1881 - #00582	-----	Genevieve Kim Pettibone
BREITSPRECHER, Jacey Kayanna	08/10/2011	1/4	He Lo Wa Kix He La Kaw James Fishtail Lincoln N – 1910 - #00284	-----	Sarah Ann Shaw
CLOUD, Arianna Alicia	01/19/2008	1/2	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901 - #00149	Tyler Aaron Cloud	-----
DECORAH, Ethan Arvid	12/14/2000	5/8	Ma Cha Na Kah Jones J. Decorra 1901 - #00430	Eric Scott Decorah	Owenita Rose WhiteEag17. FUN-
MAKER, Aison Pryce	08/18/2007	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #003	Caleb George Funmaker	NON – MEMBER
FUNMAKER, Amari Ann	12/20/2008	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	Caleb George Funmaker	NON – MEMBER
FUNMAKER, Ayden Max	06/29/2010	7/16	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	Early Wind Max Funmaker	-----
FUNMAKER, Dianna Gladys	07/15/2010	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	Caleb George Funmaker	NON – MEMBER
GARVIN, Grandon Kenneth	05/02/2011	1/2	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer 1881 - #00174	Gregory Warren Garvin	Sequoia Hoonch-Henuk Holst
GREYOWL, Constantina Gabriella Frances	01/11/2011	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	Cody Allen GreyOwl	-----
HENDRICKS, Bethany Lynn	03/17/1988	1/4	Wau Shin Ga Sa Ga Frank Lewis 1881 - #00018	Randall Allen Hendricks	-----
HENDRICKS, Brianna Jo	08/03/1991	1/4	Wau Shin Ga Sa Ga Frank Lewis 1881 - #00018	Randall Allen Hendricks	-----
HENDRICKS, Jennifer Marie	04/29/1989	1/4	Wau Shin Ga Sa Ga Frank Lewis 1881 - #00018	Randall Allen Hendricks	-----
KEMP, Nikhaya Annette	07/17/2009	31/64	Wo Ship Kah Harold Fred Blackdeer, Sr. 1901 - #00969	William Jones Kemp II	Trista Lee Youngthunder
LITTLEJOHN, Logan Michael	06/22/2011	59/128	Ha Na Kah Grant Green Littlejohn 1901 - #01206	Hunter Dean Littlejohn	-----
LITTLEJOHN, Zehayva Louise	03/30/2010	59/128	Ha Na Kah Grant Green Littlejohn 1901 - #01206	Hunter Dean Littlejohn	-----
MALLORY-WHITE EAGLE, Wakhian Jevon	08/01/2007	5/8	Hunk Nik Cha Kah Floyd Thomas Cloud-WhiteEagle	Marlon Earle WhiteEagle	Christy Louise Mallory
RABYOR, Scott Alan	11/14/1955	1/4	Ma Ke Ke O Kah Bill Goodbear 1901 - #00084	Ronald Ray Alderman	-----
ROCKMAN, Chad Erik	08/02/1993	19/64	Ma Na Ho La Ja Ga Grover Rockman 1901 - #01115	Jeffrey Jay Rockman	NON – MEMBER
ROCKMAN, Daniel Duran	10/16/1994	19/64	Ma Na Ho La Ja Ga Grover Rockman 1901 - #01115	Daniel Dale Rockman	NON – MEMBER
ROCKMAN, Derrick Dale	11/04/1995	19/64	Ma Na Ho La Ja Ga Grover Rockman 1901 - #01115	Daniel Dale Rockman	NON – MEMBER
