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Editor

As summer and Memorial Day fast approach, the Ho-Chunk Nation remembers fallen warriors at flag raising event held on May 23, 2016 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Each Monday at the Tribal Office Building, employees gather at the front entrance to witness the flag raising ceremony while singers sing the Ho-Chunk flag song and veterans hoist flags for the work week. On Fridays, the flags are lowered and stored for the weekend.

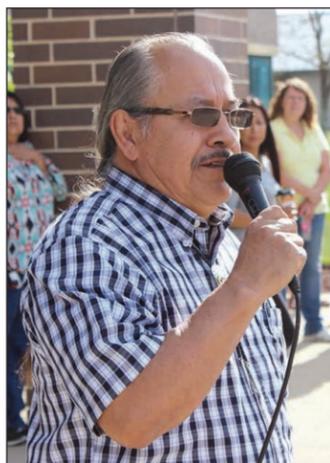
The Monday before Memorial Day the Division of Veterans Affairs of the Heritage Preservation Department and the Office of the President organized an event to recognize the Ho-Chunk Nation members who were killed or missing in action.

The event was called, In Honor of Our Fallen Warriors: Killed in Action & Missing in Action.

Like every Monday, employees gathered at the front entrance. But this week members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129, family members of those mili-

tary personnel who died or went missing during their service to America, the Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek, and Jackson County Service Officer Randy Bjerke joined in the observance.

The Ho-Chunk Nation, US, and State of Wisconsin flags were raised and lowered to half-mast to pay respect the fallen warriors from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf.



Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland read the names of those tribal members who were killed in action or missing in action.

Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek greeted those in attendance and gave a prayer of the morning ceremony.

The Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 rendered a 21 gun salute and Bjerke played taps as part of the ceremony.



Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 dance during the Service songs.

Next, Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland gave remarks about the ceremony. During his address, President Cleveland read the names of 25 Ho-Chunk veterans who served in the military and gave the ultimate sacrifice to the US and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Those who served during World War I were Foster Decorah, Robert Decorah, Nelson B. Delaronde, James Greengrass, Dewey Mike, Mike Standing Water, and Jesse Thompson.

Those who served in World War II were Alpheus

Decorah, Levi Decorah, George Green, Matthew Johnson, Adam Littlebear Jr. Abraham Littlebeaver, Howard Littlejohn, Thomas Soldier, Samuel Thundercloud, Herman White, and Joe White.

George Green and Adam Littlebear Jr. were also Ho-Chunk Code Talkers.

Those who served during Korea were Mitchell Redcloud Jr., Arthur Irwin Blackhawk, John Rice, and John Saloman.

Those who served in Vietnam were Elliot L. DeCora and Anthony J. LaMere

Serving in the Persian Gulf was Scott A. Sharpback.

The four Service Songs were sung, and Post 129 danced around the drum.

Everyone was invited to cake and refreshments after the ceremony.

The flags were raised to full mast at noon, concluding the observance.

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Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 stand at parade rest during the flag raising ceremony to remember fallen warriors.

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Editorial: Positive tribal politics strengthen culture

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The effort to build the Kijire Nagu Healing Center to address alcohol and drug addiction within the Ho-Chunk Nation and neighboring Indian nation population is steadily moving forward. The group is seeking board members in this issue of the Hocak Worak.

The world of addiction is a dark one. A negative one. Alcohol and drug use or abuse is a coping device for deeper underlying mental and emotional issues. Much like the TV reality show, The Biggest Loser, where people face their image or health issue and discover they were eating, over eating, for the wrong reasons.

Spending millions of dollars on a healing center for drugs and alcohol will help individuals kick the habit. But when they leave and are healed, the multi-million dollar facility will need a fresh group of addicts. Because of that need for more addicts, it seems to be vicious cycle, and most natives end up down that rough and wicked road.

One look at a graduating class of more than 20 Ho-Chunk students in Black River Falls High School showed at within a year of graduation nearly 90 percent had an arrest record. The arrests were drug and alcohol related. Are public schools teaching our Ho-Chunk students to become criminals?

The Ho-Chunk Nation definitely has an educational system within our culture. In fact, our learning process begins even before we take our first breath, as expecting mothers hear about clan responsibilities from their in-laws.

The Ho-Chunk Nation government doesn't have an educational system. We currently have an immersion day care in one community. We have Head Start Centers in six of our communities. And we have a charter school in Nekoosa. But no solid educational system to teach our children how to be positive productive Ho-Chunk Nation members. We need one.

The nation could benefit from a Ho-Chunk language immersion boarding school

for our Ho-Chunk school-aged kids. The amount of time exposed to the language would be a great help for our language retention. The amount of confidence a Ho-Chunk student would have towards education would skyrocket as well.

The native Hawaiian immersion schools reports nearly 90 percent high school graduation rate. Nearly the same percent goes on to four-year college education. And about 80 percent earn their bachelor's degree. What great results.

In a visit to Six Nations Reserve in Canada, their language immersion elementary school taught all subjects in their language. The school week started with a prayer by one of the students, who prayed about 15 minutes in their language. It was all very impressive.

My question is where would the Ho-Chunk Nation get more bang for its buck, with a healing center or language immersion school? Obviously, the need for both institutions is there.

The plan for Kijire Nagu is to heal them with cultural components and focus their energy towards being Ho-Chunk. A language immersion school would instill enough knowledge and confidence to possibly steer the Ho-Chunk student clear of making the bad choices that lead to addiction.

Would highly trained Ho-Chunk students still find a need to indulge in alcohol and drugs, if they knew the history of trauma natives faced as a result of alcohol?

Imagine what a Ho-Chunk student could learn in 1,000 hours of instruction per year. Clan duties would be fulfilled. Our Ho-Chunk artistry of basket making, applique, dances, songs would be secure for future generations.

All Ho-Chunk high school graduates who withdrawal their trust funds are automatically Pell Grant ineligible, which can be as much as \$5,000.00 per academic year. If they attended a language immersion boarding school, we could classify them as "wards of the Ho-Chunk Na-

tion" and they'd become Pell eligible.

Ho-Chunk students could receive years of financial education in preparation of receiving a trust fund.

Ho-Chunk students could

be trained in areas of interest to meet the needs of our tribal government.

Ho-Chunk students could continue their education at a tribal college and become the authors of text used in various

levels of education.

I believe we'd get a bigger bang for our buck with a language immersion school. Why would leaders vote against such a positive effort?

