HCN responds to ‘18 Money’

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The recent two-part series for the Wisconsin State Journal by Reporter Dan Simmons regarding the Nation’s Children’s Trust Funds has provoked many reactions amongst tribal members. The issue has been, and continues to be a hot issue throughout the tribal membership. No matter where you go, or who you talk to about 18 money you’re sure to find differing opinions on what needs to be done or what should remain the same.

The article ‘Hitting the Jackpot: Ho-Chunk mulling changes to 18 money’ in the Wisconsin State Journal (WSJS) written by Dan Simmons has set off a firestorm of anger throughout our tribal membership. The comments posted online and the phone calls have flooded the ofﬁces of tribal leadership since the 1st article went to print. We will not attempt to defend the article but what we will do is take a stand for our Nation and our People.

Back in 2006, Dan Simmons wrote an article titled ‘18 Money’ a Jackpot or a Curse for the Ho-Chunk’. And this was the launch point for his recent article. Fast forward 8 years, and the Nation’s current distribution model appears to be not working like it once did.

Internally, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has been seeking input from our tribal membership (to look for alternative ways of 18 money distribution). This issue has sparked interest and was covered in the WSJ article. During a livechat with Dine’ Times Reporter, WSJ staff a participant asked them why this story was newsworthy. Here is the response:

“First, the tribe is a major employer and economic player in Wisconsin. Second, there’s human drama. Third, there’s tension: the Ho-Chunk Nation is proposing changes to the payouts occur. Those elements make for a good story. Plus, how many readers have heard about this before?” Mark Pitchc

The Nation did not pitch the article to the media. The Nation did not leak any financial data used in the article was already available online in the public general and had nothing to do with the partnerships or the sources used. The Nation did not view the article prior to publication or have any say in the ﬁnal submission.

With that said, the article does not accurately represent the Nation’s youth and our People.

We know there are some glaring inaccuracies within the recent articles. We know that there is no established $200,000 distribution. There are a lot of factors that go into the ﬁnal distribution including when someone was enrolled and if some of that was used for educational purposes prior to the ﬁnal payout.

We may not all agree on the proposed changes of the per-cap distribution, or how the young adults spend their distribution money. But just like so many issues that our Nation faces, this is OUR issue. We live it, we see it and we’re part of the issue every day. We have been the recipient of 18 money and so have our loved ones. That is why this issue remains OUR issue and not for public consumption.

Putting this issue into the mainstream public is one thing, but putting it out there and leaving the reader with the impression that we are legit Natives who are irresponsible with our money is wrong. The impression left perpetuates stereotypes that we spend the money wrongly and are trying to dismantle.

The work of our ancestors, and their struggles have paved the way for what we have today. From our family structure to the government processes, and the successful businesses that operate throughout Wisconsin, this is who we are.

Closed over were the examples of responsible spending, responsible saving and helping each other out when times get rough. We’re taught to help each other, and there are countless examples our tribal members have done just that. Whether it’s family setting, work setting, or the community setting we’re always trying to help another out when times get tough. We have with our communities are working because we see the importance of supporting one another, and being that good neighbor. Sadly, this isn’t what moves the needle when the media is looking to get readers to their web sites and people picking up the newspapers. These sensationalized stories make Facebook pages explode with shares and comments.

The story has spurred more controversy and has tribal members attacking one another and making false accusations.

It’s the sensationalized stories of irresponsible little Indian kids that gets people talking. It’s the stories that break our life into racism. The general public read the articles and say “See, I knew it. They get free money and they abuse it, drugs and fast cars.”

The horror stories of irresponsible spending is not a Ho-Chunk issue. It’s a people issue. It’s easy to scour the internet or flip on the TV and ﬁnd hundreds of examples of people spending their money irresponsibly. ESPN (30 for 30-Broke) documented the stories of athletes who have made millions of dollars only to spend it quickly on lavish cars and jewelry and left with nothing but shame to show for it a few short years later. The stories are similar with athletes, actors, and trust fund kids.

Don’t let the media convince us that this is a unique problem that only the Ho-Chunk 18 year olds face. The issue is greater than our People and we know this.

The per cap issue is ours and the internal discussions to see it work better for our young adults will continue to take center stage within tribal politics.

Regardless of which camp you’re in. It’s safe to assume that we as tribal members, parents and government ofﬁcials all want to make the best decision for our young adults. Some of us have been in the shoes of our new high school graduates and some have had the opportunity to experience a lump sum of money that was previously never afforded to us. And because of that we don’t want people to make the same mistakes. These mistakes are the ones that the media tends to gravitate to.

This report reminds us all that there are people who do not have the same consideration for our young tribal members. Many of the people they encounter look at them and only see dollar signs. It is important that we do not allow others, whether it is the press, or nefarious businesses, to paint us and our members with broad brushes, to also keep an eye on or young adults. We need to continue to make sure they know the options available to them, and encourage to ﬁnd the best ways to practice their own wealth management.

We will continue to serve our People and protect one another from outside attacks that do nothing but aim to tear us apart and bring us down.

With the Nation continuing to play a role in local, state, and national politics, we will always have our de-tractors. Some of them will use cheap tricks and write stories to paint in the worst possible light, with all the intent of subverting our inﬂuence. Rest assured that ofﬁcials in the Ho-Chunk Nation will always be working for the advancement of all our tribal members, and that we will not let our citizens be maligned. We will continue to use our voice to champion our interests, and protect our families.

What was once a good option for 18 money distribution may not be working today. However, it may be working just ﬁne. That debate will never go away.

If you feel your child, or a child you know is being adversely targeted by a businesses, please contact the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org. Additionally, we encourage you to stay informed and use some of the following resources to help guide you on responsible saving and spending.

StopFraud.gov
How to Avoid Scams & Frauds

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ATTENTION GRADUATES: SHARE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT WITH THE HO-CHUNK NATION

Earth Day celebrated at Kickapoo Valley Reserve and Executive Building

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Ma hitawus hi wira | Earth Drying Moon

Ho-Chunk Nation youth face off in language tournament

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Dear Veteran

I would like to share with you some information about the newly launched Employment Center available on www.ebenefits.va.gov.

The Employment Center is a federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service members transitioning to the civilian workforce, military spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, G.I. Bill® beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. This new site integrates multiple tools and resources for both job seekers and employers, including the Veterans Job Bank. For a step-by-step introduction to the site, watch this video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWhl-eSoWk).

As a Veteran, service member, military spouse or a dependent who is either unemployed or looking for a different career opportunity, I strongly encourage you to check out the new Employment Center. Once on the site, you will be able to use the Skills Translator to translate your military skills to civilian skills or skip directly to building a resume with the Resume Builder tool. Resumes created on the site will be available for viewing by both private and public sector employers who are specifically looking to hire Veterans. Please, visit www.ebenefits.va.gov and click on the Employment Center tab on the top navigation bar to create and post your resume. This will ensure that employers looking to hire Veterans like you have access to your resume online.