ROCKMAN, Rachenda Rose	02/28/1992	19/64	Ma Na Ho La Ja Ga Grover Rockman 1901 - #01115	Jeffrey Jay Rockman	NON – MEMBER
SCHAEFFER, Briana Lee	06/06/2011	1/4	Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah Paul Spear Smith 1901 - #00581	-----	Amanda Lee Smith
SNOWDON, Amaya Jane	12/30/2002	1/4	Che Nunk E To Ka Ra Kah Albert Thunder, Sr. 1901 - #00270	NON – MEMBER	Hannah Jane Yellowthunder
SMITH, Carmella Soleil	09/06/2006	63/128	Cha E Nee Kee Kaw Charles Carl Smith N – 1910 - #00013	-----	Ginger Rae Smith
SMITH, Ebony Howard	10/02/2009	63/128	Cha E Nee Kee Kaw Charles Carl Smith N – 1910 - #00013	-----	Ginger Rae Smith
SMITH, Talina Raylin	04/15/2011	4/4	Cha E Nee Kee Kaw Charles Carl Smith N – 1910 - #00013	Terrance Wad Smith	Karie Liana Decorah
STEWART, Aisha Marie Lynn	08/03/2010	1/4	MonMarChawNawGeeCarWarRaKaw Luke Green 1881 - #00104	Lucas George Stewart	-----
STEWART, Rielyn Lauren	10/09/2011	1/4	MonMarChawNawGeeCarWarRaKaw Luke Green 1881 - #00104	William Henry Stewart	-----
TAYLOR, Natalie Virginia	05/04/2010	47/64	Hay Mee Ma Nee Kah Tom Whitewater 1901 - #01021	Stacy Alan Yellowcloud	Marie Ann Taylor
TAYLOR, Royce George	11/18/2011	47/64	Hay Mee Ma Nee Kah Tom Whitewater 1901 - #01021	Stacy Alan Yellowcloud	Marie Ann Taylor
THOMPSON, Nathan Alexander	03/21/2008	1/4	No Ro Ho Kah John Thompson, Sr. 1901 - #00631	Jeffrey Lynn Thompson, Jr.	-----
THOMPSON, Jeffrey Tyler III	04/03/2006	1/4	No Ro Ho Kah John Thompson, Sr. 1901 - #00631	Jeffrey Lynn Thompson, Jr.	-----
WALTON, Cooper Alan Llamarr	06/12/2009	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL	-----	Ashley Marie Walton
WHITE EAGLE, Sanford	09/10/1995	1/2	Hunk Nik Cha Kah Floyd Thomas Cloud-WhiteEagle 1901 - #01085	Marcus Erwin WhiteEagle	-----
WHITE EAGLE, Storm	07/13/1999	1/2	Hunk Nik Cha Kah Floyd Thomas Cloud-WhiteEagle 1901 - #01085	Marcus Erwin WhiteEagle	-----
WILLIAMS, McKayla Corene	12/28/1993	3/8	Hah Na Kah Mike White Eagle 1901 - #00012	Truman Howard Williams, Jr.	NON – MEMBER
WILSON, Alexander Robert	06/03/2006	1/4	He Lo Wa Kix He La Kaw James Fishtail-Lincoln N – 1910 - #00284	-----	Jessica Lea Raese
WILSON, Evan Daniel	05/19/2008	1/4	He Lo Wa Kix He La Kaw James Fishtail-Lincoln N – 1910 - #00284	-----	Jessica Lea Raese
WILSON, Greg Lee	06/03/2011	1/4	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer 1881 - #00174	-----	Thea Lisa Blackdeer
DECORAH, Louise Ellen MEMORIALIZATION	08/02/2010 DOD: 11/08/2010	1/2	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901 - #00149	Vincent Gar Decorah	NON - MEMBER