National Police Week



During National Police Week, May 15-21, members of the Ho-Chunk Police Department were recognized for their service. They are (from left) Brandon Winneshiek, Heleyna Brinnegar, Chief Earl Lemieux, Nikki Thunder-Kiesow and Zack Quackenbush. The week is designated to say 'thank you' to the men and women who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting our communities.

HAGA Season Opener

Our HAGA Season Opener was held on Saturday, May 14th at Glacier Wood Golf Club of Iola. The day started out with some very unseasonable weather. Some even encountered snow flurries enroute to the golf course. The temperature hovered around 38 degrees throughout the day. 25 HAGA members and three youth golfers braved the blustery conditions. Despite the weather, everyone did their best to enjoy the day and took the challenge to compete with Mother Nature. Teams are chosen by "Luck of the Draw," and the team combination that won the honors of first place went to Patty Hall, Larry Littlegeorge, Kevin Funmaker and Kyle WhiteEagle. Congratulations goes out to the team. Glacier Wood Golf Club was a wonderful facility to work with. They did an excellent job accommodating golfers with their hospitality. HAGA members always look forward to each event and thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for providing the opportunity to participate in these golf outings.

Thank you,
Connie Radtke
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Board of Directors



2016 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.



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

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements! Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 17th for the June 24th edition of the Hocak Worak.

Brinegar graduates from Law Enforcement Academy

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For Heleyna Brinegar, joining the Ho-Chunk Police Department is quite an accomplishment. But in order for her to do so, she had to have the correct training.

Making that possible, Heleyna attend the Law Enforcement Academy at Western Technical College in Sparta.

Heleyna graduated on Friday, May 13, during a graduation ceremony at Western Technical College, one of 18 graduates.

"I decided to become a law enforcement officer because it's something I've always wanted to do since I was in grade school. I've always liked being a helping hand," Heleyna said. "Being a law enforcement officer I have the potential to help those who can't help themselves, or maybe influence the lives of those who are starting on the wrong path, but could be saved from it."

Much of what she has become is because of her upbringing, which she attributes to her parents and brothers and sisters.

"My childhood was pretty awesome. I was raised in a house with two parents, Darren and Maria, along with seven other siblings. By seven o'clock, all 10 of us would sit at the dinner table and eat dinner together. That was my favorite part of the day," she said. "We always did everything as a family, very seldom were we apart. My dad worked while my mom was a stay-at-home mom."

Heleyna has an older sister, Mycaela; two younger brothers, Imanuel and Trestian; and three younger sisters, Gaby, Reyna and Lorena.

She is a 2013 graduate of Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids.

Her parents did, and still do, everything they can for all of them, she said. From school sports to just needing someone to talk to, her parents were always there.

"I wasn't raised around alcohol or drugs - my parents kept us away from that kind of stuff. When I was younger I wanted to enlist in the Navy and make a career of that, time went by and it didn't work out. I was looking through the job postings



Heleyna Brinegar (center) celebrated her graduation from the Law Enforcement Academy with her family on Friday, May 13. She is now working for the Ho-Chunk Police Department.

and seen an opening for a law enforcement officer so I put in an application," Heleyna said.

She started the Law Enforcement Academy in February and graduated in May. The best part of academy was

making new friends and the learning experiences, she said. One of the toughest parts was all the different testing.

Heleyna has only been on the job for two weeks, but she can already tell that the best

part of her job is being able to help people in our communities.

Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Registry

Ho-Chunk Veterans Service Officer Margaret "Muggs" Garvin wants to honor all Ho-Chunk veterans by listing them in a published registry. Ho-Chunk veterans are urged to contact Garvin at (715) 284-9343 extension 1354 with their biographies.



Amos W. Kingsley Jr was born approximately on May 1, 1940 in the town of Komen-sky to Dorothy Decorah (nee Greengrass) and Amos W. Kingsley Sr.

He joined the United States Navy on July 28, 1957 fresh out of high school (Wisconsin Rapids), but left from Chicago, IL. He went to boot camp at RTC Great Lakes, IL. Then he went to "RM" (radioman) A school while still at Great Lakes. He went to three additional schools - Military

Repair and Electronics at Great Lakes, then to UDT (underwater demolition) at AMPHIBPAC, Coronado, CA

While in the US Navy, Amos maintained a TOP SECRET clearance. He was responsible for receiving messages. Everything that came on board the ship went through him. Having a top secret clearance confidentiality was drilled into his head so he is willing to give limited amount of information of his time while on active duty.

Amos was assigned under the command of Admiral Shae who was the Commander of the 7th Fleet. Admiral Shae was portable officer that was transferred from ship to ship due to security reasons, and Amos followed. Amos started out on the USS Jason - AR8 (submarine repair ship), went to Sasabo Japan (submarine repair station), then aboard the USS St. Paul, then the USS Providence plus many more.

He enjoyed most being transferred from ship to ship. They were able to see so many places.

He retired from Kraemer Brothers construction in 2000 and has been married to his wife Judy for about 25 years.

Robert J. Mann was born on February 7, 1954 in Baraboo, WI to Ralph and Christine (Little Bear) Mann.

He joined the United State Marine Corps on February 5, 1974. His MOS was 6132 Helicopter Dynamic Components Mechanic in which he was to inspect, maintain, test and repair helicopter dynamic components.

He was stationed at Naval Air Station, Millington, TN, MCAS Tustin, CA, MCAS Yuma, AZ, Futenma, Okinawa, MCAS New River, NC.

"After basic training I continued on with 3 months aviation training at the Naval Air Station in Millington, TN and then 6 more months at the Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Ana (Tustin), CA. After my schooling was complete I went a couple of ship deployments and eventually went to Yuma, AZ and qualified with a 50 caliber. Then received



orders for Okinawa, while I was there I went on a deployment called Operation Paul Bunyan. This was a time we almost went to war with North Korea. Luckily that didn't happen and we returned by to

Okinawa. Upon returning to the U. S. I was given orders for MCAS New River N.C. When I arrived I was asked if I would go on a 6 month Mediterranean cruise, because of my experience. I declined and decided to just finish out my time there. While at MCAS New River I had the opportunity to play tackle football for the Marine Corps. They were part a semi-pro league on the East coast. At the end of the season we had a banquet and I was given an award for the leading tackler on the team. This part of my service was really hard work, but it also had its benefits."

He was discharged 2-7-1978 from the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, NC

Robert is married to Winona (Funmaker) Mann. Between the two of them they have 6 children and 16 grandchildren.

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Ho-Chunk Nation hosts 'Share the Care Cancer Conference'

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Most everyone has been touched by cancer in one way or another, whether a family member or friend, or a personal account of having cancer.

That's why it's important people with the concern of cancer receive information about cancer and support to get through the difficult times.

To meet that need, the Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the 13th Annual Share the Care Cancer Conference on Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17, at the Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

The Ho-Chunk Nation was the original sponsor of the event as well, having started the conference in 2003.

"It's conducted for cancer education and awareness for our community members, learning new things going on with cancer and advocacy, new things and research being performed, and what can they do as community members to support each other," said Louise Voss, health educator with the Ho-Chunk Health Department.

Voss and HCN Health Department CHR Supervisor Ruth Puent were co-organizers for this year's event.

"Our focus is more on community members than on health staff. We bring information on things people went through or going through or as a caregiver," Puent said.

On Tuesday, the conference had 207 people in attendance and on Wednesday, there were 163 people attending the sessions.

"It was open to everyone, with it being native specific. We sent out a 'save the date' card when we booked the conference center and a flyer with registration information when the speakers were finalized. We had articles in the newspaper and on the Health web page. Ona (Garvin) spoke to people at the area meetings, plus we put up posters and had information at the Tribal Office Building," Voss said.

Last year the conference was held in Bad River and the Ho-Chunk Nation offered to host the 2016 conference, which was then approved.

At the conference, the topic isn't just to talk about cancer alone, but also how it is linked to other conditions as well, Puent said.

One of the highlights was the sessions given by Dr. Kurt Oettel. What was helpful for the audience is that Oettel is an oncologist who works with the Ho-Chunk Nation's Health Care Center in Black River Falls. His specialties are medical oncology, breast cancer, and cancer and blood disorders, Puent said.

Another highlight was the session provided by Dr. Stuart Robertshaw, who offered a

presentation, "Laughter is the Best Medicine," Voss said.

"What many of us don't realize that laughter improves our mind, body and spirit," Voss said. "And as adults, we don't get enough of it. Children will laugh between 400 and 500 times a day, yet adults average only about 15 times a day," Voss said.

Included in the conference was the annual "Night of Remembrance" dinner, when loved ones who died from



Dr. Kurt Oettel told how the advancements in cancer treatment are helping save lives and improve quality of life.



Anthony Lipke explained how the different medications being used to treat cancer affect people differently.

cancer are remembered and honored. Also recognized are people who have survived their battles with cancer. The observance has usually been held the Friday before the opening of the Memorial Day Powwow at the Powwow Grounds in Black River Falls, but organizers felt the event fit better this year with the conference. Linda Delay performed most of the work for it.

To each of the cancer survivors, an afghan blanket was given. The afghans were made by hand by men inmates at the Jackson Correctional Institute.

"I want to give a 'thank you' to Chief Clayton Wineshiek for speaking at the convention and giving a blessing," Puent said. "He gave us some really encouraging words," Puent said.

Presenters included Dr. Kurt Oettel, Rick Strickland and

Isaiah Brokenleg, Anthony Litke, Thomas Walker, M.D., Dr. Stuart Robertshaw (aka Dr. Humor), Nan Gardner and Mark Poless PhD.

Dr. Kurt Oettel gave a presentation, "Stages of Cancer," in which he explained how medical professionals term a patient's cancer advancement in stages.

"Staging is just how advanced the cancer is," Oettel said. "Some is aggressive, some is not."

Stage 0 is the first stage, which isn't usually talked about. The tumors haven't decided to invade other tissue, but they don't stop growing. At that point, doctors "don't know if it's the real McCoy or not."

Stage 1 is when cancer is hard to detect and rarely causes any symptoms. Doctors are not sure whether to treat or not.

Stage 2 is when the tumor has invaded a little further and is curable. Symptoms may appear or not be present. Surgery is an option.

Stage 3 is when the patient has symptoms and surgery is questionable. Chemotherapy and radiation may be used and it may be curable or it may not.

Stage 4 is when symptoms are present and surgery is not recommended but chemotherapy can be used. It is not curable, with head and neck cancer being the exception.

Screening is important and is done to detect cancer before it is considerably advanced and before symptoms appear. Screening is done for breast, colon, lung and prostate cancer. However, there presently are no screenings for bladder, pancreatic, brain and kidney cancers.

Also, a "Lingo Bingo" was held Tuesday afternoon in which terms for cancer and its treatment and conditions were used on a typical bingo sheet. Rick Strickland dressed up in a red costume to resemble a tumor to add a little humor to the activity while he and Isaiah Brokenleg called out the words.

Anthony Lipke, pharmacist at the Ho-Chunk Pharmacy in Black River Falls, told about the various medications used for chemotherapy, along with the benefits and side effects.

"Not all cancers are equal, so some can be difficult to treat," Lipke said. The basic function is to slow or stop cells from rapidly multiplying, which has an effect on cancer, but other cells within the body as well.

An Eagle staff gets passed from tribe to tribe for each instance of hosting the conference. The next conference in 2017 will be held at Red Cliff or Lac Courte Oreilles bands or at the Urban Indian Center in Milwaukee, Puent said.

"So many people gave us



Adding a little humor to the conference, Rick Strickland dressed up like a cancer tumor for 'Lingo Bingo' while Isaiah Brokenleg called out the clues for words used on the bingo sheets.

positive comments and statements. It was beautiful. Everyone did a good job," Puent said.

"I'm astounded at the attendance," she said. "There are a lot of Ho-Chunk members present and all participants have given us great feedback.

We've had good food, good information, good presenters, good topics and great housing. Thank you to everyone able to attend. And thank you to Ona and the department staff for all their hard work."

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Hoocak Students tested in language baseball tournament

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On May 11 and 12, Hoocak students were tested in a language baseball tournament held at the Tribal Office Building. With the spin of a die and a random question, students translate answers before fluent speaker judges to advance bases or strike out just like in a real baseball game.

The language students come from Black River Falls, Tomah, and Wisconsin Dells high schools, where the Hoocak language is taught by Department of Public Instruction certified language teachers for credit to meet the foreign language requirement for high school graduation.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Language Division offers Hoocak 1, as a beginning class, Hoocak 2&3, as novice to novice-mid learning levels. Hoocak 4 is offered in the Tomah High School.

Classes are open to all students and taught year-round. Depending on what high school students attend, classes meet 3 to 5 times a week for 50 minutes to 1 hour and 20 minutes per class meeting.

During class, students not only learn Hoocak language lessons, they learn about tribal history and culture. Classes also cover what other American Indian nations are doing to preserve their languages.

The language baseball tournament is a fun and competitive way to test the language learned by each student from different areas and class levels.

Each team is made up of students enrolled in language class. On Day 1 of the Hoocak Language Baseball tournament was for student enrolled in Hoocak 1.

There were two teams from Black River Falls, and one team from Tomah and one team from Wisconsin Dells.

The Wisconsin Dells team had 3 students, while the Black River Falls teams had nearly 10 students.

The team up to bat would send the player out to roll the die. The die would land on "S" for a single base hit, "D" for a double, "T" for a triple, "H" for a homerun, and "C" for the batter's choice. If the student answered the question correctly, they'd advance to what they spun on the die. Each student reaching home plate would result in a score of one point for that team.

The Tomah team won the Beginner round of the tournament by beating the Wisconsin Dells team in the final. The final score was 36-35.

The Tomah team was Tahlin Jefferson, Krimzen Perea, Katelyn Kaufman, Gregory Funmaker Whitegull, Brennen Turner, Mark Tainter, and Shandii Begay

On Day 2 of the tournament, a slim 4 student Wis-

consin Dells team ended up winning it all.

The Wisconsin Dells team was Zander Decorah, David

Day, Kane Funmaker, and Miguel Griner.

The winners were awarded a trophy.



Medicine Wheel program certifies 9 new trainers

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Social Services Department's Children & Family Services' Resource Center offers Medicine Wheel training to help mentor adults and children who want to learn more about native teachings to eliminate and deal with crises.

The Resource Center has offered the training since July 2015.

"Our intake numbers have increased. It's only Charity and myself. We needed to train more facilitators to handle the higher numbers," said Community Service Coordinator Nyree Kedrowski.

The Resource Center's Case Management Coordinator Charity Thunder and Kedrowski prepared training materials, which includes a booklet and a PowerPoint presentation, to certify more

trainers.

Gordon Thunder served as the group's Elder Advisor.

"The Medicine Wheel training has everything our Ho-Chunk elders talked about. They put this information together so it could be useful to anyone. Participants can take what is given and find something beneficial for themselves. There is a need for it. You can go page by page and understand it," said Elder Advisor Gordon Thunder.

"Each clan has a set of teachings for growing, to know and understand from our first breath to the time we are called back to the creator. I tell young people you are here for a purpose. The things you say and do are observed by others. Nothing is self-proclaimed. The clan teachings are pretty constant. We all try to fulfill everything given at birth during our lifetime of



Medicine Wheel program trainers: (seated) Faye Begay, Myrna Thompson, Nyree Kedrowski, Elizabeth Deer, Desiree Gearing-Lancaster, Carolyn Blackdeer, and Joseph Kedrowski. Not pictured are Barbara Mackenzie, and Nicholas Kedrowski.



Myrna Thompson shakes hands with Gordon Thunder after receiving her certification as a Medicine Wheel trainer.

learning."

"This book based on the Medicine Wheel will be useful to the younger generation. When our young reach the height of grown-ups, they would be taught to build a shelter, make a fire, and trap animals. That would occur around age twelve. Today, our 12 year olds wouldn't last too long. They should have more respect for what's put in front of them," said Thunder.

Before the each new trainer was certified, the group did a discussion of what they learned from hearing the four days of training. Each individual is going to pass along what they learned.

Those who were certified are Barbara Mackenzie, Myrna Thompson, Faye Begay, Carolyn Blackdeer, Nyree Kedrowski, Elizabeth Deer, Desiree Gearing-Lancaster, Nicholas Kedrowski, and Joseph Kedrowski.

Medicine Wheel teachings focus on balancing our lives, choices for ourselves, and making good choices.

Myrtle Long, who has worked for Social Services for 37 years, said, "This is the first time we are certifying trainers in the Medicine Wheel teachings within the Ho-Chunk Nation. This is excellent. It'll be good for our people."

Keenan joins Nation to help with agriculture production and education

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation has a helping hand for horticulture projects this summer.

Jack Keenan has been hired as a contract horticulture consultant, having started April 18.

He is an enrolled Ho-Chunk member, the son of Irene Keenan, and is from Prairie du Sac.

Keenan is a 2014 graduate of University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point with a degree in philosophy.

His main mission with the Nation is to get the fruit and nut production going, so he has been planting apple, pear and nut trees to create an orchard at Whirling Thunder Ranch near Tomah.

Also helping with the vegetable production, Keenan will be working in all agricultural tasks with Woodrow White at

Whirling Thunder Ranch. A large vegetable garden provides all types of nutritious vegetation that will be given to the Head Start centers in Black River Falls and all the Tribal Aging Units in the Ho-Chunk communities.

Whirling Thunder Ranch is the center of the Ho-Chunk horticulture effort, both for production and for training.

"The big goal is education," White said. "Gardening is culturally ingrained within the Ho-Chunk people. We are working toward food sovereignty."

Keenan believes his work will help the people gain a better understanding and education of agricultural practices, something rooted in their culture.

"The Ho-Chunk word for people who grow their food is 'Maax hoz'ura,' which means 'those who till the earth,'



Jack Keenan hopes to make horticulture education more common among Ho-Chunk members.

Keenan said. "It's cultural education through agriculture."

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Cultural Awareness Event educates students

Submitted by Patricia Reyes, JOM Chairperson for Baraboo, Portage, Reedsburg, Sauk City, Wisconsin Dells and Mauston

A Cultural Awareness Event was held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the WhiteEagle Legion Post by JOM servicing the following areas: Baraboo, Portage, Reedsburg, Sauk City, Wisconsin Dells and Mauston. The main intent for the Cultural Awareness Event is to help educate students about Hocak tradition and Culture.

Woodrow White from the Department of Education was the first to present to the group of 80 people. Woodrow provided a display board and handouts to go along with his presentation. Woodrow explained food systems and the ways the Ho-Chunk Nation is using lands to farm, gardening, getting back to organic farming, and explained the benefits to eating organically.

Hera Lonetree-Rindahl a Substance Abuse Counselor was second to present to the group. Hera addressed the

group about her personal recovery story.

After lunch was blessed, served and cleared, tables were removed to make room for the third presenter. Mr. Larry Walker asked the crowd "does anyone know how to play hide and go seek?" The crowd replied excitedly "YES" Larry replied "good then it should be easy for you all to catch on to this game then." The Moccasin Game was placed on a blanket in the front of the group as Larry explained that this game is a way for tribal members to socialize. Larry called for the older students to go first as they already knew how to play, so the younger ones would catch on. Larry sang while he hit the hand drum. The line got longer with excited youth, that wanted to take a turn as the crowd watched, cheered them on, laughed excitedly when the stone was found on the very first try.

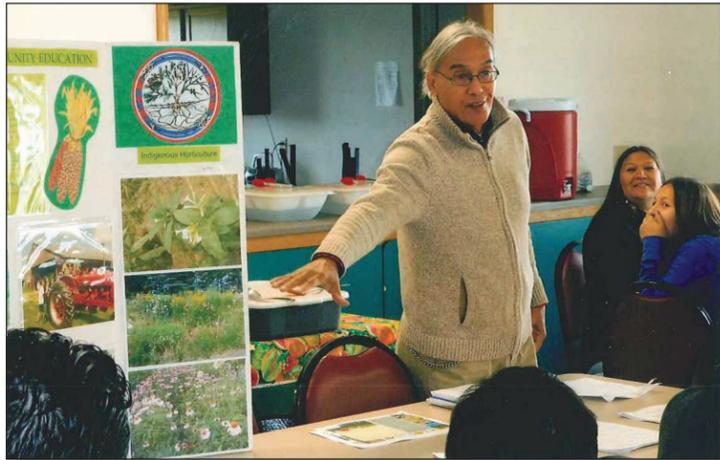
One by one, the seven attending graduates were called to the front of the room to be presented with a homemade



Graduates: Tianna DeCora, Carlie Blackdeer, Cassie Blackdeer, Julian Berg, Sarah Crowley, Colette Fanning and Cheyanne Mike.



Youth playing the moccasin game.



Woodrow White



Hera Lontree-Rindahl



Graduate honor song at drum Left side: Gordon Thunder, Larry Walker, Elliott Funmaker and Chuck Davis.

applique stole. Each graduate was then asked at that time who their special guest was, and how that person inspired them to achieve their graduation goal. The seven attending graduates were Julian Berg, Colette Fanning, Carlie Blackdeer, Cassie Blackdeer, Tianna DeCora, Cheyanne

Mike and Sarah Crowley. Drum was provided by Elliott Funmaker. Elliott did a thank you song for the meal and an honor song for the graduates.

Gordon Thunder was the closing presenter of the event. Gordon addressed the group about the importance of spiritual life, Hocak milestones,

and the expectations of young reaching adulthood. Gordon has a skill for talking about things in terms that the youth can relate to such as when speaking about spiritual life he referred to cellphones and TV's; how we don't see it but we know it's there.

Dejope Community Arts & Crafts Sessions for June!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
Materials are provided by the Office

We're starting out with making applique designs on towels & pot holders - more projects will be coming

If you are working on your own project, we encourage you to bring it to the sessions

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Through June

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Steindorfs make annual 5K run a family event

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

John Steindorf and his wife, Beth, are enthusiastic about keeping physically fit, and they want to make sure their children have the same attitude about exercise.

To practice that philosophy and instill that on their children, they competed in the Eighth Annual 3 Rivers/Granddad Bluff 5 K Run/Walk in La Crosse on May 7.

“This is the second year my wife and I ran in the event. We ran in it a couple years ago, but this time we wanted our whole family involved.

In recent years, John has put a renewed emphasis on staying in shape. A few years ago, he was diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer. And recently, he had a double tear in the meniscus in his knee.

“I used to be a jogger and, eight years ago, I used to run 10 miles a day,” John said.

His son, William, never ran in a 5K before, so he was a little apprehensive, he said. During the run, he stayed with John for a while, but got antsy and decided to take off faster. John didn’t see him until the end, when he learned William earned a second place finish in his age category, 34th overall. His time for 5K was 22:58.

John finished 121 of 389 entries and 9th in his age group with a time of 26:34. His wife, Beth, and daughter, Olivia, walked for a portion of the event, so they didn’t look up their finish ranking or times.

During the run, John and Beth wore their Ho-Chunk “Save the Mounds” tee shirts. They all said they were happy to have entered the run.

“It’s a real healthy thing to do,” John said. “I’m glad we did it.”



The Steindorf family, William, Olivia, Beth and John, pose for a photo before the Eighth Annual 3 Rivers/ Granddad Bluff 5 K Run/Walk. John and Beth wore their mound tee shirts.

Fallen warriors

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Dave Mach and President Cleveland prepare to raise the US flag.



In Honor of Our Fallen Warriors: Killed in Action & Missing in Action event recognize tribal members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



Veterans in attendance salute the flags.



STRAIGHT SHOT MOCCASIN TOURNAMENT

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

TIME: 6:00PM

WHERE: DISTRICT ONE COMMUNITY CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Prizes:

First Place: \$300

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100

Rules:

- Four Horses
- Four Man Team (minimum)
- One pass through moccasins
- Must provide own moccasin set
- Must have a singer
- Female relatives are encouraged to come and support your favorite team

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MELISSA OR TONI AT 715-284-0905

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES-BLACK RIVER
FALLS, WI
MAY 3, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P

Rep. Lori Pettibone-P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-EX

Rep. David Greendeer-P

Rep. Henning Garvin-P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-EX

Rep. Shelby Visintin-

(10:14 a.m.)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Matt Mullen-P

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-

Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the agenda with adding under Committee Reports H1, Authorization of Deduction from Payment from the Gaming Compact Payment for Interest Payments for the Wazee Waste Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives at 10:14 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the April 19, 2016 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-April 20, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the April 20, 2016 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Committee-April 21, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the April 21, 2016 Development Committee meeting minutes. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee-April 21, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the April 21, 2016 Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-April 25, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the April 25, 2016 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-April 26, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the April 26, 2016 Special Finance

Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 9-0-2 (Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-April 27, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the April 27, 2016 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-2 (Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-April 28, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the April 28, 2016 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-May 2, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the May 2, 2016 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Deduction from Payment from the Gaming Compact Payment for Interest Payments for the Wazee Waste Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16A**, Authorization of Deduction from Payment from the Gaming Compact Payment for Interest Payments for the Wazee Waste Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Contract Signature Authority

Resolution-Health Dept. to Pursue an MOU with Great Lakes Intertribal Epidemiology Center

Resolution-Support for the Health Dept. to Pursue MOU with UW School of Medicine and Public Health

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to TABLE Contract Signature Authority, Health Dept. to Pursue an MOU with Great Lakes Intertribal Epidemiology Center, and Support for the Health Dept. to pursue MOU with UW School of Medicine and Public Health and to keep these items off of the agenda until they are ready to come back to full Legislature. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Ashley Decorah on the William Decorah Homestead #439 276

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16B**, Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Ashley Decorah on the William Decorah Homestead #439 276. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. Vice President Darren Brinegar **WITHDRAWS HIS MOTION.** **SECOND CONCURS.** **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to TABLE Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Ashley Decorah

on the William Decorah Homestead #439 276. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-1(Rep. Greg Blackdeer)-1(Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Priority Allocations

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16B**, Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Priority Allocations. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3 HCC § 2)

Resolution-Enactment of the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14)

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to TABLE Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3 HCC § 2) and Enactment of the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14) until later today. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Temporary Construction Easement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Radke Road

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16C**, Granting a Temporary Construction Easement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Radke Road. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendment to Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan and Trust Appointing Newport Trust Company as Successor Trustee

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16D**, Amendment to Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan and Trust Appointing Newport Trust Company as Successor Trustee. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 5-3(Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer, Vice President Darren Brinegar)-3(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 09-17-13 G, Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #37 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Manda Mann

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16E**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 09-17-13G, Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #37 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Manda Mann. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to TABLE Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program Application for the Construction of the

Black River Falls Community Center

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16F**, Approval of the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program Application for the Construction of the Black River Falls Community Center, with correction to the title. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to amend the agenda to revisit New Business C, Resolution-Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3 HCC § 2) and D, Resolution-Enactment of the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3 HCC § 2)

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16G**, Amendments to the Public Nuisance Act (3 HCC § 2). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Enactment of the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14)

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16H**, Enactment of the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

District 2-Baraboo-May 2, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President and Housing Committee the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for the Legislature to make Housing Development and acquisition a top priority in the Wisconsin Dells area. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-1(Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President and Housing Committee the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to have Legislature and Housing entities utilize leveraging to finance the development and acquisition of new units. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the ERA Workgroup and Administration Committee the **MOTION** by Molli Pauliot to draft separate Business from Government Employee Relation Acts. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Conference Approvals: ONAP Training-Minneapolis, MN-May 24-25, 2016

Rep. David Greendeer is bringing awareness to the ONAP Training that will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 24-25, 2016.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

10:50 a.m.
Break for lunch 12:40 p.m.-1:23 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move

into Open Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:32 p.m.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit are excused for the remainder of the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Rep. Douglas Greengrass is out of the room for the remainder of the meeting.

Presentation:

Sacred Water, Sacred Land Bill Greendeer and Juliee de la Terre were present to discuss a Sacred Water Sacred Land Walk. The walk will start from Walworth to Superior, Wisconsin, along the proposed Enbridge Twin #66 pipeline. 33 Days on Twin #66 will track the roughly 420 mile route of the proposed pipeline.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve \$15,000.00 out of charitable contributions for the Sacred Water Sacred Land Walk, check payable to Honor the Earth, with reconciliation thirty (30) days after the event. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 7-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to revisit New Business A, Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for BIA Residential Lease for Ashley Decorah on the William Decorah Homestead #439 276 and then revisit New Business H, Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for BIA Residential Lease for Ashley Decorah on the William Decorah Homestead #439 276

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 05-03-16I**, Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for BIA Residential Lease for Ashley Decorah on the William Decorah Homestead #439 276. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 7-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to TABLE Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Development Authority Charter of Incorporation & Bylaws. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer.

7-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adjourn to Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin on May 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Darren Brinegar out of the room.
The Legislative meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

The Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Shawano County organizations

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative Chief Communications Officer

The Village of Eland was the recipient of a \$5,000 donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Village of Eland will use the donation to replace playground equipment in the Mill Pond Park located in Eland, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President

Darren Brinegar and District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp met with Town Board members on May 9, 2016 at the Mill Pond Park in Eland, Wisconsin.

Eland Village President Jim Stolz expressed, "Thank you for this donation. We contacted the company to order the Slide Step Equipment which will cost \$5917. We raised the additional funds for this



Village of Eland (L-R): Marnie Osterbrink, Linda Spaude, James Stoltz, Darren Brinegar, Kathy DeCamp.



Wittenberg Fire Department (L-R): Darren Brinegar, Kathy DeCamp, Fire Chief Owens, Caroline Koukos.

project. This project wouldn't have been possible if we didn't receive the donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation. We greatly appreciate the donation. Thank you."

The Ho-Chunk Nation also made a \$24,975.00 donation to the Wittenberg Area Fire Department and Ambulance Service on May 9, 2016. The

donation will be used to replace breathing apparatuses. Representatives from both organizations met at the Wittenberg Fire Department for a check presentation in Wittenberg, Wisconsin.

Wittenberg Fire Chief Brian Hamm stated, "On behalf of the Fire Department we would like to thank the Ho-Chunk

Nation for the donation which will help upgrade our equipment to better assist our community members." Both of the donations are gaming compact deductions. Gaming compact deductions are donated to public projects that benefit both the community and Ho-Chunk Nation.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Jackson County Humane Society

Submitted by Tris Harris Senior Manager-Public Relations

The Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls made donations of \$5,000 and \$1,000 (respectively) to the Jackson Co. Humane Society for their Renovation Fund. They need to raise \$500,000 in order to totally renovate the shelter. Ho-Chunk Rep. Lori Pettibone, HCN Legislative Chief Comm. Off., Lynette LeGarde and Ho-Chunk Gaming Sr. Manager of PR, Tris Harris met with Animal Off., Barb Pfaff and Volunteer, Marly Divver at the Jackson County Animal Shelter to discuss the plans the Shelter has for its renovation and also their daily needs.

There are several ways the people and businesses of Jackson Co. can help our Humane Society: 1) Volunteer your time taking the dogs for a walk or feeding the animals and help keep the Animal Shelter clean 2) Bring in nutritional food, toys, bedding and other supplies for the animals, Barb says the best food is canned food, there are more nutrients in them 3) Donate to their Guardian Angel fund which provides a discounted cost for people who aren't able to cover the full cost to spay or neuter their animals 4) Donate to the Shelter Renovation Fund 5) Come up with ideas to help them raise money-they had a very loving dog there last year, so they created a "Kissing Booth" to raise

money, those who paid \$1 got a friendly doggy kiss!

Most of all, they really would like to see all pet owners spay or neuter their pets. Did you know that One unaltered female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in 6 years and One unaltered female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 kittens in 7 years? For more info, they encourage you to stop in at the JC Animal Shelter at the back of the JC Fairgrounds or call them at 715-284-0251.



Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls Public Senior Manager of Public Relations Tris Harris (center) presents a \$1,000 check to Shelter Volunteer Marly Divver (left) and Jackson County Animal Control Officer Barb Pfaff.



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator Lori Pettibone (left) presents a \$5,000 check to Shelter Volunteer Marly Divver and Jackson County Animal Control Officer Barb Pfaff.



GCA Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Best Western Arrowhead Lodge & Suites
Black River Falls, WI
Saturday April 16th, 2016
At 10:00 AM.

I. Call to Order:

Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

II. Roll Call: At 10:09 AM.

Baraboo
Kim Crowley-P@10:10 AM.
Kristin WhiteEagle-E
Black River Falls
Melissa Olvera-P@10:15 AM.
Maynard Rave Jr.-E

Chicago

Nathan Dall-P
Mary Mullen-P

Green Bay

Mary Lopez-P
Dawn Lopez-P

La Crosse

Michael Sallaway-E
Paul Krause-E

Madison

Brenda Neff-P
Saresa Ryckman-P

Mauston:

Sanford Decorah-P
Fidel Delarosa-E

Milwaukee:

Muriel Whiteagle Lee-P
Melody Whiteagle-Fintak-P

MLps/St. Paul:

Rosetta Hunt-P
Rhonda Hunt-P

Tomah:

Donna Littlegeorge-P
William Hopinkah-E

Wisconsin Dells:

Roger Thundercloud-P
Manda Mann-U

Wisconsin Rapids:

Merlin Crow-P
Celena Twinn-P

Wittenberg:

Myrna Littlewolf-E
VACANT

III. Determination of Quorum:

Quorum was established at this time. Other people who were also present include Joy Thompson, GC Advocate; Wendy Running Horse, GC Deputy Advocate; Tanya Kessen, PT GC Deputy Advocate; John Swimmer, GCA Attorney. Ho-Chunk Tribal members who were present include, Elliot Littlegeorge, Dr. Jeremy Rockman, Gary Funmaker.

IV. Opening Prayer:

Merlin Crow gave a moment of silence 10:08 AM.

V. Approval of Agenda:

1) MOTION by Mary Lopez to approve the revised Agenda. Seconded by Sanford Decorah. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Kim Crowley enters at 10:10 AM.

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to accept the March 19, 2016 GCA Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Brenda Neff. 10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED. (Nathan Dall Abstained)

Melissa Olvera enters at 10:15 AM.

3) MOTION by Donna Littlegeorge to accept the GCA Advocate Monthly Report. Seconded by Sanford Decorah. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

4) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt for the OOGC Staff to respond to Area I, Black River Falls concerns regarding the move from Black River Falls to Tomah present the Air Quality official document to all HCN Tribal Members and to find the Treasury protocol for tribal members to check out the mileage and stipend procedures for HCN Public Officials and the 2009 General Council Resolution regarding flat funding for GCA budget for next year. Seconded by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee. 11-0-0 MO-

TION CARRIED.

5) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt for John Swimmer, GCA Attorney provide information regarding the 2008 General Council Resolution pertaining to the Power of Attorney requested by HCN Tribal Member Melanie Stacy and to contact Angie Waege, Author of the Resolution as well as Matthew Mullen and Roberta Funmaker. Seconded by Melissa Olvera. 9-1-1 MOTION CARRIED (Sanford Decorah voted No/Kimberly Crowley Abstained).

Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called for a 15 minute break at 11:45 PM until 12:00 PM. Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called the meeting back to order at 12:12 PM.

VII. 12:50 PM: Showcore presentation-Mike Vinup, Chandler Evans

- General Council 2016 Event
- A/V Services during General Council

- Voting Device capabilities
- Review Alliant Energy Center Floor Plan

- Network Cable and Wi-Fi options for Registration/Pay-out

6) MOTION by Mary Lopez to table the GCA Monthly Treasury Report until later this afternoon. Seconded by Sanford Decorah. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

7) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to submit two budget modifications 1)1.1403.620.3990 Health Insurance, \$8200 to 1.1403.600.3747 GCA Advocate line item.

2)1.1403.640.5003 Stipend for \$5000 to 1.1403.640.5001 Printing Expense line item. Seconded by Donna Littlegeorge. 8-0-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Kim Crowley enters at 1:30 PM.

Roger Thundercloud enters at 1:35 PM.

8) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have any GCA Board Member available to attend the April 18th, 2016 Special Legislative Finance Meeting at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI, for FY 2016-17 General Council Budget and to receive mileage. Seconded by Mary Lopez. 9-0-1 MOTION CARRIED. (Brenda Neff abstains).

9) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to accept the GCA Treasurer Report. Seconded by Kimberly Crowley. 9-0-1 MOTION CARRIED (Brenda Neff Abstains).

10) MOTION by Donna Littlegeorge to accept the GCA Attorney Report. Seconded by Roger Thundercloud. 9-1-0 MOTION CARRIED (Melissa Olvera votes No).

Nathan Dall enters at 1:35 PM.

11) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt for the GCA Ad Hoc Social Media Administration committee to work in conjunction with the OOGC Staff to draft and publish an RFP for the Drums, Color Guards, etc for the 2016 General Council Meeting. Seconded by Kimberly Crowley. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Melissa Olvera excused at 1:00PM.

Sanford Decorah leaves at

1:43PM.

12) MOTION by Kimberly Crowley to accept all GCA Ad Hoc Committee Reports. Seconded by Rosetta Hunt. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Sanford Decorah enters at 1:45 PM.

Celena Twinn leaves the room at 1:47PM

13) MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to correct meeting motions #14 on the March 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes to change the May GCA Regular Meeting date from May 21, 2016 to May 14, 2016 due to lack hotel accommodations. Seconded by Donna Littlegeorge. 8-0-1 MOTION CARRIED (Roger Thundercloud abstained).

Roger Thundercloud leaves at 1:32 PM.

Celena Twinn enters at 1:49 PM.

14) MOTION by Mary Lopez to adjourn. Seconded by Sanford Decorah. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Scheduling of the Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- The next GCA Regular Meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday May 14, 2016 at the HCN Office of the General Council located in Tomah, WI.
- The GCA Quarterly Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Jonelle V. Smith, Petitioner, v. Victor De Luna, Respondent.

Case : CS 16-42

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Victor De Luna

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

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

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Norberto Pineda, Petitioner, v. Katherine Fowler, Respondent.

Case : 16-40

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Katherine Fowler

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

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

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Date	Location	Time
June 1	Tomah Blue Wing Community bldg.	9:00am-11:30
June 1	Nekoosa TAU/Headstart parking lot	1:30pm-4:00pm
June 8	Ho-Chunk Village/HOW	9:30am-12:00pm
June 8	Winnebago Heights/TAU Parking lot	2:00pm-4:00pm
July 13	Wittenberg Health Office	11:00am-2:00
July 20	BRF Sand Pillow Community Bldg BRF	9:00am-12:00pm
July 20	BRF Indian Mission/Pavilion next to IM Head Start	1:30pm-4:30pm

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\$15K CASH GIVEAWAY

JUNE 5TH - 9TH

Six daily Hot Seat Winners pocket \$500 Cash.

\$5K CASH GIVEAWAY

JUNE 10TH

Ten Hot Seat Winners win \$500 Cash.

\$25K CASH GIVEAWAY

JUNE 11TH

Twenty Slot Players win \$1,000 each through Hot Seat Picks. Table Games Players can start earning entries at 10am with 5 winners drawn between 11am - 4pm, each winning \$1,000 Cash.

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JUNE 11TH

Bingo's Anniversary Bash will include an \$11,000 Cash Drawing, Free Food, \$25 and \$50 Entry Packets, \$50 and \$75 Electronic Packs, Payouts of \$500 and \$1,000, plus Double Consolation on all floor pack specials. Doors open at 4pm.

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JUNE 5TH - 9TH

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FIREWORKS ON JUNE 11TH AT DUSK



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**Notice of Vacancy and Deadline
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Filling a Term ending December 2016**

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Number of Election Board Members</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Black River Falls		1

TERMS: Election Board members may serve more than one term. This term ends December 2016.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate and One (1) Election Board Alternate to represent for each District must be voted upon during your District's monthly meeting in May 2016.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board Alternate. The minutes must be presented or faxed will be acceptable to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, May 13 30, 2015

**HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
206 S. Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615**

715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583 • 715/284-8600 Fax

Posted April 12, 2016

JUNE 28th - JULY 1st, 2016

Ho-Chunk Nation
Basketball Camp

In conjunction with:

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REGISTRATION DATES: 4/8/16 - 6/15/16

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10-17

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Ho-Chunk Member	\$0
Descendent of a Ho-Chunk	\$25
Other Native American	\$50
Non-Native	\$75

Check-in Neale Hall: Tuesday June 28, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Check-out Neale Hall: Friday, July 1st, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Information: **Tena Quackenbush, 715-284-2622 Ext. 5114** Family Services Program
Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.
Tena.quackenbush@ho-chunk.com

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancy:

District 2
Length of Term:
4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

District 3 & District 5
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 Tribal Ho-Chunk 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 the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

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



Kijire Nagu Recruitment for Board of Directors

The mission of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village is to be organized and operated exclusively for the benefit and advancement of individuals in need of sobriety, wellness, and healing, with a special emphasis on serving Ho-Chunk communities.

The Kijire Nagu Healing Village is seeking qualified candidates for its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will act as a fiduciary to the Kijire Nagu, and manage the general affairs of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are required to meet bi-monthly, with additional Special Meetings to be called by the Board Chair, at any time, to conduct any business necessary for the operation of the Kijire Nagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are further expected to serve a three (3) year term of office.

Qualified candidates will have experience and expertise in one (1) or more of the following area(s):

1. Law Enforcement;
2. Business/Financial Administration;
3. Social Services;
4. Medical Services;
5. Behavioral Health Services;
6. Ho-Chunk Cultural and Spiritual matters;
7. Personal experience in Recovery and Addiction;
8. Fundraising and/or grant writing for non-profit organizations.

Interested persons will submit a letter of interest that details their background and qualifications for one (1) of the eight (8) listed categories above, as well as a statement that explains their desire to help people heal and reasons for joining the Kijire Nagu Healing Village Board of Directors.

All letters of interest should be submitted by May 2, 2016, and sent to:

The Kijire Nagu Workgroup
In care of the of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature
P.O. Box 667
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Any questions can be directed to:

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Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Workforce Development

CLASS OBJECTIVES

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- Practice safety procedures including use of personal safety equipment and safety inspection of equipment - "walkaround."
- Complete routine maintenance of each type of heavy equipment.
- Use laser and regular transits and various leveling devices.
- Conduct field staking, benchmarking, offset staking and squaring.
- Learn the Excavation Competent Person Training standards for handling an OSHA inspection and receive Excavation Competent Person Training Program (ECPT) Certification by participating in a 1-day training program which is included in the 3-week class.
- Learn how to load and chain an over-width excavator on a low-boy trailer meeting DOT regulations by observing a demonstration.

EQUIPMENT

Students learn to operate the following equipment:

- John Deere 690E-LC Excavator
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- Dresser 850 Articulated Grader
- Mack Tandem Axle Dump Truck
- Laser Transit with Rods and Detector
- Regular Transit with Rod
- Measuring and Leveling Devices
- Motorized Compactor
- Various Hand Tools

SCHEDULE

3 Weeks, 5 Days, 120 Hours of Instruction Day 1: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST - Classroom; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST - Fieldwork Days 2 through 15: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST - Fieldwork



Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Labor – Tribal Workforce Development Division
W9814 Airport Avenue
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-5877 Fax: 715-284-1520
Email: twd@ho-chunk.com

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Memorial Day Flag Raising at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony. There will be a master of ceremonies, special guest speaker, a Ho-Chunk traditional drum group, flag detail to raise the flags, gun detail with the firing of the rifles and the playing of taps.

Monday, May 30, 2016 @ 11:00 am
Ho-Chunk Gaming
Wisconsin Dells Flag Poles
Sanford White Eagle
American Legion Post 556,
Wisconsin Dells Singers

CONTACT:
Patti Herrera,
800-746-2486, