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Supporters rally to save the mounds at the Capitol



AJ Cloud, Staff Writer

Hundreds gathered on the west side steps of the capitol Tuesday, January 12 to rally against Assembly Bill 620 (AB 620). Introduced and referred to the Committee on Environment and Forestry on December 29, AB 620 would allow property owners to challenge the existence of human remains at burial sites on their lands. Effigy mounds throughout the state that have been



Chief Clayton Winneshiek addresses hundreds of supporters on the west side steps of the Capitol.

catalogued and hold the protection of the Wisconsin Historical Society would also be at stake with the new legislation.

Administrative leave for Ho-chunk employees was granted by presidential Executive Order 1-12-16 and bus transit was coordinated to and from the Save the Mounds event. The Office of the President coordinated bus transit for not only Ho-chunk tribal members and employees but also included members from other tribes from areas such as St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukee, Green Bay, and northern Wisconsin.

One of many tribal members that opted to be shuttled in by bus was Jarrod Greengrass. Greengrass came to the rally on Lamers' Milwaukee route with a busload of twenty people.

"I thought it was a great way to get our voices heard about the assembly bill and I was glad to see the turn out," said Greengrass.

Destina Warner, a student at Baraboo High School, rode the bus from Wisconsin Dells with her Native American Student Association group and her advisor.

"I thought it was a good experience, especially for my age and generation. I thought it was really amazing how multiple nations came together as one. How people came as far as Nebraska to join in and contribute to something so impor-

tant. It was super cold but I'm proud that I was there to support the right thing," said Warner.

While there were lots of Ho-chunk tribal members participating in the rally there were also non-tribal members like Karen Brock, a Madison resident.

"I live one mile from this rally gathering spot. I attended to represent myself and anyone who wanted to come but could not physically be on site. Not everything is for sale. We draw the line here. A small group of profiteers has no right to destroy people's history and sacred grounds, they have no right to rob future generations of their birthright," said Brock.

Tribal flags and eagle staffs were at the forefront of a sea of signs and supporters which filled the west side vista of the capitol steps. Tribal traditional and government leadership, tribal members and employees, grassroots advocates, state legislators, students, and other citizenry against AB 620 stood in solidarity on a crisp afternoon listening to words delivered by tribal and state leaders.

Various leaders on the speakers list were, District 2 Representative Henning Garvin, District 2 Representative David Greendeer, Associate Judge and former President JoAnn Jones, Chief Clayton Winneshiek, former President Jon Greendeer and Representative



Rally participants gather in the Capitol rotunda.

Photo Courtesy of Melissa Lowe

Robb Kahl (D-Monona).

"Today was incredibly important. Thousands of supporters braved the cold temperatures today to stand united to protect those things we consider sacred. People from different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs all stood as one and raised one loud and powerful voice to let our state legislators and the public know that we will take a stand to protect those things we hold most dear. A rally such as today serves to educate, advocate, and will also invigorate everyone, and now that we have the momentum we can move forward to do what we can to put stronger protections into place," said District 2 Representative Henning Garvin

The rally ended inside the capitol and rally goers filled the main floor and second floor balcony. The Woki Xete, Love One Another, song and rallying calls filled the capitol rotunda in support for the stoppage of AB 620.

In the midst of the rally's end, Assembly Speaker

Robin Vos (R-Rochester) told reporters that AB 620 is unlikely to come up for a vote this spring.

"We're pleased Speaker Vos has decided not to pursue AB 620 during this session. However, we know our work is not done. We're looking forward to working with lawmakers to strengthen the current law so we don't have to continue facing attacks on Wisconsin's mounds," said Public Relations Officer Collin Price.

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Secretarial Election opinions expressed by tribal members

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

All eligible voters should have received their voter registration forms in early December. The Secretarial Election slated for the end of January could amend the Constitution. The changes concern removing BIA oversight of secretarial elections, presidential succession, and disenrollment procedure.

Making sense of questions posed on the ballot is an area that may come easily to tribal members and challenging to others. Gathering opinions from two tribal members on the upcoming secretarial election amendments may shed some light on the impact of this election. District 3 member Ona Garvin as well as District 1 member Forrest Funmaker shared their views on the upcoming amendments.

The first amendment, Amendment A, would remove the Secretary of the Interior approval and secretarial election requirement from the process of amending the Constitution.

"No, I do not think this is necessary at this time because

of some of the recent lawsuits involving our Election Board. It also seems that the current Election Board has a lot of unnecessary meetings. Would we have the tribal election board responsible for these elections? I liked getting the ballot like I did this time, not having to notarize it, not having to get to a polling place, not having a big convention to verify that the ballot is accurate and the BIA does the counting. There is a need for unbiased and cool headed results when we consider making changes to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. This appears less costly than the gigantic expenditures for our current election board with mileage, hotel expenses, and meal expenses to conduct our elections," said Garvin.

"We have a chance to make history here. Finally the Indians will win. Each time a constitutional amendment is proposed and passed at GC, our Election Board will be able to get into the Constitution in 3 months, not 3 years! We need to reclaim our status, our resources, and our land," said Funmaker.

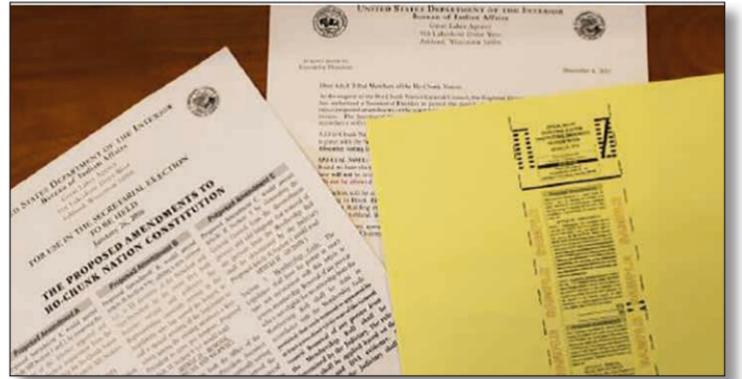
Amendment B would add

a new section which reads, "In the event both the Office of the President and Vice-President becomes vacant, the Representative currently serving in the Legislature who has served the longest, shall immediately call a special meeting of the Legislature for the purpose of selecting from its remaining members a Vice-President, pro tempore to serve pursuant to this Article."

Amendment B outlines the process in which temporary replacements to the Office of the President and Vice-President would be conducted if both officials were removed at General Council.

"No, the entire legislature should select from the elected legislators' replacements until such time as an election is held in a timely manner to elect a new president," said Garvin.

"There was cause to make this change as both the President and Vice President may be subject to removal by the General Council in the same year. This was one of many issues that faced our constitution and still does today. This needs to be changed so there



will be no doubt how the succession of leadership will continue," said Funmaker.

Lastly, Amendment C would eliminate the General Council from the disenrollment process and add language that removal of any persons from the Membership Roll shall be determined by the Judiciary.

"Yes, provided that all the information to enroll is correct and there is due process all through the Enrollment process for people to come forward to provide pertinent information on whether the person should or should not be enrolled. We should not put a person on trial in front of the entire General Council and watch them cry, beg, or

smirk to get enrolled. Dignity and respect should be exercised in this right to enroll," said Garvin.

"This would get rid of the Salem Witch Trials that used to happen at General Council. Proof should happen at the court level. This is pretty simple to agree with," said Funmaker.

Tribal members that did register for the Secretarial Election should have received their ballot in the mail the first week of January. According to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Office, 668 tribal members registered. Thirty percent of the 668 which is slightly more than 200 need to mail their ballot back in order for any changes to occur.

Letter to the Editor,

Years ago, the Ho-Chunk Bear Clan would never talk about the weather, either out of respect to the creator or the Sky Clans or both. Therefore, when you complain about it, you only make it worse. So if someone talks to me about the weather, I won't say anything. So I am not trying to be a jerk about it or nothing like that. Waksiks just shouldn't do it. Gavin Pettibone wana xida and his son Clarence let me in on this many years ago. Woi nap.

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Ho-Chunk Census is making progress

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

As of Tuesday, January 12, the Ho-Chunk Census has received 1,194 completed online surveys, or about 21 percent of the total number of registered members.

There are still 4,500 surveys yet to be taken.

“Overall, everyone needs to fill out the Census. It’s needed for the Nation to determine the needs in areas of social, economic, health and overall welfare,” said Census Project Assistance Specialist Pine Giroux. “The Nation consistently needs the data to help with services, but without the Census the executive departments are not able to pinpoint the extent of those gaps and where the largest needs lie.”

In the next weeks, a concerted effort will be made to remind tribal members about the Census.

“We’re making a big push to get as many online surveys completed as possible,” said Kevin Klingbeil of Big Water Consulting, Seattle. “The online survey is the most efficient way of completing the Census.”

Although the online survey will still be available, the next step would be to send out paper forms, which costs money to print and mail. After that, people would call individuals and then Census takers would go to the homes. All of those methods would be much more costly because they involve materials and labor.

“Filling out the form online is the best thing for everyone. The quality of the data improves and it is much easier than the paper form. The program automatically skips to the right portion of the survey depending on your answers instead of having to read the instructions on the paper form,” Klingbeil said.

Of the surveys completed so far, surprisingly, most have been from District 5 residents, Klingbeil said. There will be a big push in Districts 3 and 4 to get residents to complete the surveys.

“We’re trying to give the online effort a little more time,” he said. “The challenge is to get 40 to 50 percent of the surveys completed online before we start mailing out the paper forms.”

There are people who would like to complete the online

surveys but don’t have access to a computer with Internet. They can go online by visiting any of the computers available for public use, such as those at the Executive Building, the Tribal Aging Units or the Community Centers. If that is not possible, the paper surveys will be mailed to the tribal members who have not completed the survey.

Help is available for people are having problems completing the Census survey.

“Some people have called in, saying they want to resume the survey, having been interrupted, or have lost their token,” Klingbeil said.

Drawings for prizes have been conducted for those people completing the online survey. Another drawing will be made for people filling out the paper form.

“The hope is that we can tackle the mass majority of them online and with the paper form. After that, the costs go way up, with having to complete telephone calls and go to the homes of the people. There is a lot of labor costs involved with that,” he said.

Klingbeil is hoping that tribal officials will make contact and spread the word at meetings and gatherings about the Census, and to encourage them to complete the surveys. The results of the Census will benefit everyone, he said.

“It’s not just about writing grants, it’s about the legislators being able to allocate funds. It should be used on needs identified through the Census,” Giroux said.

The need is very real and will make a huge impact on the Nation’s future, she said.

“Help us help you. Please participate and complete your Census online, on paper, or in person, and encourage your relatives to identify our Nations true needs,” Giroux said.

Here are the Census drawing winners:

December 26th

Amanda F.: iPad Air 2
Danielle M.: Xbox
Katie F.: PS4

Lavinia C.: \$100 gift card
Andrea H.: \$100 gift card
Richard B.: \$100 gift card

January 2nd

Lillian W.: Toshiba Laptop
Morgan W.: Samsung TV
Athena L.: \$100 Walmart gift card
Phyllis B.: \$100 Amazon gift card
Edward L.: \$100 Target gift card
Alvin A.: \$100 Target gift card



The Ho-Chunk Nation Census is off and running. Promoting the effort are (from left) Pine Giroux, Angie McDonald, and President Wilfrid Cleveland.

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- *Pathway Accelerated Program: House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6pm - 7:30pm
12 week course
- *Direct Response Sessions: Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells Salon
Tuesday-Thursday 1pm - 3pm
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Elders connect to youth with life stories

AJ Cloud, Staff Writer

Youth and parents met on a bitterly cold evening at the Nekoosa Community Center to hear stories from two community elders.

Life Skills Coordinator Curtis Redbird started the event by addressing youth and telling them why the Bridging the Gap program is important.

“It is always paramount that we respect our elders,” said Redbird.

Following remarks made by Redbird, the community enjoyed a traditional Ho-Chunk meal comprised of soup selections, frybread, potato salad, and cake.

Richard Walker had the honor of praying over the evening meal and Hope Smith

had the blessing of cutting the cake.

Elders who shared their stories of living and youth for the event were Hope Smith and Myrna Thompson.

“We didn’t have electricity, we couldn’t go in a room and turn on the light. We didn’t have running water that was a luxury,” said Hope Smith.

The Bridging the Gap program was started three years ago in the Black River Falls community. This is the first winter where it is being implemented in other communities.

The next Bridging the Gap event will be held at the Three Rivers House in La Crosse on Tuesday, January 26.



Ho-Chunk youth shows compassion with cards for Safyre

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A simple Christmas wish by an 8-year-old burn victim, Safyre Terry, has touched the hearts of many people across the nation and resulted in positive wishes by millions of people.

One of those people wishing her well is Marshall Standstraight, son of Wendy Huling and Kirk Standstraight.

When Marshall heard about the plight of the little girl, he did what he could to make her Christmas a little better.

Marshall asked the entire first-grade class to help him send love and support to Safyre by sending Christmas cards to her. There are 116 first-grade students in Forrest Elementary School who answered that call, plus the eight first-grade teachers.

Safyre was badly burned in an arson fire two and a half years ago, the same fire that claimed the lives of her father, two brothers and a sister. Safyre survived, but she suffered burns on 75 percent of her body. Also, she has had a hand and foot amputated and has undergone several surgeries.

As Christmas approached this year, she decided that she didn’t want any presents. But she did want to receive Christmas cards, her aunt posted on her Facebook page that she was hoping to get cards for the holidays.

The outpouring of that request was terrific, with a semi-truck load of cards delivered to her.

Marshall wanted to do his part, as well.

“Each year, I teach my children the need to show love and

the joy of giving to others,” said Huling, his mother. “After seeing the story of Safyre, Marshall chose to show her love and support this year.”

Marshall sympathized with the girl, knowing of physical challenges in members of his own family, Huling said. He has a 20-year-old sister who has been paralyzed since she was 10 and a nephew who was born with partial blindness.

“He loves unconditionally and believes everyone is special in their own way,” Huling said.



Marshall Standstraight



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Head Start Bulletin

Submitted by
Laurel Meeks



LOOK WHAT OUR KIDS ARE UP TO
Although December was a short month, the 118 children of Head Start were very busy decorating their Centers, and preparing their beautiful songs to share with their families at their Winter Festivals! Because the learning must go on, despite the possible visits from "Jolly Ole Saint Nicholas", the students continued to work hard on their "studies"! There were learning all about the color red, the star shape, the number 7, the letters u and t, the opposites of loud and quiet, and the ever important value of helping! In the spirit of the season, and the theme of fairy tales, they learned all about chariots as a means of transportation! They left us on December 17th for a little winter nap, and will return to their work on January 12th.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Field trips to tree farms...
Cutting out cookies and decorating them...
Visits from "Ole Saint Nicholas"...
Visits from our community partners...
Visits to our communities to share our songs....
Visits from "Buckle Bear"...
our traveling celebrity....
Winter Festivals.....

WHAT'S NEW IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION
With the amazing contributions from the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department our children are enjoying a happy, healthy end to 2015.... and because of their continued support of Head Start, a wonderfully healthy 2016!
Our amazing Food Service staff served up 1,482 breakfasts and 1,500 lunches, for a total of 2,982 delicious and nutritious meals in the month of November.

THANK YOU NOTES
There are so many people to thank, because they are so kind and generous to us! Please know we are so thankful for all of those who provide resources and assistance to the children and families...that there simply is not enough room in the newspaper to thank each of them every time...so each month we will highlight at least one! It is because of all of the thank yous that we have to say, that we decided to begin this monthly bulletin!
I first want to highlight our parents! I cannot express enough gratitude to each and every one of you for the number of hours that you volunteer, helping us out at the centers. The events that you have made possible, by your contributions of time, are nothing short of spectacular!

THANK YOU MOMS and DADS!
Domtar Paper Company, of Wisconsin Rapids, really went above and beyond for the children at the Chahk Ha Chee Head Start Center this month. The center made their focus, the Gingerbread man. Domtar donated hours of their time reading the many stories of the Gingerbread man to the children. They then provided a copy of the book to each child, so they could add it to their home library. As a final surprise, Domtar appeared

CUTE THINGS KIDS SAY DURING A VISIT FROM ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, A LITTLE ONE CAME UP TO MS. HEIDI AND DECLARED... "HEY, THERE'S A GIANT HERE!"... AND FURTHER NOTED "HE'S GARGANTUMOUS" FOR REFERENCE...THE VISITOR WAS 6'7"!

at the Head Start Center on December 9th, with the Gingerbread float. The children had the opportunity to explore it, and have their picture by it. They then donated a photograph to each family. It is because of companies like this, that we can make stories come alive...and give children the awesome experiences they deserve!

THANK YOU DOMTAR!
We are long overdue, in this final thank you! The Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department, and their fine staff... worked with us to provide physical and dental examinations to every child as a part of our annual parent orientation/child screening event. These fine folks; Doctors, Dentists, CHN'S, Nurses, Ms. Ona...and Mr. Jess...dedicated the six days of Head Start Center orientations, to make sure that all of our kiddo's had up to date medical care. They also took the time to assist families in finding follow up care and provided referrals for assistance for those that have found themselves without medical insurance.

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF HEALTH!
SPECIAL INVITATIONS
Head Start would like to extend a special invitation to the Legislature! We would love to have you visit us for lunch, January 28th, at the center of your choosing. After lunch we have prepared a special "make and take" project for you to complete with the children. In this way, you can bring a little piece of Head Start back to your office as a memory of your time with us! We sure hope you will join us!

"THEN AND NOW"
We are so lucky to have the opportunity to work with children, what could possibly be more fun? When they "graduate" from Head Start, we don't always get to know what they did after...? So we are looking for former Head Start students...so we can highlight you! We would love to have a story to share each month! If you would love to share your story, please email me at laurel.meek@ho-chunk.com or call me at 715-284-4915 X 1175.



calendar time...what day is it...what month is it...and especially her turn to do the weather! Another memory was that of picture day... when her mom sent her off to school with perfectly symmetrical pigtails...that over the course of the day became less symmetrical...perhaps because they were removed and then redone by some young lady...until by picture time... she no longer had the hairdo her mom had expected to see on the photos! Nehomah has very fond memories of spending her school days with Mr. Dana, Ms. Gayle, Ms. Eunice and Ms. Millie.
Nehomah went on to gradu-

ate from Black River Falls Senior High School in 1993. As a junior in High School, she traveled abroad, and spent a year in the Philippines. She later earned a degree in Sociology from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in 1997, and a Masters' Degree in Hospitality and Tourism from UW Stout in 2006. She has worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation in many capacities, and is very excited that she has had to opportunity to give back to the Nation. She is currently serving as the Executive Director of Education.
Thank you for sharing Ms. Nehomah!

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Bronson and the Badgers heat things up against the Boilermakers

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The Wisconsin Badgers faced the #14 Purdue Boilermakers and their two big men, 7'2" Isaac Haas and 7' A.J. Hammons, on December 29, at the Kohl Center to start their Big Ten Conference play. The young Badgers, who have eight freshmen, the most in the NCAA, entered the game with an 8-5 record on the season.

The Badgers' leading scorer, junior Nigel Hayes, nailed a jump shot to get the Badgers on the scoreboard first. But Purdue's Vince Edwards answered back with a 3-pointer for the Boilermakers.

The Purdue big man Isaac Haas started his low post play with an early layup. Purdue's Rapheal Davis also hit a 3-pointer to put the Boilermakers up 8-2. Haas fouled Hayes, Nigel made 1-2 from the line.

Hammons entered the game while Haas went to the bench. Hammons missed a jump shot. Showalter drove the lane and scored for the Badgers. Hammons made a layup, and picked up an early foul as well.

Nigel Hayes went back to the free throw line and hit two.

Haas came back in the game. He picked up his second foul. Hammons came back in the game. The Purdue big men are in foul trouble early.

Hayes hit another jumper for the Badgers.

Vitto Brown and Bronson Koenig both hit a jumper, and the Badgers trail by one. Nigel Hayes drove in for a layup and gave the Badgers their first lead since the start of the game.

Freshman Charlie Thomas hit a 3-point shot. The Badgers lead was four points.

Hammons added two from down low for Purdue.

Koenig hit a jumper, followed by an Ethan Happ layup. The Badger lead was six.

Purdue's Edward drove in for a layup, got fouled and hit his free throw shot. Hammons also converted on a layup and got fouled. The score was 24-24 at half time.

Both teams were shooting below 40 percent from the field. Purdue was perfect from the free throw line, while the Badgers shot 75 percent.

Vitto Brown hit a jump shot to get the Badgers going at the start of the second half. But Haas worked his way in for a layup to answer back.

Nigel Hayes hit a 3-pointer to putting Wisconsin on top, but Boilermaker P.J. Thompson answered back with a 3-pointer of his own.

On the next possession, Thompson drove in for a layup. Zak Showalter answered back with his own layup.

Hammon and Edwards scored to give the Boilermakers a four point lead.

Hammons hit another layup and free throw. Purdue was now up by 7 points.



Wisconsin Badger junior point guard Bronson Koenig passes the ball while Purdue's P.J. Thompson defends. The Badgers lost to the Boilermakers 61-55 on December 29, 2015.

Showalter scored for the Badgers to end their four-minute scoring drought. A minute later, Hayes added two more for the Badgers.

Haas got fouled and went to the line to hit two. Nigel Hayes went in for a layup.

Now Purdue's Davis went to the line and hit two free throws. Next Hammons went to the free throw for two more points for Purdue.

Hammons hit a jumper and came back with a low post score. Purdue's lead was now 11.

Freshman Alex Illikainen hit a 3-pointer for Wisconsin. Hayes went to the free throw line and hit 1-2.

Illikainen hit another 3-pointer. Then he hit a jumper to get the Badgers within 3 points of the Boilermakers with just under three minutes remaining in the game.

Bronson Koenig nailed a 3-pointer.

Purdue's Dakota Mathias hit a pair of 3-pointers. Purdue leads 58-51.

Showalter tipped in a missed Bronson Koenig 3

point try, and Illikainen added a couple more for Wisconsin.

Final score was 61-55 as the Badgers lose their first conference game.

Wisconsin's bench was outscored by Purdue's 34-17. Purdue shot 50 percent from the field in the second half, while Wisconsin shot 46 percent.

Purdue outscored Wisconsin in the paint 34-20, but Wisconsin got 9 more points on takeaways.

Correction:

Thompson is a four time chess champion



Leslie Thompson was previously said to be a two-time champion of the D1CC Chess Tournament, but is a four-time champion.

"I didn't just come into these tournaments and dominate. I had to battle my way back to the finals. One quote that I kept thinking about is one from Walter Payton," Thompson said.

"Fight for every yard, fight every day. Take nothing for granted." -Walter Payton

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Matt Malimanek
Air Quality Specialist

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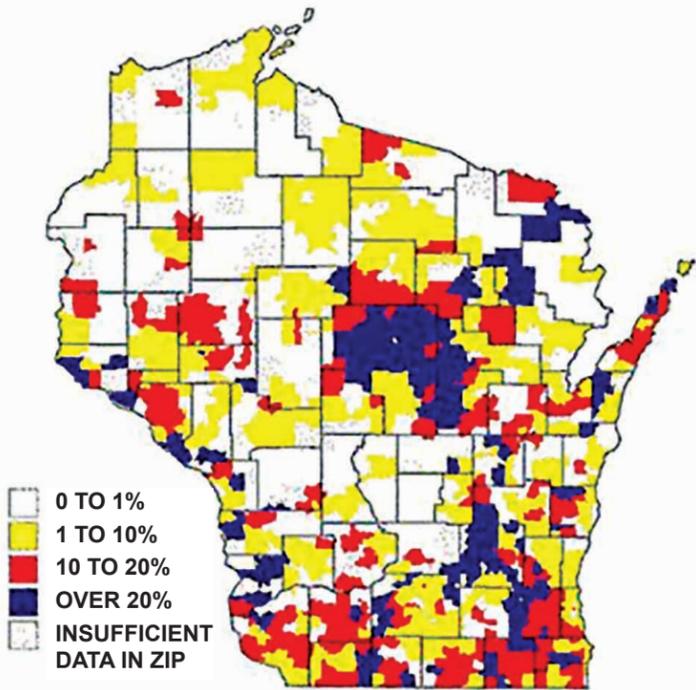
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District One Community Center Gym

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Sign up as a team or an individual.

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District One Community Center

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February 8, 2016

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Second and Third place prizes \$100.00 Walmart Gift Card

Women's 16 and Older Category
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Second and Third place prizes \$100.00 Walmart Gift Card

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED BY THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF BODY WEIGHT LOST.
The new Shape Shifters will begin on **Monday, February 8, 2016.**
You must have your registration fee before you can weigh in.
Last weigh-in will be Friday, April 29, 2016 .
Winners will be announced on **Monday, May 2, 2016 around 4:30 PM**

Weigh-in Schedule for Monday, February 8, 2016
and for Friday April 29, 2016

6:00 AM–9:00 PM District One Community Center
9 AM–10AM TOB
12PM-1PM Ho-Gaming WI Dells Loading Dock 1 Area
1:15-2:00 Wellness Center
3:40PM–4:30 PM La Crosse Branch Office

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Showing the best

Brittany makes dogs her passion at home and in the show ring

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

What started out as a fear began a passion – a love so strong that it has fully enveloped Brittany Greendeer's life.

Brittany used to be afraid of dogs, but three years ago that all changed.

Not only does she love dogs, they are her entire life, during her days and even when she sleeps. She loves her dogs so much, one of her dogs, Rhea, sleeps in her bed with her, often sleeping with her head on Brittany's neck.

Brittany is the daughter of Jon Greendeer and Stacy Sieber.

Her boyfriend got a puppy and that experience has changed her life forever. Now, her passion to be with dogs, work with dogs, and show dogs is the most important aspects of her life.