Marketing Department update

Submitted by Dave Abangan, Acting Sr. Marketing Director

The gaming facility Marketing Departments are currently preparing for the upcoming busy Spring and Summer seasons. We are confident saying that during any given day, something exciting is happening at one of the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin facilities!

Aside from our regular promotions and holidays each month, we are recognizing

Vietnam Veteran's Day on March 29th with various on-site activities and food specials for Veterans.

Additionally, we are currently producing television and radio ads for our "Bloom and Zoom" promotion. Bloom and Zoom runs from March to May and will have over 5,000 winners of Rewards Play, cash and prizes every week. The finale for this Spring promotion takes place June 1st through 3rd when a total of five 2012 Chevy

Camaros will be given away (no vehicle giveaway at our Tomah location).

Following Bloom and Zoom campaign, Wisconsin residents will see and hear new Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin television and radio ads that focus on the exciting experiences guests can anticipate at any of our facilities. "Your Ticket To More" is the premise of the campaign that we hope will tap into and visually describe the emotional reasons for

visiting any of the Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities, and show what our winners can experience after going home with a pocket full of cash. We strive to produce advertising that stands out in a crowd while impressing upon the public that there is a Ho-Chunk Gaming experience nearby throughout Wisconsin.

These ads will run in the facility market areas as well as University of Wisconsin sports, Milwaukee Brewers and Milwaukee Bucks

statewide broadcasts.

Implementation of mobile websites for Wisconsin Dells and Madison has taken place, and updating our website and social media presence is a daily task for us. Please visit our website at www.ho-chunkgaming.com and "like" any of our facility Facebook pages to see the latest promotions, entertainment and activities.



Carole Louise (Eagle) Laustrup

Haupt pi from the office of the Executive Director of Business. I continue to concentrate on reinvigorating all the Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities so that our revenues can be maximized in all our communities, with emphasis on respectful treatment of all HCG ambassadors and displaying excellent customer service to our guests.

Through the month of January 2015, our combined gaming revenues are \$15M above our revenue projections for FY 2012. Following are the highlights of occurrences within the HCG Wisconsin gaming facilities:

hall; 2) moving Wittenberg's bar to use the valuable space for an additional 30 slot machines with a project payback of approximately 120 days; planning for the conversion of Nekoosa's banquet hall area to a Class II facility with 150-200 machines.

Both Nekoosa and Wittenberg have refreshed their gaming floors by 14% since October 2011 with new slot machines and conversions to existing slot machines. The Wittenberg casino was the first casino in the area to install Pirate Battle, the new Yahtzee theme and Press Your Luck theme from WMS Gaming, and Jokers Heist from IGT.

Table Games at Nekoosa is excited about a new addition recently approved by the HCN Gaming Commission: Shuffle Master I-Tables! They were installed this week and after training they are expected to be offered for play within a week or so. The addition will allow for side bets on various table games. Stop in and ask for details at HCG Nekoosa Table Games!

Food & Beverage at both locations are continuing to analyze weekly reports to manage labor cost, cost of goods, and revenues. Marketing's promotion of Diamonds and Cash brought in many guests at Wittenberg, which allowed the Snack bar revenues to exceed above the same time last year!

HCG Wisconsin Dells – The Slot Department continues to reinvigorate the gaming floor with new machines and conversions to the existing slot machines! This includes movement of machines to create better play. Revenue figures are looking good at approximately 9% ahead of projections in February!

Table Games are on pace for the season and the department is creating a new mission statement as well as training in preparation/readiness for the busy season just around the corner.

Bingo will be starting Galaxie Bingo again on Friday nights; opening night will be May 25th. They continue to rise to the challenge of raising revenues which may bring some changes down the road.

Race book is experiencing increased revenues with approximately \$30K above last year's numbers under the guidance of Tom Owen.

The Hotel Manager position is posted and we are hoping to attract someone with experience so that we can take advantage of the newly renovated rooms and begin to see increased revenues! We have been receiving positive comments from customers about the rooms so our hotel staff is working on polishing up their customer service skills. With that combination, we anticipate success in that department.

Food & Beverage has been undergoing positive changes which are bringing revenues up! They had a record breaking night on New Year's Eve, putting them approximately 25% over the previous year.

The high light, in my estimation, is that department Managers are attending Leadership classes through the award winning Training and Development Department under the leadership of Calvin WhiteEagle. Those Managers having already attended the training are reporting a new outlook in the management of their respective departments! It is reported that team work is truly beginning to thrive, which will spill over into excellent service to our guests. Special thanks go to Casey Fitzpatrick, Executive Manager, who saw the need for this type of training for management and is leading by example!

HCG Black River Falls – In the second quarter of this fiscal year, BRF/Tomah experienced a series of firsts and a continuation of net revenues exceeding 55%. The operating income for each month was higher than the previous year, including a substantial increase in guest count over the previous year. A new game by WMS Gaming called Pirate Battle was brought onto the gaming floor in November and it is well-liked by our guests. Table Games has added Roulette to their selection of table games.