Employment Center

Correction:
The Hocak Worak published the wrong web address for the Newberry Library’s link to the Helen Miner Miller papers on the Wisconsin Winnebago 1881-1979. http://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/MillerHM.xml Please visit the site if you can’t make it to the library.

Head Start is currently accepting applications for all of our Head Start areas (BRF, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa, and Wittenberg). If you have any questions, or would like to enroll your child in Head Start please contact one of the local centers or our central office at: 715-284-4915 or 800-362-4476.

ATTENTION VETERANS!

Vietnam – Desert Storm – Iraq – Afghanistan

Anyone who may have been exposed to dioxins, toxins from the burn pits and other hazardous materials.

Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin State Council requests your attendance:

TOWN HALL MEETING

When: May 24th, 2014
Where: Andrew Blackhawk pow wow grounds (Hwy 54 East (1.5 miles HCN BRF Casino)
Time: 11:00 am (in the dance arena)

Speakers: John Margowski, Richard Lindbeck & Michael Demski
This event will discuss possible side effects due to exposure to hazardous material. EXPOSURE can affect yourselves, your children, grandchildren and possibly your spouse. Please come, listen and participate. Additional information will be handed out at the event. Tribal Veterans Service Officers and County Veterans Service Officers have been invited to attend as well.

If you have additional questions please contact the Monroe County Veterans Service Office: 608-269-8727.

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.

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dog’s only $5.00/dog! Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis. Open to all Tribal Members.

Date          Location          Time
June 4       Tomah Blue Wing Community bldg         9:30am-12:00
June 4       Nekoosa TAI/Headstart parking lot    2:30pm-4:30pm
June 11      Wittenberg Health Office            11:00am-2:00
June 18      Winnebago Heights/TAI Parking lot   10:00am-12:00pm
June 18      Ho-Chunk Village/HOW                 2:00pm-4:30pm
June 25      BRF Sand Pillow Community Bldg.     9:00am-12:00pm
June 25      Bld BRF Indian Mission/Old Food Distribution  1:30pm-4:00pm

Please bring your dogs on leashes and cats in crates!

Questions please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at 1-800-294-9343 ext. 5011 or 5059. Open to all Tribal Members.

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http://dfi.wa.gov/consumers/invest_scam_avoid.htm
If you’re interested in viewing financial data related to per-capita distribution for the Ho-Chunk Nation along with other tribes throughout the state and country please visit the links below.

Ho-Chunk Per Capita Payments
http://dfi.wa.gov/consumers/invest_scam_avoid.htm
Ho-Chunk Per Capita Payments
2013 Tribal gaming revenues
Gambling has given Ho-Chunk new hope
http://www.ho-chunk-nation.org/2013/03/05/gambling-has-given-ho-chunk-new-hope/
Richest Tribe in America

2014 Graduates

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.

Richest Tribe in America
Ho-Chunk Clinic staff bid farewell to Berra

By: Angela DeSmith, DTR, CLC Nutrition Education Assistant Nekoosa/Wittenberg

Benefits of basil

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Antioxidants and Anticancer Activity

Antioxidants and Anticancer activity...Yes, that’s what researchers found in essential oil of basil. All fruits and vegetables contain antioxidants so it makes sense that basil would contain it too. As far as anticancer activity that makes sense as well, due to the fact that antioxidants protect cells in the body from damage. That’s two more reasons to load up on the leafy green herbs.

Basil is incredibly fragrant, delicious, and nutritious. My summer basil does not feel complete without growing and eating fresh basil. This green stuff...It is commonly used in Italian dishes such as pizza, spaghetti, lasagna, and eggplant parmesan. However, it has recently made its way into other numerous dishes like soups, quiches, casseroles, and even desserts.

My all-time favorite is basil pesto. To me, it is very simple to make and goes great on crackers, chips, flat breads, sandwiches, wraps, noodles, rice, cottage cheese, and yogurt.

If you grow a garden or plant in pots you will want to make sure you plant some basil. Better yet plant a patch. If you are unable to plant your own then I recommend looking for it at the local farmer’s market or Co-op. They usually sell herbs in a variety of quantities, including large bundles at a reasonable price. Also, there are usually several different varieties available.

There is a tendency to sell a few sprigs of one variety at a rather expensive price.
Food Sovereignty Summit focuses on healthy, culturally relevant foods

Kathleen Roberts, Staff Writer

How sovereign are we if we can’t feed ourselves? This question was asked and many more concerns were discussed at the summit. The Food Sovereignty Summit, Collaboration for Sustainability, Providing the Future for our People, was held on April 15-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Keynote speakers were Winona LaDuke Executive Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project, Ross Racine Executive Director of Intertribal Agriculture Council, Janie Hipp Director of Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas, Michael Roberts President First Nations Development Institute, chairman Mike Wiggins Bad River Band of Indians, Wisconsin.

Three training tracks were offered, Sustainable Agriculture Practices, Community Outreach and Development, and Business Management. Finance and Marketing. Attendees had the option of following one track or more according to what would benefit them the most.

Participants toured the Oneida Tsyunh#hk Farm and Osewa Market, the tribe’s apple orchard, bison farm and Tsyunh#hk Farm.

Through the efforts of the Oneida Nation, First Nations Development Institute, Intertribal Agriculture Council and the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, the Food Sovereignty Summit was offered to educate, support and validate what many tribal members and tribal officials have come to know. Natives are becoming sick and dying at younger ages due to nutrient poor and toxic foods.

Life Skills Coordinator, Kimberly Whitewater had this to say, “Why is this important to us as people? We are considering ourselves to be sovereign but yet we outsource our foods. I’m very passionate about this because I’ve watched and continue watching so many of our people living their elder years disabled and dying before their time.” Whitewater said, “As an apple a day can kill a person. If not washed until there is no sign of the pesticides sprayed on them, otherwise you’re ingesting poison. These pesticides get into the soil and water, then into the tree and the fruit anyway. How do you wash that away?”

Whitewater said, “Much of the discussion was on preservation and planting of first nations heirloom seeds. If we produce foods to feed our own people we are showing the rest of the world we are going to survive and thrive.”

The Food Sovereignty Summit logo represented the Three Sisters philosophy which includes corn, beans and squash. They are planted together to provide life sustenance. Each provides an element of support to the other to allow each entity to flourish.

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Soon to graduate from Laurel Charter High School, Stella Greendeer put some of her energy toward getting a discussion panel for Viroqua’s 2014 Diversity Day. The event took place on April 30 and was held in downtown Viroqua at the Rooted Spoon Kitchen Table.