By day, she is a dog groomer at Happy Paws in Wisconsin Rapids. On weekends, she hits the show ring, wherever it may be, as a dog show handler. She has four dogs:

Rhea, Jinx, Jarvan and Karma. And her roommate has one, too, named Hailey.

Her new life came about by accident.

"It all started with Karma, a mixed breed," Brittany said. "My boyfriend wanted one and I fell in love with her."

She took Karma to dog obedience classes in Wisconsin Rapids and was introduced to showing dogs by the instructor. That's when she got bitten by the show bug.

Since she started about three years ago, she figures that she has been in the ring hundreds of times in competition across the country. She began by showing Jinx just for fun, but then got Rhea, both Australian shepherds, and began showing regularly.

"I'll show every weekend, if possible," she said. And she is very dedicated to the profession, making personal sacrifices along the way.

On Friday, January 8, she started driving out for the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club dog show in St. Paul, Minnesota at 2 a.m. in a snow and sleet storm, and sacrificed her sleep that night. Travel was extremely slow, sometimes going only 35 mph. She got to the RiverCentre with barely enough time to get herself and her dog ready for the show ring.

"I didn't win anything," she said on Saturday, minutes before the next show. "I wasn't dressed properly and my hair was a mess. I didn't deserve to win."

But when she stepped into the ring on Saturday, she was ready. In her class, Rhea was second in her class and came very close to getting reserve winners bitch at the large and prestigious show. Brittany



Brittany's show star is Rhea, who will be 2 years old in April.



Brittany Greendeer grooms Rhea before their turn in the show ring at the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club Dog Show on Saturday, January 9, in St. Paul. Behind Brittany is Kelton Hatton, who is also preparing for the show ring by grooming Orion.

looked forward to a chance to do better the next day.

"I'm not nervous at all," Brittany said about being in the show ring. "I'm too focused on presenting to be nervous, watching carefully to what I'm doing."

Being in the show ring is only one small part of the entire process of showing dogs. More important is the preparation, to which Brittany spends a great deal of time and effort. It takes her about two hours of grooming and primping to make sure her dog is the best and makes a good impression to the judge and audience.

Rhea gets a bath before they make the trip to the show and when they get there, the fine details begin. Rhea is placed on a grooming table and hair is carefully groomed with a scissors, making sure both sides of the dog look even and balanced. Loose hair is vacuumed and then cholesterol, otherwise known as mousse, is applied to the hair to give gloss and smoothness to her coat. Then chalk dust is applied to certain areas, such as the lower legs, to make the hair stand out and to look fuller. Then some whitening spray paint is applied in the white coat areas to improve the color.

Even more expertise and grooming methods are applied to increase her chances of earning a blue ribbon.

"I spend a small fortune on grooming supplies," she said.

The average cost of buying a show quality puppy is somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,500, she said.

"The cost of the dog is the cheapest part," she said. Many people think show dog show owners are rich, but usually the reverse is true, she said. It's just that she puts everything she has into her passion, including all her money.

Before anyone ventures into the sport, it's important to obtain a dog who is physically and mentally able to excel.

"It's important to have a good dog," Brittany said. "Being a good handler helps, but you have to start out with a dog that conforms to the standards of the breed."

Not only do genetically appropriate dogs help the chances of winning, but also it helps the mental part of being judged – projecting a sense of bringing the best dog possible.

"I don't want to be seen with dogs who aren't good," she said. "I want the judge to know that this is the best I have and I only bring you the best."

Showing dogs isn't all about being in the ring at judging time, she said. It's also the social aspect, such as being with friends and all the people who share the same love of dogs.

One of those friends is Kelton Hatton, who now lives in Milwaukee and was born and raised in Appleton. He's what they call a professional handler and a close dog show friend of Brittany. Because of his showing talent, he not only shows his own dogs, but shows dogs for other people.

At the show on Saturday, Kelton showed the brother to Brittany's Rhea, Orion, and took home Best of Winners in the male category. Another brother to Rhea, Apollo, took Best of Winners in a national show in Tennessee.

Brittany travels anywhere in the United States to compete in shows and has been to Michigan, Chicago and Missouri. An upcoming trip to a Pennsylvania show will be the furthest she has traveled.

She doesn't fly because, if she did, all her equipment would have to be shipped ahead of time. Instead she drives her van that has accumulated many dog show miles.

"Someday I would like to get a newer van, but that will have to wait for now," she said.

When she registers for a show, she never knows how many other entrants there will be for that breed and in that category, so it is often a surprise how many will be in the ring with her. Sometimes there are many and sometimes there are just a few.

"It's scarier when there are less dogs in the ring with me. Then there's more pressure to win," Brittany said.

And each judge has a preference for a different aspect, such as one judge will look at gait more heavily and another has a preference for a certain physical trait. That's why it's important for people to know what person will be the judge and what he or she likes.

"If you don't know what the judge likes, you don't know what to emphasize," she said. "The first impression is the most important. The judge will see a dog that he or she likes when they first enter the ring, then the judge will go over each dog individually."

While getting first place is important to Brittany,



Brittany takes Rhea for a walk in the show ring while the judge observes the walk and form of the dog. To be judged in a favorable light, Rhea's feet need to follow in a straight line and the legs need to make a "V" formation while walking.



Part of the judging process includes hands-on observation of the dog's body structure. Rhea stands still for Brittany while the judge examines the dog's teeth, body and head for confirmation of the breed's standard.

it's not everything.

"Winning is a high, but it's more important to make a good showing," she said. "It's what other people see, not just the judge."

Brittany chose Australian shepherds as her favorite breed because she likes to have well-rounded dogs who also can work outside the show ring. Because she doesn't have any sheep of her own, often she and her dogs will visit one of her friends who does have sheep. She finds that the Australian shepherds are very good with herding sheep, something bred within them.

"I have other hobbies, but this is pretty much what I do," she said.

As for her future, she would like to have a few pups this year.

"I'll be taking a break to breed Rhea then get back to showing in full force after the pups have been placed," Brittany said.

When she rejoins the show circuit, she'll be anxious to get back out into competition and plans to make every event she can.

She loves her work with dogs so much that she wants to be an inspiration to young Ho-Chunk youth. There's a program in the American Kennel Club called the Junior Handler Program which allows youth to enter into the shows with any dog, not necessarily a purebred or show dog, and learn the proper procedures.

Brittany said the Junior Handler Program will help young people enter the pastime of showing dogs, as well as teaching them responsibility and skills they will use the rest of their lives. Plus, it develops them in the social aspect and gaining new friends with the same passion for dogs.

If anyone is interested in learning what all goes into showing dogs, Brittany will do her best to help anyone. She can be contacted by email at bgreendeer@gmail.com.

'He's a fighter' - and he gets a medical wish

Cassandra Colson
Jackson County Chronicle

Michelle Greendeer-Rave first started noticing her son was having some issues with development when he was 9 months old.

George, one of six children, didn't move much and often stared to the right. A heart ultrasound eventually revealed he had three holes in his heart.

"That was kind of the first real noticeable thing that something was seriously wrong," Greendeer-Rave said.

Two of the holes in the heart closed on their own, but one never did. A surgery to examine the heart revealed one of the holes was bigger than the device that was conducting the check — another indicator that George, now 4 years old, was experiencing something uncommon.

Further analysis found an artery was wrapped around his trachea, essentially choking him to death. George, who lives in the Ho-Chunk community of East Sand Pillow in Jackson County, eventually was diagnosed with a rare ge-

netic disorder called Mowat-Wilson Syndrome, which is characterized by intellectual disability, distinctive facial features, seizures and other issues, such as gastrointestinal disease and cardiac problems.

Life has been a struggle for George, a sweet, happy child who requires 24-hours-a-day care and already has undergone five heart surgeries, Greendeer-Rave said.

Now, Greendeer-Rave is pleased that George's life will get somewhat easier with assistance he just was awarded by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The non-profit organization, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening conditions, last week granted a wish for George that includes a variety of improvements to his bedroom to make it a comfortable area with hospital room-like capabilities.

"Since he's been born, it's been rough — he's had a rough life," she said. "He's a fighter. He's just remarkable."

"He's just a very happy soul, and anyone who meets

him — they remember him no matter where we go."

Many of the wishes from the Make-A-Wish Foundation come in the form of trips to Disney-related destinations and other travel, but a small fraction — 4 percent — are like George's, giving children items they need in their homes.

George's case of Mowat-Wilson Syndrome means he struggles with mobility and travel can be dangerous, so the addition of sensory toys and an interactive whiteboard will allow him to be comfortable in his room while he enjoys being with his siblings.

"There are really great wishes for kids who are like George — who just need a few things and are really happy being at home and surrounded by family," said Rachel Schultz, a wish coordinator for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. "We really strive for granting a child's one true wish."

"We're so proud of it. I think as an organization, we really love our job and we take great pride in our work and we're all very hard workers, and we just are really driven by being able to hear stories like George's that bring hope, strength and joy to our wish families and our wish kids."

Greendeer-Rave said she started considering submitting an application for a wish for George after hearing other parents discuss it at the world conference on Mowat-Wilson Syndrome. She was hesitant at first because Ho-Chunk Nation cultural beliefs discourage thinking about mortality, but eventually pursued it to possibly get George items he needed.

Another item George received that didn't come from Make-A-Wish is a special bed that will assist him in



Make-A-Wish Foundation found the right wish for George, whose eyes lit up when he saw the digital whiteboard.

getting the sleep he needs at night — many with the syndrome have difficulty getting rest.

"Many of us (parents) were like, you don't think about mortality because you're just so busy trying to survive," she said. "A lot of them said I should consider doing it because if you don't, you'll regret it."

"Now we have a nice room just dedicated to him and all his needs. It's a wish of a lifetime for him."

Schultz said she was pleased that the organization found the right wish for George, whose eyes lit up when he saw the digital whiteboard — technology he first encountered at early childhood classes that assists

him with sensory improvement.

"We are just super excited to get this wish granted," she said. "It took us a while to really land on the perfect wish for George, but I think we hit the nail on the head with this wish for him. His eyes just really lit up when he saw that SMART Board come in."

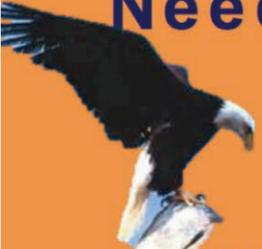
Greendeer-Rave said she's grateful George now will have several items to assist him in their home, and she also hopes other parents will look into the syndrome's symptoms and seek early medical intervention if they suspect their child may have it.

"I'm hoping to reach people that way," she said.

Donation to Badger Honor Flight



Ho-Chunk Gaming donates the proceeds of the New Year's Eve wristband sales in the amount of \$23,024.00 to the Badger Honor Flight. (Photo features the Badger Honor Flight volunteers.)



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The Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$50,000 to drug enforcement group

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature/Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$50,000.00 to the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group on December 21, 2015. The drug task force covers Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties. Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Representative Greg Blackdeer met with representatives from the MEG Unit at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

The donation will be used for operating the centralized coordination office, purchase of surveillance/investigative operational equipment, con-

fidential buy money expenditures, drug testing equipment for field officers and other expenses related to active drug investigations.

Tom Johnson, Investigative Coordinator for the MEG task force expressed, "All the members of the West Central MEG Unit want the Legislature as well as the entire Ho-Chunk Nation to know how much this donation is appreciated. These funds play a huge role in our ability to move forward in our efforts to mitigate current drug problems and tendencies throughout the area." The donation was a gaming compact deduction.



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February 24, 2016 at 5:00PM and
March 30, 2016 at 5:00PM

LOCATION: Blue Wing Community Building, Tomah, WI

Please RSVP your spot: Contact HHEDA at 608-374-1245 (Melanie Stacy)

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Notice of Vacancy and Deadline For District 3- Wittenberg One (1) Election Board Delegate

District	Number of Election Board Delegate	Alternate
District 3: (2014 – 2016)	1	

TERMS: All Election Board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one (1) term. The Delegate for District Three (3) will be serving out a term which will end December 2016.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for (1) Delegate member to represent Wittenberg District must be voted at your District monthly meeting in February 2016.

The District's meeting minutes must include each District's nomination for Election Board Member. The minutes must be presented or can fax will be acceptable to the Election Board office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, February 12, 2016

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NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland – P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-CC
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. David Greendeer-CC
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin (10:01a.m.)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Matt Mullen-P

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

*Note -Conference call in

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under New Business- K. Resolution-Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County, L. Madison Community Foundation Deposit M. Resolution-Selection of Financial Advisor for the Ho-Chunk Nation Pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Debt Policy, Under District Concerns-D4 Concern. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-1(V.P Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Regular Legislative Meeting November 3, 2015

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the November 3, 2015 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration – November 5, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the November 5, 2015 Administration meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Restatement of Projects for Reinvestment in Ho-Chunk Gaming.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15 A**, Restatement of Projects for Reinvestment in Ho-Chunk Gaming. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-2(Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer)-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

William Lowe will provide an update for the paper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution- Extension of Timeframe for the Negotiation and Approval of Final Term Sheet and Commitment Letter with PNC Bank for the Community Reinvestment Project.-Sandra Gleason, Treasurer.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-B**, Extension of Timeframe for the Negotiation and Approval of Final Term

Sheet and Commitment Letter with PNC Bank for the Community Reinvestment Project. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Andrea Estebo)-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda: Resolution-To Select New Trust Advisor Children's Trust Fund.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to amend the agenda to add M. Resolution to Select New Trust Advisor Children's Trust Fund. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-3(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution-In Support of Head Start Federal Grant Application

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-C**, In Support of Head Start Federal Grant Application. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 6-4(Rep. Robert Two Bears, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. David Greendeer)-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-HCN Energy Efficiency Executive Office Building Retrofit Project Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands.

Note: Executive Branch will need to add this to next year's budget.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-D**, HCN Energy Efficiency Executive Office Building Retrofit Project Grant Proposal to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-E**, Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-F**, Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (4 HCC § 4)

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-G**, Quick Passage Amendment to the Juvenile Ordinance (4 HCC § 4) Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 8-0-3 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Robert Two Bears, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION DEFEATED.** Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the room. **ACCORDING TO THE LOA, VOTING REQUIRES 2/3**

VOTE IN FAVOR BY THE LEGISLATURE.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (4 HCC § 4) Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-H**, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (4 HCC § 4) Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kathy De Camp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Nehomah Thundercloud to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Education.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-I**, Confirmation of Nehomah Thundercloud to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-2(Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Carlyle Greendeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation

Rep. Shelby Visintin returns.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15 J**, Confirmation of Carlyle Greendeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-2 (Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Chad Blackdeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15-K**, Confirmation of Chad Blackdeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 3-6(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. David Greendeer)-3(Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Resolution-Denial of Application of Chad Blackdeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15 L**, Denial of Application of Chad Blackdeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 7-3(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Matt Mullen)-2 (Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Henning Garvin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Denial of Application of David Abangan to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15 M**, Denial of Application of David Abangan to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 7-5(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Forrest

Whiterabbit, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0

MOTION CARRIED.

President Wilfrid Cleveland requests names for Executive Director of Business from the Legislature. Suggested names by Legislators: Executive Director of Business: Robert Mudd, Dan Sine, Jon Greendeer. Executive Director of Social Services: Stephanie Lozano, Kurt Hopinkah

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 11-17-15 N**, Approval of the CY 2016 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Lori Pettibone out of the room.

Madison Community Foundation Special Event-Rep. Henning Garvin

Rep. Lori Pettibone returns.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to deposit the \$1,500.00 donation from the Madison Community Foundation and to place those funds in the Special Events Line Item in the Youth Services budget designated for use by the Madison Youth Center as intended by the donor. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Selection of Financial Advisor for the Ho-Chunk Nation Pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Debt Policy

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table the Resolution-Selection of Financial Advisor for the Ho-Chunk Nation Pursuant to Financial Advisor for the Ho-Chunk Nation Debt Policy until after lunch. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 8-0-3(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

LUNCH

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to break for lunch at 11:52 a.m. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-2 (Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland – P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. David Greendeer-CC
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Matt Mullen-(1:12 p.m.)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established.

Resolution-Selection of Financial Advisor for the Ho-Chunk Nation Pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Debt Policy.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 11-07-15 O**, Selection of Financial Advisor for the Ho-Chunk Nation Pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Debt Policy. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 8-0-3(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

Black River Falls Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to appoint George Stacy, Jr. as the Delegate and Lynette Hopinkah as the Alternate for District 1 on the Veterans Advisory Board. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-1 (Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Matt Mullen arrives.

La Crosse Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to reappoint Ethel Funmaker as the La Crosse Area Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to appoint Marsha Smith as the La Crosse Area Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Tracy Littlejohn to support the District 2 Legislators discussion with the City of La Crosse and the park and rec department in the removal of the Hiawatha Statue.

Tomah Area Meeting:

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to approve the 2016 Monroe County Law Enforcement Agreement.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Richard Mann to support additional safety lighting and intercom system at Tomah Youth and Learning Center. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to reappoint Francis Decorah as the Tomah Area Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to appoint Donna Littlegeorge as the Tomah Area Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Jeanine Heffner to request HHCDA waive the fee to use the Blue Wing Community Building for the Christmas cookie bake sale being held on December 19, 2015. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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of the WąąksųkMaą Community Center to continue with the allocated funds to complete the community building. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting:

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer HHCDA the MOTION by Dave Decorah that Gerald Cleveland HHCDA Wisconsin Dells Commissioner vote in support of the WąąksųkMaą Community Center to continue with the allocated funding to complete the Community building. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Patti Ennis to accept the Declaration of a Zero Tolerance, Drug and Alcohol Free Community for the Indian Heights Village.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Patti Ennis requesting Legislature create a legislative workgroup to explore the feasibility of reviving the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial and Dells Park Indian Village venues. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Roger Thundercloud to use the Law Enforcement Agreement funds for the annual Holiday Party with the check made payable to Marjorie Whitman with reconciliation to be provided to the WI Dells Area Meeting.

Green Bay Area Meeting: MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer HHCDA the MOTION by Mary Lopez that HHCDA vote in support of the WąąksųkMaą Community Center to continue with the allocated funds to complete the community building. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Alvin White that the applicant must reside in Wisconsin, Minneapolis Metropolitan area, and Chicago Metropolitan area. Preference will be given to HHCDA HUD Formula Area Counties. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Milwaukee Area Meeting: MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to appoint Alex Lange as the Delegate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to appoint Sarah Balderas as the Alternate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Election Board the MOTION by Val Kempen that the Election Board throw out the recall because the Election Code wasn't followed properly. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Ruth Yellow Thunder to approve \$2,000 for Stik Academy and \$1500 for Titan Select. Second by Rep. Andrea

Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert TwoBears was out of the room.*

Chicago Area Meeting: MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Wendy White Eagle to nominate and appoint, John Dall to the HHCDA committee again. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Erin Dall to add the header to each page of area meeting minutes.

Rep. Robert TwoBears returns.

St. Paul Area Meeting: MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the ERA Work Group the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt, motion to support our Preamble of our Constitution that promises to "sustain our culture, promote our traditions and perpetuate our existence," which calls for the respect and support of Elder's within our Ho-Chunk Nation workforce, by incorporating these values in the Employment Relations Act (ERA). Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to Legislative Counsel, ERA Work Group the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt, for the Administrative Committee to consider modifying or incorporate the Tribal Employee wage scale for people who work in high-cost metro areas (i.e. Chicago, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Green Bay, Milwaukee and Madison), with the hope that this request will be recommended and seconded by the ERA Task Force Work Group. Set wages commensurate and proportionate with each areas livable wage rate. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Rosetta Hunt, to add the header to each page to the area meeting minutes.

MOTION by Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Veterans Advisory Board the MOTION by Stephanie Yellowbank, to nominate and appoint Paul Fox to the Veterans Advisory Board, as an Alternate. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session: MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 11-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.** 1:35 p.m.

Rep. Shelby Visintin excused from the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 5:12 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment: MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to Ho-Chunk Gaming-Dells, Baraboo, Wisconsin on December 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The Legislative meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

HOMEOWNERSHIP AFFORDABILITY WORKSHOP

January 28th 2016

Take the first step toward homeownership. Prepare to get your finances in order so that you can achieve your goals.

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Tomah, WI 54660

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1480	2050	1542	5046	1219
1690	2747	1460	3008	6297
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Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs
VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
 Veterans Supportive Housing Bldg
 W8699 Sandpillow Rd – Black River Falls
 Saturday, January 30, 2016 • 10:00 am

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Determination of Quorum**
- IV. **Opening Prayer**
 - a. Introductions
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
- VI. **Approval of minutes**
 - a. Minutes from September 25, 2015
- VII. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Elect a Chair
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. Emergency Relief Fund
 - b. Flags
 - c. Executive Dept of Veterans Affairs - Update
- IX. **Public Comment**
- X. **Other**
- XI. **Next Meeting Date/location**
- XII. **Adjournment**

The Division of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Advisory Board meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act. **Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**ATTENTION HO-CHUNK NATION
 TRIBAL MEMBERS**

If you have signed up for the Homeownership Program please contact Department of Housing to update your address.

Please contact Vicki Shisler, Sheila Stout, or Michelle Winneshiek.
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**Ho-Chunk Nation
 Election Board**

In accordance with the Election Code Section 24, Recall Elections. b.

The Election Board Members met on Saturday, December 19, 2015 and determined that the Recall Petition for District Four Legislator Shelby Visintin did not meet the requirements of the Election Code. The reason being that no petition was received by the date indicated in the Recall Petition Notice.

Eligible voters have five (5) working days from the posting of this notice to challenge the Decision to the Election Board.



**HO-CHUNK NATION
 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL**

GCA QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

WHO: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY

**WHEN: SATURDAY JANUARY 16, 2016 @ 10 AM.
 SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2016 @ 10 AM.**

**WHERE: COMFORT INN & SUITES
 W10170 STATE HWY 54
 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615**

AGENDA:

**GCA MONTHLY REPORTS
 GCA AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS
 COMMUNITY CONCERNS
 2016 GENERAL COUNCIL**

NOTE: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

HCN Office of the General Council
 27374 Highway 21 (PO Box 729) Tomah, WI 54661
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POSTED 12.31.2015

**Notice of HHCDA
 Annual Meeting
 January 28, 2016
 Ho-Chunk Housing &
 Community Development Agency
 (HUD Housing)**

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Robert Funmaker, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze and John Dall. Will meet on Thursday, January 28th, 2016, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, January 20th, 2016 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

NOTICE CHANGES

Wittenberg Area Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2015 6:00pm
 POTCHEENUNK – WITTENBERG, WI

WI Dells Area Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2015 6:00pm
 INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BUILDING – WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Nekoosa Area Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2015 6:00pm
 CHAKH-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Green Bay Area Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2015 6:00pm
 1047 S. 9TH ST, GREEN BAY, WI



Howard and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone. For all the kind words, thoughts, and prayers during this hard time we had endured.

We greatly appreciate everything that each and every one of you had done to support us. The doctors and nurses at Gundersen for taking care of Howard. Joan, Joyce, Cindi, Laurette, and my Aunt Nadine—who all financially helped us. Patrick and Dana for helping transport Howard back from the hospital and helping get his meds. Victoria and Tony for the great prime rib dinner on our anniversary. Eric and Elissa for taking care of the dogs, things at home, and most of all what you did when Janette passed away. Joe, Cookie, Jonette, and Laurette for the family support you gave Howard. Joey Price and her helpers for taking care of Janette.

Housing, Social Services, Pepper, and Scott McManners for getting our water fixed while we were at the hospital. Richard Mann and Elliott Garvin for helping Howard out. Your kind words and wisdom helped him out greatly.

I know we might have forgot someone but we did not mean to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Pinagigi,
Howard & Vicki*



Elizabeth Deere
Masu Rukanabewi ga

The family of Elizabeth Deere, Masu Rukanabewi ga (Shining Feather Woman), would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all the assistance during the loss of our dear family matriarch. A special thank you to roadman, Gaga Deere's grandson Lance Long for leading us in prayer, for all his words of encouragement and being with the family every step of the way even at the hospital where our mom/gaga passed. Thank you to his helpers Neulan Dion III, John WhiteCloud, Corey Hindsley. Thank you to all the help, those that brought wood, medicine, food, financial assistance. Special thank you to Myrtle Long for being the head cook, all her helpers Charity Thunder, Henu Mary, Nikki, Nyree, Marlys WhiteEagle, Fran Weidenholdt, Milly Lee & the Greater Eau Claire Area Chapter of the NAC for all the help and for cooking all the delicious food that mom/gaga enjoyed in her lifetime. Thank you to the HoChunk Nation President's office for the help and the TAU for the flowers and their assistance. Special thank you to the pallbearers, and special thank you to Chiara Blackcoon and Ardis Funnaker for sitting by grandma and taking care of her all night long. Thank you for all those who sent flowers, all the phone calls, encouraging talks and prayers. Mom/Gaga Deere had a beautiful send off with all the beautiful singing especially during the funeral prayer meeting. May Mauna bless you all for your kindness and compassion. -Clairmont, Russell, & GreenCrow Families



**4th Memorial Services for
John C. Greengrass
Aho-Gi-Geensh-Ga**

Friday, January 29th at
Native American Church, WI Dells

Wilbert Cleveland
Officiating the Memorial

Please come celebrate with
Songs and Prayers for
John Greengrass

He was a truly dedicated member of the
Native American Church, WI Dells



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16 Men's & 12 Women's Teams - Double Elimination

Men's 1st-\$10,000 2nd-\$6,000 3rd-\$3,000 4th-\$1,500

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All tournament players 18 & older, out of High School & proof of tribal enrollment with photo ID
Payment in Full, Cashiers Check or Money Order - NO refunds or Team/Money Transfers

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March Madness

Nelson Funmaker 3-pt Shootout Tournament Admission

Kunu Yazzie Slam Dunk Contest Daily or Weekend

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