Marketing at all the gaming facilities has been instrumental in increased players' club membership with guests realizing the importance and value in playing with their cards. While each gaming facility is conducting their own individual promotions relevant to their respective areas, there is still the branding effort

with combined promotions being held in all the facilities. The new one coming up is called Bloom & Zoom with over 5000 winners of cash, prizes, and rewards play. This will all culminate in winners @ the HCG Wisconsin gaming facilities of 2012 Camaros on June 3rd! The Marketing teams across Wisconsin continue to meet monthly to brainstorm new promotions and under the leadership of Dave Abangan, bring excitement to each of our facilities! All promotion and activities are on the Ho-Chunk Nation website.

Marketing also continues to keep the Ho-Chunk presence known in all our communities by being actively involved in community efforts toward regional needs, support, and raising awareness of diseases that affect our tribal membership as well as our neighbors. This great support sends a strong message about the Ho-Chunk Nation's commitment to communities across Wisconsin.

The next quarter, Marketing will be concentrating on recognition of loyal players at the HCG Tomah location, and introducing more updated gaming machines there as well!

HCG Madison – This facility continues to set records against the previous year's revenue totals! The huge effort by Marketing and the Business Department for the Marquees that have been installed at all our gaming facilities has catapulted HCG into a new era with sleek, modern marquees as part of the Ho-Chunk Gaming branding initiative!

Although all of the marquees look awesome at all the sites, but Madison seems to have benefited the most because of their location, right out there staring at all the traffic on the I-94/90/39 corridor. It has brought people off the interstate to check them out and it is not surprising to see the parking lot overflow even in the middle of the week these days. They are definitely looking forward to a paving of their overflow parking lot when spring arrives. Meetings continue with the City of Madison regarding zoning applications for surrounding land use.

Madison has also restarted their regular Guest Service and Leadership classes which, of course, always help to refresh the minds to reflect upon our purpose: taking care of the customers!

The **Business Department** supports the various gaming facilities with Project Managers who are dedicated to help them with initiatives like lighting projects at Nekoosa where energy efficient LED lighting was installed in the banquet hall, Grille, and the gaming floor; also, a Wisconsin Dells project is underway to replace all of the old outdated lights fixtures in the parking lots with modern LED lighting. The Project Manager for Madison is helping with the zoning issues for the overflow parking. The Project Managers are under the guidance of Bill Lowe, Business Development Manager.

Project Manager, Phyllis Smoke handles: Wisconsin Dells and Black River Falls

Project Manager, Cynthia De Florian handles: Nekoosa and Wittenberg, C-Stores, Crockets, Renewable Energy

Project Manager, Angie Waage handles: Madison and Tomah

We are continuing to upgrade and improve the Retail and Distribution division of Business. Interviews have been held and Kelly Jo Funmaker has been promoted to the position of Retail Development Manager, effective when she has achieved a HCN Gaming License. Kelly has been the Acting Manager for several weeks now and has been instrumental in creating a great Team with all the staff. We also express appreciation for the great help we received from Casey Osborn/Treasury who was "loaned" to us by his department so we could get a good understanding of the financial picture and system used by the C-Stores. Communication has been wide-open and hugely welcomed! We hope that all of our tribal members will appreciate and see good changes happening in all the C-Stores.

All the casinos give added support to the Nations' C-Stores through their Security, Maintenance, Surveillance, Safety, IT, and Finance departments. The TEAM concept is working well and the C-Store Managers and staff appreciate the great support they are receiving!

There has been much more going on; however, I've probably already taken up my allotted space! May the Creator bless each and every one of you as we continue to move our businesses forward successfully.



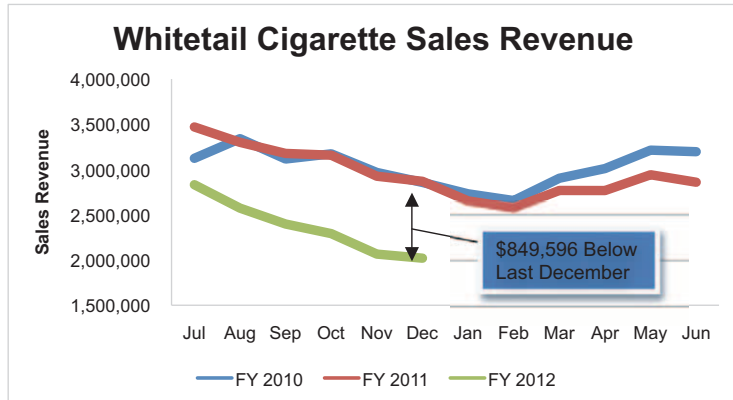
Whitetail Crossing

Submitted by Casey Osborn, Operations Manager (Interim)

At the Legislative session in Wisconsin Dells on January 17, 2012, the Business Department presented a report outlining the impact the Tax Code has had on cigarette sales at the five Whitetail Crossing C-Stores. The Tax Code, which was implemented in June 2011, added \$.50 to each pack of cigarettes and allocated another \$.50 per pack sold from existing cigarette sales revenue, for a total of \$1.00 per pack sold going to a special Tax Code Revenue fund. After close review of financial reports and sales volume reports presented by tobacco vendors and representatives, it was determined that there has been a significant negative impact on cigarette sales revenue generated. As a result, the Business Department requested authority to invoke sunset provision which reads, "The Legislature

may suspend the charging of, or the imposition of, a tax under the following circumstances...as a direct result of the imposition of any Tax imposed; pursuant to this Tax Code, there has been a decrease in the sale of that product by twenty percent (20%) compared to the previous year." The report presented to Legislature illustrated that C-Store cigarette revenue, as a whole, had decreased nearly 25% or \$4.7 million, with sales volumes decreasing over 33% when compared to the previous fiscal year 2011 year to date numbers through December. The graph depicted below shows the overall change in sales revenue for fiscal year 2012 through December 2011 when compared to fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

Further concern was expressed to the Legislature based on how much this impacts overall revenues, with cigarette sales revenue for fiscal year 2010 and 2011



attributing to 61.34% and 55.82% of total revenues, respectively. Therefore, the 25% decrease in sales across the board has had a residual effect on overall net income recognized thus far for fiscal year 2012. Taking this into consideration, the Legislature made a motion to suspend the additional \$.50 increase per

pack.

As a result, the Business Department followed through with lowering the cigarette prices at all the C-Stores when doors opened on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The lowering of prices brought about much excitement not only for customers who made additional carton purchases

after discovering the news, but also for C-Store managers and employees who had been distraught over the loss of sales that had occurred. It was a major morale boost for everyone, as they were left wondering if the days of "Lowest Tobacco Prices Around" had dwindled away.

Ho-Chunk Hospitality

Submitted by Robert Fox, Hospitality Director

February 15, 2012, the Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel and Convention Center has a live Tripadvisor site. Tripadvisor is the largest vacation review site in the world. Once online, guests can comment on their experience and recommend hotels. The tripadvisor.com site is totally supported and driven from the guest point of view. The live site now has

links to the Wisconsin Dells hotel webpage, the casino promotion page and a phone number to call. With these links and numbers, we now have the capability to track and find out more about the guest and who is interested in the hotel. This information will help improve service and assist future marketing efforts. The most recent customer comments have been favorable especially commenting on the new



SUMMONS

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Robert Voss, Petitioner, v. Elizabeth Eades, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-08

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Elizabeth Eades

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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

The Diabetes Education & Support Group of Black River Memorial Partners and The Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Present "Meetings After Five"

In an effort to expand educational opportunities to all, we have added four special evening dates throughout the year to our Diabetes Education Support Group. There is no cost for these programs.

Place and Time:

Black River Memorial Hospital Dorothy Halvorson
Conference Room, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dates and topics:

Monday, March 19 - Diabetes and Exercise - Kathleen Clemons, RCEP, CDE
Tuesday, June 19 - Why Am I So Angry? Ben Boardman, MD
Monday, Sept. 17 - Diabetes Burnout - Kathy Braaten, RD, CDE & Kathleen Clemons
Monday, Nov. 12 - Carbohydrate Counting for the Holidays - Kathy Braaten
Open discussion will follow each meeting. We hope to see you there!

Our mission: To bring people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and family and friends together to share experiences and learn to live healthy lives



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This program is made possible through a generous grant from The Lunda Charitable Trust

For more information contact Paula Przywojski at 715-284-1348 or Kathleen Clemons at 715-284-9851

2012- Job Resource Fair

Building Better Business Relationships

Tribal Complex Atrium
9:00am-3:00pm

The T.E.R.O. Department would like to provide this opportunity for all tribal members and Departments to get acquainted with our registered Indian Preference Companies and other companies who have a good history of working with our tribe and tribal members.

TO RESERVE A TABLE CONTACT:

Nicholas Kedrowski-
T.E.R.O. Director
Nicholas.Kedrowski@Ho-Chunk.com

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT

CONTACT:
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Case Manager
Sage.Funmaker@Ho-Chunk.com

Audrey Littlewolf-
Case Manager
Audrey.Littlewolf@Ho-Chunk.com

March 28, 2012

I would like to use my 25 years of teaching experience to change and improve the focus and curriculum offered to students attending the BRFSD.

I am running for the district school board to bring the subject matter specialist of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Economics. Of course, there is no such thing as Physics, Chemistry and Biology without appropriate Laboratories with lab assistants. Therefore, Physics, Chemistry and Biology Laboratory must be installed.

Without the foundation of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics: the majority of students might not be able to be a professional Engineer, Biologist, Mathematician and list goes on.

BRFSD has biggest minority population of Native Americans. Native American folks value Agriculture Sciences. Agriculture Sciences based on the foundation of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Biochemistry. Without this foundation: Native American student may not fulfill the dream to be Entomologist, Plant Pathologist, Soil Scientists, Plant Genetics, Animals Doctors, Horticulturist, Agronomist and list goes on into the Agriculture world.

Mathematics books in Middle School must be changed promptly. We are using Mathematics books in Middle School are collection items but not textbook by any means. There is a huge difference between textbooks and non-textbooks for children.

I am employed by Ho-Chunk Nation's Youth Services Program. I tutor Native American students. I also teach during the summer, helping students at various grade levels with studies focusing on the sciences.

I am a write in Candidate: Please vote me on April 3rd and your voice will echoes in every corner of Black River Falls.

**Thank you indeed,
Iftikhar Memon**

Master of Art Degree: Completed in August 1999, Education major and subprogram, Work, Community, and Family Education at the University of Minnesota.

Master of Science Degree: S.A.U Tando Jam. Pakistan. 1993-94, Agricultural Economics.

Bachelor of Science Degree: S.A.U Tando Jam. Pakistan. 1988-93, Agricultural Economics major, Sociology minor.

Bachelor of Arts Degree: Sindh University. Pakistan. 1987-88, Political Science.





FISH DINNER

**Fried or Baked
Cod
Cole Slaw
Desert
Bread
And Drink**

\$8.00

Friday, March 30, 2012

Time: 5pm - 8pm

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Applications for the 2012-13 school
year, if you have a child that will be
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the Head Start in your area.**



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Lowell (608)372-6669

Chahk Ha Chee
Heidi (715)886-5838

Ho Chunk Gra
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Neenk Chunk Gra
Kathy (608)254-4227

Puzaki Pei Cinak
Carolyn (715)284-3331

Wipaman Ker'da
Anne (715)253-3826

**Friday, March 30, 2012
Time: 11AM - 1pm**

**Tribal Office Building
(Cafeteria)
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615**

Menu

**BP's Pull Pork Sandwich
Potato Salad
Beans
\$5.00**

LUNCH FUNDRAISER

All proceeds will go to enhance the Department of Housing's Employee Appreciation Day

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY NOTICE

GCA Regular Meeting Posting:

Saturday, March 17th, 2012, 9:00AM

at Hotel Mead & CC in Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Note: General Council Agency meetings are subject to the open meetings act.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

GCA Vacancy:

GCA has an Alternate position available in Tomah, WI.

Per GCA By-Laws; the GCA Agents will attend a monthly meeting.

In the event of an Agent's absence, the Alternate must attend.

If you have any questions please call 715-284-9343

Pine Giroux, GCA Administrator, ext 1075

Wendy Running Horse, LTE GCA Advocate, ext 1070

**Monthly Board Meeting
For Ho-Chunk Housing and
Community Development Agency (HUD)
Thursday, March 22, 2012 • 6:00 PM**

HHCDA at Tomah, corner of
Monowau Street & Sime Avenue

Agenda items by noon, Mar. 15, 2012

Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222

HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222

Fax: (608) 374-1251



House For Sale

Timber Run Site, Lot 9 Wisconsin Dells

Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, Ranch Style House.