Greendeer focused on getting panel members who were not born in the United States. And she did just that. Included in the minority panel were Ayesha Patnaik, a professor at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse representing the culture of India and Ifitkhar Memon, a Pakistani culture. Memon is employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation as a teacher for Youth Services in Black River Falls.

Third panel member was invited as a representative of the Mennon culture but was not present.

Discussion started out with both panel members telling of incidents they have experienced in the United States as “people of color.” Patnaik was formerly in a university town in Michigan and did not have any situations or incidents due to her cultural diversity.

Memon expressed a few difficult situations he encountered in the past. Memon told the audience comprised mostly of high school students, that he had been stereotyped. But more importantly he had been over-looked and not considered for teaching positions because of his diverse ethnic background.

The panel members asked the audience, “How many Native American or Asian teachers do you have here in Viroqua?” A student replied, “There aren’t any cultural diversity teachers in our schools.” Another student asked, “How do we go about getting teachers from different cultural backgrounds?”

“Stella found me . . .” Memon replied, “She did her research and found the people she needed to fill the positions for the Diversity Day panel.”

Panel moderator, Greendeer asked the audience if they had any other questions or comments. She also asked the panel if they would like to make any additional statements. Memon commended the people who plan and organize Diversity Day and thanked them for the opportunity to have educational panels like these. “Educating the public gives a better understanding of cultural diversity, eliminating stereotypical thinking,” he said.

Memon and Patnaik offered their contact information to those that attended the presentation. Memon informed the audience he is available to do future presentations about his country and his experiences. At first he asked someone to invite him to speak, then Memon jokingly stated, “If I am not invited, I will show up on your doorstep anyway.” With all humor and jokes aside, understanding cultural diversity by receiving culturally correct information is the key to getting along with others.

Ifitkhar Memon (left) and Ayesha Patnaik answer questions from the audience and tell how much they appreciate the United States of America.

Taking Back Our Communities Drug and Gang Awareness

Kathleen Roberts, Staff Writer

The upcoming event Taking Back Our Communities 2014 will prove to be an important asset to our community. “Arrest rates went down after the 2010 conference,” said Jean-Anne Day, Division Director Community Supportive Services. When the community is educated and has knowledge of gang and drug activity, something can be done about these problems.

The informational event will take place Monday, May 19 at the Lunda Theater in Black River Falls.

The agenda will begin with registration and meal at 4:30-5:30 PM. The welcoming, prayer and introduction of speakers will be given by Wilfred Cleveland. Presenters will be Lt. Garvallard and Lt. Burlingame from Jackson Correctional Institution. Their first item of discussion will include: Why are we doing this presentation? At 5:45-6:45 PM will be the discussion on guns and drugs in the area. Following the presentation at 6:45-7 PM youth and adults will break into two groups. At 7:30-8 PM a general session will take place to discuss what was learned. Door Prizes will be awarded concluding the program.

“Don’t want to see any of our youth in jail. It affects the whole family,” said the information discussed during Taking Our Communities Back will be “Giving people the tools to prevent others from destroying their lives,” stated Day.

More presentations of Taking Our Communities Back 2014 will be as follows: June 7 House of Wellness, Baraboo 10-3 PM; June 14 Tomah High School 10-3 PM; June 21 Wittenberg High School 10-3 PM
Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Anyone who has had a prescription filled at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in River Falls is probably already familiar with Lieutenant Commander Douglas Beaver.

He’s the pharmacist who ex- plains your medication to you with a big warm smile and sometimes a joke or two.

He has become well known for his jok- ing character. A lollipop always waiting to bring a smile to the sick kids, and was a great stress reliever for mothers trying to manage their day-to-day lives.

Douglas Beaver will be retiring this May 22, at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and an open house to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. for people to stop by and visit.

“Despite the fact I was dis- pensing medications, I was dispensing laughter,” he said.

When he offered information about medications to patients for education, he was convinced that they were more likely to heed his advice and work closely in coopera- tion with him – that he was a down-to-earth type of guy.

“Almost everyone got a special unique approach tai- lored to them,” he said. “The key to success is making a connection with the people.”

Beaver went often and beyond to take care of the needs of his patients. He would ensure medications got to homes that needed them. People who unfortunately may have been incarcerated, had transportation dilemmas, and or for people whom were homebound.

“I made as every possible ef- fort to get the Nation’s people and employees their much needed medication,” he said. “Coordinating and orchestrat- ing medication delivery to patients was a daily occurrence for him. Beaver wishes to thank the Community Health staff for their assistance in accom- plishing his delivery agenda.

He stayed late when necessary when he knew people were on their way to the pharmacy and needed their medications. And he would drop them off at their hous- es on his way home after a long day’s work when they couldn’t make it in.

“They are more likely to take their medications if they know that you care,” he said.

Douglas Beaver was born and raised in Baraboo, Wis- consin, one of nine children and the youngest living son. A younger brother, Ronald, is deceased. He has three younger sisters.

After his high school gradua- tion, Beaver enlisted into the U.S. Army, where he held several military occupational specialties. His first was an Aerial Observer CrewChief aboard helicopters, serving in Germany, plus several state- side posts.

After his service in the military, Beaver returned home to work with his father as a timber feller and logger. Eventually, his brother Gary and himself owned and op- erated a logging and lumber operation with numerous em- ployees. It wasn’t long before he realized that he could not physically demanding occupation and his body was beginning to give.

“If I feel like this at 32, what will I feel like when I’m 52?” he thought at the time. A new re- action was in order. In 1992, Beaver decided to return to school, so he attended the University of Wisconsin – Baraboo.

“At first, I thought I would study to become a civil engi- neer, but a very caring general chemistry profess- sor, Ms. Eddie, changed my mind,” he said. He continued his general studies with the new direction of being a pharmacist. He attained an Associate in Science degree for Medical Lab Technologies from Madison Area Technical College (MATC). In 1998, Beaver was accepted into the University of Wisconsin-Mad- son School of Pharmacy, where he received a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree.

In his final year of Phar- macy School, the then Staff Sergeant Beaver was recruited by the U.S. Army. He continued his Service leaving the U.S. Army. Reserve to become a Com- misioned Corps Officer. He could have worked with the many divisions of that depart- ment, such as Immigration and Naturalization Services, the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administra- tion. The non-Lieutenant Commander commented on the “feeling of last res- ource of Prisons. In preparation for his work in prisons, he attended correctional officer training in Glyncos, Georgia.

His first assignment would be at the Federal Prison in Duluth, Minnesota, where he stayed for two years.

“Lieutenant Commander Douglas Beaver will be retiring this May.”

On July 5, 2005, Lt. Bea- ver would transfer to Indian Head Regional Medical Center realizing its future vision. The pharmacy making the retirement of the pharmacy manager ever since,” Beaver said.

When he started, he worked the pharmacy by himself and with no staff. The Black River Falls pharmacy now employs two full-time pharmacists and four certified pharmacy tech- nicians.

The pharmacy was remodel- ed, with Beaver designing the layout for positive and effi- cient work flow. He also had the vision to organize the area for the future addition of robotics to fill scripts, which presently has acquired. The robotic mechanism has the ability to fill up to approximately 100 scripts (prescriptions) per hour, but only filling the top 200 medications. Other medi- cations, such as inhalers and ointments still must be filled by hand.

Since that time, the pharma- cy has grown 25 to 35 percent every year. To emphasize how much the operation has grown, when Beaver start- ed, the Ho-Chunk Pharmacy stores were purchasing about $160,000 dollars of med- ications total per year. At present, the pharmacy’s, in both Black River Falls and Baraboo, are purchasing about $3.5 million at each location.

In the final phase of the project, he hopes to be able to completely take over the mail order medication pro- cess, of those medications that are paid through insurance.

“My goal, when I came, is that I wanted to develop a pharmacy operations that would be highly efficient in order to better serve the Clinic’s patients, not only for today but well into the fu- ture,” he said. “I believe I have accomplished that. It is a well-oiled machine with little to adjust and it will continue to operate well for many more years after I leave.”

“I am the luckiest person’s points of his career is when he learned about the death of co-worker Bennett Zager, Dental Hygienist, who loved her patients, he said. “I am the luckiest person’s points of his career is when he learned about the death of co-worker Bennett Zager, Dental Hygienist, who loved her patients, he said.

One of the advantages of retiring is not having to make the 162-mile a day commute to work every day. Beaver lives in Coloma, WI. “Use to have without fail – through snowstorms, rain, treacherous conditions – the pharmacy was never closed,” he said. “First one here, and last one to leave for many a days,” he said.

Through it all, Beaver said many people have been supportive and helped make the pharmacy operations less stressful and a successful op- eration.

“I want to thank the Ho- Chunk Nation for the support to be able to better serve the patients,” Beaver said.

“I want to thank certain people for building a successful vision,” he said. He wants to thank Joan Greenlee-Lee, the Information Technolo- gy Director, for her faithful and relentless support. “Her wisdom and behind the scene support was instrumental to pharmacy realizing its future vision. He also wants to thank administrative support, which includes Carol Rollins, Re- becca Shawley, HHCC Office Manager, Dr. Tom Walker and Elliot Blackdeer (for believ- ing in the Pharmacy Business Plan and Vision that he and CDR Hall co-authored), Tina Froeba, and Hattie Walker (Dual Pharmacy Conceptor).

Also thanks goes out to the Executive Health Board, which is comprised of mem- bers of the community and helps with legislative support. A special “Thank’s!” to Sally Zager, Dental Hygienist, who helped the pharmacy with the insurance contracts.

Appreciation goes to fellow colleagues and other commissioned Corps Officer, Commander Ted Hall. Hall, the Pharmacy Director, worked together with Beaver to create a business plan for the pharmacy operations and with support was key to making the pharmacy opera- tions a success.

“It’s been a pleasure to work under his leadership,” he said. “I have been a pleasure working with the doctors, nurse practi- tioners, staff, and support staff of all departments.

His plans during retirement are to slow down and enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle. He plans to spend a lot of time on his hobby farm.

“I am looking forward to retiring not only to the farm, but to be able to spend a lot more time with my family, especially my wife, Teresa,” he said. “I will be working as a ‘Farmacist’ instead of a ‘pharmacist’.” Also, he still has his sawing wood, along with his hobbies of fishing, camping, four-wheeling, riding his Har- ley Davidson and traveling.

But he may not be totally disconnected with his former position with the Ho-Chunk Nation as one might think. Retired from Public Health Service, Dr. Beaver may be involved with setting up a sat- ellite pharmacy in Nekosha, but those ideas are still in the planning stages. “Some Trib- al members and the Nation’s employees may get a second chance to listen to my dorky jokes, and great sense of hu- mor.”
Think Tank serves as a support forum for Ho-Chunk Small Business Owners

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Staring your own business can be unnerving and even scary. Such a venture can actually yield something that is too farfetched or too difficult to ever become a reality. This is not true in Hunter Eary’s way of thinking and decision to make his dream of a cabinet making business come true. The 27 year old, and his father Mark, attended the Small Business Think Tank meeting held at the Blue Wing community building on April 29. The group met to share business plans, stories, experiences, barriers, concerns and fears. Participants shared how they worked past or how they are currently working to overcome these barriers, that could otherwise block or hold back a prospective small business owner’s success.

Tina Boisen, Director of Ho-Chunk Nation’s Department of Labor and Forrest Funmaker, Director of the First Nations Community Financial, carried out their concepts of holding a support forum for Ho-Chunk tribal members to focus on their aspirations of creating their own businesses. The Small Business Think Tank, comprised of mixed levels of participants, included prospective entrepreneurs and successful business owners willing to advise, train and mentor new business owners.

Funnaker said there is a need to educate our people and our communities first and foremost to believe everything can be a business in some way from a Ho-Chunk perspective. There should be no fear of making money. Then we need to transcend fear. Willingness of Ho-Chunk owned businesses to get the bulk of (Ho-Chunk Nation project) work if they can manage it. The contracts from each program (or department) should be going to a central location and tribal members with businesses should get first dibs on those contracts.

Ken Whitehorse and Jon Thundercloud’s interview from Blue Mound and Madison sensing the importance of the Think Tank meeting. Whitehorse, who owns a paving and construction company, joined the discussion by telling of situations they’ve encountered and how they worked past difficult barriers. Whitehorse told of the massive paperwork he tried to avoid when applying for Ho-Chunk Nation’s programs. He expressed how he almost did not seek the tribe’s help because of the overwhelming amount of forms to complete. He understands why other prospective business owners may not utilize the Nation’s programs.

Whitehorse and Thundercloud shared their experiences with Indian people that Because the company has a business with government programs and they told how attempting to win job contracts can be tiring. The pair shared different aspects of successes and told of barriers blocking them from obtaining some contracts.

One frustration they voiced was the tribe’s desire to stay with non-native companies due to the money factor or just because they’ve always used that particular company.

In another example, Whitehorse said he made a bid on a job, but the contract was not awarded to him. However, because of his company’s expertise and quality of work, Whitehorse’s services were sub-contracted by the company that was awarded the initial contract. In the succession of filling that particular job, the actual work contract brought in a middleman rather than hiring the most suitable or quality company in the first place.

About the Think Tank discussions, the group referred to re-naming the Small Business Think Tank and finding more services for free, but I want to give back. I have gone the pro-bono even though as she said, “I can’t and don’t usually offer my services for free, but I want to give back to Ho-Chunk tribal members.”

Anne Thundercloud came into the meeting with a positive and cheery demeanor. She previously was employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President as the Public Relations Officer. Thundercloud is now a self-employed public relations and marketing professional. She offered her services pro-bono even though as she said, “I can’t and don’t usually offer my services for free, but I want to give back to Ho-Chunk tribal members.”

Thundercloud mentioned the importance of youth becoming aware of options for self-employment when they are older. She commented on the possibility of forming a group to promote, or offer interest in, the youth of Ho-Chunk entrepreneurs. “I don’t claim to know it all, I’ve learned from mistakes, and boy once you make a mistake, you do learn from it,” Thundercloud said. She pointed out how she had to learn certain things to make her business successful. She said she didn’t know much about billing, contracts or taxes to continue.

“So I made sure I found resources to learn about these things.”

Thundercloud made this encouraging statement: “I can honestly say I sleep better every night being self-employed. I have controlled over my own decisions, not working for the man.” She continued, “However, don’t forget to hire one or more people to do things you’re not good at.”

Students and other business owners were there to get that passion and motivation play a role in running a business. The Think Tank group recognized the pros and cons of starting up a business.

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THINK TANK

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Participants share experiences, successes and barriers at the Small Business Think Tank meeting held at Blue Wing.
Ho-Chunk youth face off in language baseball tournament

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

May 6, Ho-Chunk youth faced off in the first day of the language baseball tournament. This was not a regular baseball game. The youth to use their knowledge of the Hocak language to answer questions and rolled a die to score singles, doubles, triples, and home runs to score points. Language baseball teams were assembled from Tomah, Wisconsin Dells and Black River Falls youth.

This was a two-day tournament starting with the first round of games at the TOB atrium in Black River Falls, the second round of games were played at the House of Wellness in Wisconsin Dells.

Teams from Tomah and Wisconsin Dells played the first game. Tomah won by scoring 13 points, while Wisconsin Dells scored 5 points. The next game was Black River Falls and Wisconsin Dells. Black Rivers Falls won with a score of 4 to 3. Black River Falls advanced to the championship game against the Tomah team. Black River Falls scored 13 points while Tomah scored 12 points. The Black River Falls youth were victorious in the language baseball championship.

On May 7, the baseball tournament continued at the House of Wellness. The first game saw Tomah earning 20 points and Wisconsin Dells earned 18 points. In game two, the Black River Falls team outscored the Wisconsin Dells team 29 to 24. The championship game between Black River Falls and Tomah ended with the highest scores of the tournament, 32-31. As a result of determining and language knowledge, Black River Falls earned the Language Baseball championship title.

The format of the Hocak Language Baseball Tournament Rules are as follows:

Game Objective: to score more runs than the opposing team in 5 innings using Hocak responses only.

Baseball Die: The baseball die is a large die to be rolled by the student (batter) before their play. S for singles, D for doubles, T for a triple, H for a home run, and 2 C’s for Choice. The Die is rolled to determine what the batter is playing for. If a batter rolls an S the pitcher will read the single from the playing deck. If the batter rolls an H, the pitcher will read the home run. If the batter rolls a C, the batter gets to choose what they want to play for. The hits have the following criteria:

- Single: Hocak to English sentence
- Double: English to Hocak word
- Triple: Hocak to English sentence
- Home run: English to Hocak sentence

The Deck has five categories:

1. In the House
2. Mealtime
3. Traveling Verbs
4. Daily Life
5. Miscellaneous

Batters may choose to use a foul ball when the initial category is called. If a foul is called, the pitcher will put that card back into the deck. The batter must take the next category called (even if it is the same as the original.)

Each batter is allowed one foul per game.

Huddle:
If a batter is unsure of the answer he or she may call for a huddle. The team will have 15 seconds to confer. Each team is allowed 3 huddles per game. If a batter does not answer correctly he or she advances the appropriate number of bases. If the batter does not know the answer they have the option to use a huddle. If the batter does not answer correctly he or she gets an out for the team. This continues down the roster until 3 outs by the team. With 3 outs, the opposing team will be up to bat. In the event of a tie the teams will play a final round of Homemans only.

Time Constraints:
If there is limited time the game may be modified:
1. Limit the game to 3 innings rather than 5
2. Innings may have a “10 run rule” implemented

District One Community Center

Parent/Child All-Star Shoot Out

Saturday, June 14, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Rules:
- All children must be under the age of 17
- Scoring: Each Parent and their Child are one team.
- Teams will shoot from 10 different stations around the “KEY”.
- Each made shot will be a point.
- The two scores will be added to determine our Winners.
- The Top Three Teams Will Receive a Basketball.
- Concessions Will Be Available for this Event
- If you have any questions please contact the DCIC Staff at 715-284-0905. Or visit Facebook.

Language Division staff verify an answer from a Black River Falls youth.
Sacred Water, Sacred Land, held at Kickapoo Valley Reserve for Earth Day

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Referred to as the father of Earth Day, former Wisconsin Governor and U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson said, “The most important environmental issue is one that is rarely mentioned, and that is the lack of a conservation ethic in our culture.” As a result, he was the founder of Earth Day. He wanted to educate the public and those in political positions about the necessity of respecting and maintaining the Earth.

On April 19, the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN), the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) and Kickapoo Earth Day held the fifth annual event. This year’s event was titled, “Sacred Water, Sacred Land.” The all day, free event featured acclaimed environmental speakers, information booths, a children and family activity tent and Native American activities in a Cliporoke. Healthy, organic food was available which included organic hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches, and tortilla hummus, vegetable wraps and homemade desserts.

Throughout the day environmental educators and activists gave presentations to encourage preservation, restoration and protection of the water, land and air which is so vital to us all. Dr. Nancy Philippi and Dr. Donald Hey, co-author of Fracturing: Shale Mining’s Menace to the Water, Land and Air, gave a detailed and interactive exercise to actively engage participants on these issues.

Heading up the children and family activity tent was Ingrid Wendland. At the age of thirteen, she has been a dedicated advocate at KVR for their annual Earth Day activities. “It is important for an event like this so we can educate people about the problems in our environment today,” Wendland said. She is president of the youth committee for planning and organizing KVR Earth Day activities.

A display booth by the Valley Stewardship Network was set-up at the front of the KVR grounds. Biologist and Water Quality Coordinator, Vicki Ramsay was available for questions and answers. She had a variety of small creatures from the KVR area for observation and study. She and her son, Cassidy, observed a good many creatures as they get closer to this macro invertebrates because they have entered a new microcosm. They care for these things. And when I tell them that if they were all to go away, the world of nature as we know it would collapse. They gain a real sense of reverence for life,” explained Ramsay.

At 6 p.m. the Earth Day activities moved to the La Farge Community Center. Music, food and more community discussion relating to environmental awareness was still in progress during the evening. Music was provided by bands called, Barefoot Antenna and Freaks of Nature. Most of the attendees of the Earth Day events could be considered freaks of nature, not meaning this in a negative way, but because everyone had a connection, being aware and wanting to know more about how to help protect the earth’s Sacred Water, Sacred Land.

Those that are very much involved in an important idea, activity or cause are often referred to as a freaks. Yes, to us all being freaks for nature.
Earth Day observed at the Tribal Office Building

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Earth Day 2014 was observed in the atrium of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building with a variety of animals, equipment, pelts, and hands-on learning activities geared toward learning about the earth and its many facets. The event was held on Tuesday, April 22, with many Ho-Chunk Headstart children in attendance.

Staff from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources conducted hands-on exhibits, such as a basin filled with water and aquatic plants and animals; a display of firefighting equipment used for wildland fires; tree identification by using leaf rubbings; and a display of wild animal pelts.

The day was highlighted by a wildlife presentation by Dennis “Dino” Tlachac, environmental educator with Nature’s Niche LLC, Stevens Point. Tlachac displayed and talked about each species, starting with the lowest forms, such as cockroaches, then building up to reptiles and finally into the large birds. His talk informed people about the nature of each animal, such as the food each ate, the environment in which each lived, and the interactions with other animals.

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We are amazed at how soft the fur of a skunk can feel.

Author Eric Carle featured at Head Start

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EARTH DAY

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Earth Day at Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building

DNR staff member Russ Hunter shows the youth a nozzle for a firefighting hose.

Leora Kassananwiet, Chishenanzi Saul and Priscella Greengrass are amazed at how soft the fur of a skunk can feel.

Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Environmental Specialist Randy Premla shows the youth the different aquatic plants and animals found in our local streams and waterways.

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Native Americans traveled from all over the country to participate in the annual Ho-Chunk Nation’s All Nations 2014 Co-ed Volleyball Tournament, held May 3 at the Black River Falls High School.

“This was a great tournament,” said event organizer Katie Funmaker. “This year was probably some of the best volleyball I’ve seen at this tournament. The teams are getting better and better every year.”

First place team, winning it all, is The War Bonnet from the Menominee tribe in Keshena, Wisconsin. The team consists of Mike Wilber, Saswaen Waukechon, Darcie O’Kimosh, Colleen Waukechon and Kim LaTender. By winning the tournament, they received $1,200.

Second place team is the Dustin McGeshick Memorial, consisting of Menominee, Sokaogan Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi tribal members. They are from Crandon, Wisconsin. The team consists of Erlene Leonard, Cash Leonard, Roman Leonard, Kole McGeshick, Brandii Kroe ning and Jalyn LaBine. They received the second-place cash award of $900.

Third place team is Kiss My Ace, Ho-chunk tribal members from the Ho-Chunk territories. The team consists of Erica Rave, Raquel Green deeer, Lydia Cloud, Jonathan Whitebear, Runninghorse Livingston, Kenneth McAndrew and Elan White Eagle. They received $600 for third place.

The team that traveled the farthest was the Husker Hitters from Nebraska. They received $200 for that distinction.

Funmaker wants to thank the volunteers who helped make the event possible. They are L.A. Walker, John Thurow, Devon McGill, Danee Walker and Cody (last name unknown). She also wants to thank the referees Rob Voss, Jill Wenthe and Sandy Lusk.

Special thanks go out to the Black River Falls School District, the Ho-Chunk Nation and John Thurow for making the tournament possible.

The War Bonnet from Keshena took first place at the annual tournament. Members of the team are Mike Wilber, Saswaen Waukechon, Darcie O’Kimosh, Colleen Waukechon and Kim LaTender.

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Sand Volleyball

Contact Melissa or Levi:
715-284-0905

Sand Volleyball League starting Tuesday nights. July 8, 2014
4-6 players per team
Anyone who is interested contact Melissa or Levi for team information by Thursday, July 3, 2014.
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Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Boys and Girls Club, Historical Society

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation presented donations to two Black River Falls organizations on Monday, May 12.

District 1 Representatives Susan Waukon and Lori Pettibone presented the checks to the Black River Falls Boys and Girls Club and the Jackson County Historical Society.

“We are so happy to support both the Boys and Girls Club and the Historical Society,” said Rep. Waukon. “They are both integral members of our community.”

“We with these donations, we are helping preserve our local history and providing helping hands to our youth,” said Rep. Pettibone. “The Ho-Chunk Nation is proud to help these organizations fulfill their missions.”

The Boys and Girls Club plans to use the $52,700 for new furniture for their new facility, which will begin construction this summer near the Black River Falls High School, said Center Director Diane Moen-Ross.

The Jackson County Historical Society plans to use the $3,800 for general operating expenses, said Museum Curator Norm Herman.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Milwaukee food pantry

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation donated $3,000 to the Congregation of the Great Spirit Church Food Pantry Monday in Milwaukee.

The donation was a part of the Feinstein Challenge, where philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein matches funds for each donation given in March and April.

Great Spirit Church raised $13,000 during the last two months, well above their fundraising goal of $10,000. “The Great Spirit Church Food Pantry is an important resource and member of our community here in Milwaukee,” said Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin. “I am very proud to present the Ho-Chunk Nation’s donation to an organization that helps so many during rough times.”

The Church’s food pantry served over 400 individuals in the month of March and was running low on supplies after the Easter Holiday. Congregation of the Great Spirit Church accepts all monetary donations at any time throughout the year. They may be reached by phone at (414) 672-6989.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Donates to American Cancer Society’s - Relay For Life of UWSP

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager PR – Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Wittenberg

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Wittenberg completed a check presentation at UW-Stevens Point on Friday, April 25, 2014 to the planning committee of the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of UW-Stevens Point. UWSP had 36 teams which participated and they raised $21,000.00 at the event. They had 20 survivors that registered for the event. The first Relay For Life of UWSP was held in 2000. The Relay was chaired by Ellen Wargowski who is a childhood cancer survivor. Relay For Life of UWSP had a carnival theme and had carnival type activities throughout the night. This area focuses on mission and getting people to reach out to the American Cancer Society if they or a loved one is diagnosed with cancer.

Taking back our communities 2014

Drug and Gang Intervention and Awareness

Monday May 19th

Lunda Theater/Black River Falls Middle School

Registration starts at 4:30 P.M.

Event ends at 8:00 P.M.

Meal Provided - Door Prizes at conclusion of Event

For more information contact Jean Ann Day 715-284-2622
Sponsored by Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The President motions to approve the agenda with the addition of District 1 request. Second by Rep. Gann. 4-3 (Rep. Farley, Matt Mullen, David Greendeer, and David Mikkelson) MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS


SUMMONS (JV 14-06)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: The failure to comply with a Summons may result in an order of contempt of court.  The Service of your Summons is now served upon you by publication.  A jury trial is scheduled on May 20, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in the Circuit Court for the 2nd Judicial District, for the County of Ho-Chunk Nation.  The Court is physically located at 2666 Main Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.


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(14-17 Years old HCN Enrolled)

Applications Accepted Beginning May 15th 2014

A change to the program beginning this year is the youth will be able to begin employment as soon as school is out and they have completed the required paperwork and requirements of the Department of Labor and Personnel.

If you were on Ho-Chunk Nation SYEP previously and are doing the same job you do not need a new work permit. However, all new applicants and previous YWEP youth applying for different jobs will need new Work Permits.

Medical Prescreen and Tax Forms are to be picked up at the Department of Personnel and the Application Packet can be picked up at the Department of Labor or printed off of the Department of Labor Website.

The Department of Labor applications will be stamped to verify date of receipt. We encourage parents and guardians to involve youth to be a part of all the processes. It is a goal of the Youth Work Experience program to give our youth as REALISTIC an experience as possible when it comes to seeking and maintaining employment.

We thank you for your commitment to this goal.

Contact Elva Brown in the Department of Labor for further assistance

At 800-284-9343 or 715-284-5777 Ext. 1192

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU WITH YOUR YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE

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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancies:

District 3 – 1 Position

District 5 – 2 Positions

Length of Term: 4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

• Enrolled Ho-Chunk Tribal Member
• Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age
• Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state, or federal court and;
• Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend their District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

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ATTENTION HO-CHUNK ELDERS

Administered by Auxiant, the Nation’s Elder insurance coverage begins at age 60.

Ho-Chunk Elders must sign up for Medicare part B when they attain age 65.

• There is a seven (7) month window for enrollment.
• The enrollment window consists of three (3) months prior to your 65th birthday, the month of your 65th birthday and three (3) months after your birthday.
• You will receive a letter from Medicare prior to your 65th birthday. Please save this letter as a reminder you need to take action.

Tribal Aging Unit will assist you in the sign-up.

• If you miss the initial enrollment period:
• There is an open enrollment period during the first three (3) months of every year (January, February and March).
• When you enroll in open enrollment the effective date of coverage is always July 1st of that year.
• There is a higher premium penalty if you do not sign up when eligible.
• If you are employed by the Nation when you attain age 65 and you have insurance coverage through your employer:
• You do not have to sign up for Medicare Part B until you lose full-time status or terminate your employment.

The Nation’s health plan pays for your covered medical expenses.

• When you end employment or lose full-time status with the Nation you must sign up for Part B immediately in order for Medicare to cover 80% of your covered health care costs.

• If you are employed outside the Nation and you have insurance coverage through your employer, you have the option to sign up for Part B at age 65.

• The Elder insurance plan will only pay 20% of covered medical expenses.

• Your employer’s plan may not provide all of the 80% not covered by the Nation’s elder insurance plan.

• Therefore with Medicare Part B coverage you may have personal financial responsibility for the gap in coverage.

• Consequences of not signing up for Medicare Part B when eligible:

• Elder insurance plan administered by Auxiant will “carve out” the 80% of covered medical costs they normally pay.

• The Elder is left with financial responsibility for the 80% of covered medical costs that Medicare Part B normally pays.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU SAVE THIS INFORMATION SO YOU CAN REFER TO IT AS NECESSARY

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NOTICE

Effective immediately, Education board of directors has a vacancy in District IV. In addition, upcoming in June 2014, Education board of directors will have vacancies in District I and District III, respectively.

If you are an enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member and you are interested in filling one of these seats, please forward a letter of interest and your vitae to Personnel Department to receive the application.

Deadline: Monday, May 16, 2014

Annually

Position:

• Soil & Water Conservationist

Department: Land Conservation Full-Time Position

Hiring Range: $34.85-$38,563

Deadline: Monday, May 16, 2014

Position:

• Public Works Laborer

Department: Highway/Maintenance Full-Time position

Hiring Range: $13.64-$16.85/hr.

Deadline: Friday May 23, 2014

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• Dietary Cook

Full-time 11:00 AM – 7:30 pm

Salary: $10.08/hr. – $11.15/hr.

Hiring Range: $13.48-16.85/hr.

Deadline: Friday May 23, 2014

Full-Time positions

Soil & Water Conservationist

Position:

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MONROE COUNTY

Personnel Department

1401 Madison Street

Room 3

Sparta, WI 54656-4509

(608) 269-8719

Listed below are current vacancies that the Monroe County Personnel Department will accept applications for.

If you know anyone who may be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact the Personnel Department to receive the appropriate materials to apply for the position.

If no deadlines are listed, the position will remain open until filled.

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• If you are employed outside the Nation and you have insurance coverage through your employer, you have the option to sign up for Part B at age 65.

• The Elder insurance plan will only pay 20% of covered medical expenses.

• Your employer’s plan may not provide all of the 80% not covered by the Nation’s elder insurance plan.

• Therefore with Medicare Part B coverage you may have personal financial responsibility for the gap in coverage.

• Consequences of not signing up for Medicare Part B when eligible:

• Elder insurance plan administered by Auxiant will “carve out” the 80% of covered medical costs they normally pay.

• The Elder is left with financial responsibility for the 80% of covered medical costs that Medicare Part B normally pays.

It is suggested that you save this information so you can refer to it as necessary.

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NOTICE

Effective immediately, Education board of directors has a vacancy in District IV. In addition, upcoming in June 2014, Education board of directors will have vacancies in District I and District III, respectively.

If you are an enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member and you are interested in filling one of these seats, please forward a letter of interest and your vitae to the attention of Michelle R. Cloud in the Education department. Michelle can be reached at 1-800-362-4476 or at Michelle.cloud@ho-chunk.com for additional information.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources will be giving out 1lb. bag of shelled Indian corn to tribal members beginning April 15th - May 31st at the DNR Office located at the Tribal Office Building.

(*Limit 1 bag per tribal member)
NOTICE

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment
Will be holding its Quarterly Meeting on:
Friday June 27th, 2014 • 9:00AM
Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building,
Black River Falls
Please note: The meeting is open to tribal members

Cultural Fine Arts Day

May 31st, 2014
Doors open at: 12:00 pm—7:00 pm
1pm Grand Entry
Black River Falls Middle School

Please join us in celebrating our 283-284 school year’s cultural integration.

Students’ art work will be displayed as well as an archery shoot, student play demonstrations, and Native dancing.

All families are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

For Gallery all open at noon

Donors meal will have Grand Entry at 1pm

Meal will be served at 5pm (FREE)

Make-and-take crafts include: dream catchers, pottery, corn art, and more!

FRY BREAD CONTEST!!!

Contact Amira Hall with any questions:
134 Hall Rd,
Black River Falls, WI 54615
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Open to the Public - FREE

Happy Birthday to my brother
Hayden
May 22
Love Caleb

Happy 38th Birthday
Toto George William Hindsley III.
Hope you have a good day!
Love, Mom, Char, Tai, Booboo,
Tanya, Justina & all your
nieces and nephews.

The family of Alice Mae Eades

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would like to give the warmest heartfelt
Thank You
to family and friends who were there for us during our time of great sorrow. Your love and support allowed us to move forward after the loss of our mom, Cegis, sister, aunt, and friend. We will all be forever grateful for all the prayers, cards, food, flowers, and financial donations. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Office of the President.
A very special thank you to Winona Mann, Donna Forman and the Bear Clan helpers for assisting with the arrangements. You provided us great peace of mind knowing our Mom was well taken care of.
Thank you all for the kind gestures, sympathy, and support.
The family of Alice Mae Eades

Happy Birthday

Fred & Karen Decorah

Love your Sister Nancy,
Brother Ralph & Families

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ FREE

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY POW-WOW

MAY 24-26, 2014

ANDREW BLACKHAWK MEMORIAL POW-WOW GROUNDS

5 Miles east of Black River Falls on Hwy 54

Honoring the Ho-Chunk Nation Code Talkers

Sponsored by Andrew the Blackhawk American Legion Post 129

GRAND ENTRIES Saturday & Sunday: 1 PM & 6 PM, Monday: 1 PM

MCs: Lance Long/TBA

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First 10 Drums: Paid, all others fuel expense

Monday Honorary Flag Raising

CODE TALKER RECOGNITION SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Legion Raising Andrew Blackhawk’s Flag Saturday 10 AM

Registration for Monday’s Flag Raising and Veteran’s Recognition is at the Legion Post building Saturday and Sunday 11:00 AM till Closed, Monday morning at 8 AM - 9:30 AM

Honorary Flag Raising Monday morning at 10 AM

10 AM all flags at half staff. Noon all flags at full staff. Veteran recognition at 2 PM

Retire all colors at 4 PM

FREE CAMPING Showers at District 1 Comm. Center Sat-Mon 8-11 AM

Vendors fee $150 for all weekend, cash only. For more information contact Karen Green at 800-294-9363 or 715-896-1925 or via e-mail: Karen.Greens@ho-chunk.com

Event organizers, sponsors and staff are not responsible for any injuries, theft loss or property damage. Alcohol, drugs, firearms and anyone under the influence are not permitted.

Let’s celebrate Ho-Chunk History, Culture and Heritage!
Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau student recently received high honors for her academic and athletic performance throughout the school year.

Callie Thundercloud, daughter of Nichi McDonald and Matthew Thundercloud, received the honor at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 23, in the G-E-T auditorium.

She was presented as an “All Conference Selection Scholar Athlete” in front of a capacity crowd, along with other students who received a similar distinction.

“I have known Cal- lie for three years in my position as principal of Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School, said Principal Troy White. “Callie possesses a tremendous spirit and is a person of character. She loves learning and family, has a passion for sports and is truly civic minded. Callie has a persistent and tenacious spirit that I’m confident will serve her well in any future endeavors.”

Callie is planning on going to UW – Madison for fitness and dietician. She enjoys playing with her two labs, Chelsea and Crete, she loves to be on the Mississippi Riv- erer and hiking in area parks around Trempealeau.


“As a freshman, Callie found herself a strong variety upon herself by her MS, said,” LeAnn Bohn, athletic secretary and head gymnastics coach. “She works hard not only at practice but has put in years of commit- ment as a youth to help create a tradition of strong gymnastics. Callie is a strong gymnast on the uneven bars which used to be a weak event for our team.

“Her never wants to get off the bars. When her hands were hurting and ripping with calluses, she would persevere through the pain and rips to continue and get new skill af- ter new skill, Bohn said.

“One of the best things about Callie is how she was able to handle the pressure. As a freshman in the big meets she became a gymnast with a score I could rely on,” she said. “That says a lot to have the mental toughness at a young age in a competitive sport against older athletes. Callie has also done coaching at the Blue Angels Gymnastics Club along with volun- teering to coach our annual summer school programs. She is a classy role model for all our younger smiled and community. I look forward to another three years for Callie as she continues to be one of our leaders on the team.”

Callie may be a small girl but she is packed full of en- ergy and power, said Jennifer Johnson, volleyball coach. “She is always smiling and friendly,” Johnson said. “She works hard every day and she is a sponge taking in new things. She has so much potential and she works hard so I can’t wait to see what she will be like in the coming years.”

Her track coach, Kirk Leb- akken, said that Callie is a good teammate and she takes her training very seriously. “I definitely enjoy having Callie on the track team,” Lebakken said. “It is important for her to do well, you can really see an inner drive that she has. She has great potential and has accepted the challenge of learning pole vault which is one of the more difficult events to master. I see her being a great contrib- utor in the future and I hope she continues to work hard and her athletic talent to the fullest.”

In her spare time, Callie enjoys playing with her dog, Crete, and outdoor recreation such as hiking, boating, ca- noeing, camping and hanging out with her friends.

“I am very happy to go to a school where the teacher work with you to be good in sports and get good grades. I love all sports, but volleyball and gymnastics are my favorite,” Callie said. “I hope to work with people to them stay healthy in the future, with ex-

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

When it comes to chess, Leslie Thompson knows how to make every checkmate count.

Thompson was crowned the champion of the annual Ho-Chunk Chess Tournament, held April 16 at the District One Community Building.

But what makes it more significant is that it is Thomp- son’s third championship in a row.

“I’ve never been defeated in the tournament,” he said.

This time, the tournament lasted about five hours and was single-elimination, he said. Previously, the double elimination, meaning if a contestant lost a match, that person still had a chance after the elimination round. When Thompson was first determined to attend.

“I got ready by just studying the game and playing online,” he said. “The most important is studying openings. You really have to know your first 10 moves. When you get past that, you’re into the middle game where it really gets rough.”

“The important thing is not to panic under pressure,” he said.

When Thompson was first introduced to chess about 20 years ago, he didn’t think he would like the game.

“I was afraid of the game because of how the pieces looked and the bizarre move- ments each made. I was con- fused by them,” he said.

Thompson has been playing chess for many years, even teaching chess at College of DuPage in Illinois. Also, he was working at a homeless shelter for a while and played chess with many of the resi- dents.

“There were many fantastic chess players there,” he said.

“They showed me the fantastic chess moves.”

One of his interests in the game is the annual U.S. Chess Open which is played in a dif- ferent city in the country each year. Last year it was situated in Madison and Thompson was determined to attend. However, his vehicle broke down and he was unable to go.

The game is a testament to using strategy to achieve a victory.

“You have to study yourself as well as your opponent,” he said. “But every move is crucial. One bad move can blow the whole tournament.”

Thompson admits to mak- ing a blunder in last year’s tournament, when the oppo-

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