2 full baths, full basement. Appliances included on 4.2

acres of land. Located at W2430 Readle Lane, Lyndon

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Asking \$125,000

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Contact Kevin Vasquez • Cell: 608-844-3352

Youth Services
in collaboration with the
Parent Resource Committee

Social Gathering

Saturday, March 24th, 2012
House of Wellness
All Dancers and Drums Welcome!

Dancers will not be paid
Each Drum will be stipend with a gas card and tobacco

Public Welcome!

Registration begins at 11:30 am
Grand Entry 1:00 pm
Event Hours- 1:00-6:00pm

Door Prizes!

Afternoon Meal!

Information Booths!

Parent Education Breakout Sessions!



Adult/Elder Dance Special

Jr./Teens Dance Special

3 Man Hand Drum Special

All youth must be supervised

Please bring Social Security Card and I.D.

Social Gathering & Parent Resource Committee

House of Wellness
AGENDA
Saturday, March 24, 2012

11:30	Registration Begins	Main entrance
11:30	Booths Open	Main downstairs hallway
12:00	Light Snack	Cafeteria
1:00	Grand Entry	Gymnasium
2:00	Social Gathering	Gymnasium
3:00	Parent Education Break-out Sessions	Youth Services (upstairs)
4:30	Booths Close	
	Supper Meal provided by BP Smokehouse Cafeteria	
5:30	Door Prizes	Gymnasium

**Good job
Gianto Jefferson
in the social studies fair!**



Love Mom, EJ, and Tahlin and all your family.

A Mother's Love

*To some love is just a word. To me it's a feeling
A feeling I get when I realize you're my Mom
A Mom who inspires unconditionally,
what's that?
That's love a Mother's love, but only you and me
would know
You return that love, time and time again, possibly
too much
But never the less you did and for that I thank you
Thank you for being there when I needed you the
most for being my rock, when I should have been
yours.
Thank you for believing in me, even when I doubt-
ed myself, for being the person I could trust no
matter what, no matter where. But most of all
thank you for being you – my Mom – a Mom I am
so proud to claim I love you. Now and forever!
When I read this....
This just touches the surface of how much love I
have for you. The love I have for you is indescrib-
able. There are no words to explain just how I
feel.
But always remember this....
You are constantly in my thoughts and prayers.*

*I love you Mom,
Now and forever!
Hinuu aka Mary R. Smith*



How about a look back...do you know what year these were taken or who they are?



Crystal Rave Poem

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Crystal Rave, the daughter of Lesley and Maynard Rave Jr., is a junior at Sparta High School and has written a poem titled, A Civil War Family. The Creative Writing assignment exemplifies Rave's writing talents, although she calls it a "flake." The poem is about battle and family separation.

Rave enjoys her History, Art, and Creative Writing classes, but mostly enjoys learning new lessons. She said, "I like the old time, (artists like) Da Vinci, Machiavelli, Michelangelo. I like to read and explore." When asked about her post high school goals, she said, "I don't know. I think people that say they know what they are going to do are lying."

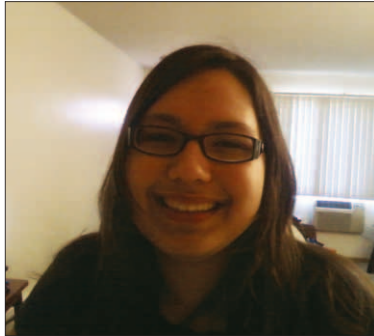
Crystal believes in "academic bulimia"; the Urban Dictionary defines it as, the act of cramming a large amount of information into memory over a short period of time and then regurgitating the

memorized information onto a test. She takes great pleasure in reading various books, both fiction and non-fiction. Rave has a unique way of finding her next book to read. She has a friend choose a number, one through thirty, then another number, and another until the book reveals itself.

At home, she doesn't have a television but watches the occasional cartoon. Mainly, she reads. Her favorite book she discovered using her unique method is Defender of the Small & Weak, a book about a girl who wanted to be a knight. She also enjoys the Cherub Series. She's currently reading Truancy and War Games. Rave said she can spend all day in a bookstore; she likes going to Books on Pearl Street in La Crosse.

When not reading or going to school, Rave enjoys dancing Ho-Chunk appliqué at powwows. She had two brothers, Joe (older) and Caleb (younger).

A favorite writer, poet, storyteller of mine, Garrison Keillor, said "a writer needs raw talent and nerve." Keillor also said, "libraries are the only place kids can go where there's no pressure to perform. It's just a kid, a book, and their imagination." These are the thoughts the poem and interview brought to my mind.



Crystal Rave

A Civil War Family

*Commanding battalions my mighty warrior slashes his way through walls of flesh.
Adrenalin comforts body, promising survival
Hands around rifle, our courageous lord sprints towards death,
Denying Thanatos's call.
Durante leap's forward over old soul reapers head.
Blood glistens across dramatic battling fields.
Desperation, determination, fear and bravery fill champion.
Heavy boots trampling, shaking the ground.
Ears throbbing amidst endless screams
Joins rattle because clanging metal clashes agents lustrous iron.
Soldier's heartbeat thundering.
Senses overwhelmed via horror.
What monstrosity has thou witnessed this day!
Murder! Slaughter! Destruction!
Together creating war.
Thousands lie dead few even dying!
Mud mix sanguinary
Darkened expressions beg euthanasia!
Gladiator, wounded mentally into shock.
Momentarily inert.
Wherefore, impaled upon stinging bayonet held above slave owner
Gorged like a noble man would, abate.
Captain falls helplessly, stranded betwixt some lieutenant,
Comes servants to Satan accompanied by angels from God.
He sees them.
Demons stealing humanity.
Saints setting righteous essence free.
Dante our hero searches familiar faces. Interesting or consequential
Looking for that hindmost comfort discovered near friends.
Finding only one not being dragged unto hell.
Brothers in arms clasp hands closing eyes forever.
Father's spirit fades.
Son's life force departing earth eternally.
Joining places where love generate.
Happiness, joy, emotions long ago lost,
Unwelcome among dragons,
Now flood throughout spaces with hollow heart.
Family inseparable inside heaven*

By: Crystal Rave

Ho-Chunk youth heads to Nationals "Bring it on!"

Tracy Pecore
Editor

A group of local youth girls (in the Wisconsin Rapids area), specifically a Ho-Chunk tribal member by the name of Bailey Twinn, will be heading to the U.S. Finals cheer and stunt competition on March 31 in Indianapolis, IN.

This very exceptional Ho-Chunk youth is a member of the Wisconsin Extreme (WE) All-Star Cheer and Stunt youth team; a competitive all-star cheerleading gym located in WI Rapids. "WE has the DESIRE to teach members of all ages about cheerleading and BELIEVE all participants have the ability to shine competitively."

Bailey joined the WE All-Stars two years ago, in 2010, as a shy little girl. The All stars recognized Bailey's strengths and talents, and nurtured this shy little girl into a crossover cheerleader that now performs on two separate teams; as well as individual routines against national champions in front of hundreds of spectators. With help from her team, Bailey has blossomed into a leader

that has earned the respect of her teammates through her hard work, dedication and talent.

Without formal gymnastics training, Bailey has excelled in tumbling skills, trains rigorously to excel as a teammate and on an individual basis. "Her commitment to her team and to herself has developed her confidence and accountability, allowing her to grow socially and academically as she continues to apply these skills and work ethics into her education," said Bernice Twinn, Bailey's mom. "We are so proud of her accomplishments."

This season, Bailey's team has placed in the upper category at both the state and national levels which has given them the opportunity to compete at the U.S. finals held in Indianapolis, IN.

On a side note, Bailey is a third grader at the WI Rapids Grant Elementary School. Her favorite subjects are math, gym, and of course recess. She loves to eat cheese-it crackers and pizza. She also enjoys spending



Bailey Twinn, third grader and daughter to Bernice and Ed Twinn of Wisconsin Rapids, heads to US Finals cheer and stunt National competition in Indianapolis, IN; with her Wisconsin Extreme (WE) All-Star team.

quality time with her dad outside, target shooting with her mini-matthews genesis,

hot pink bow. Besides cheerleading, and becoming a professional bow hunter, she

dreams of becoming a dentist. Way to go Bailey, keep up the great work!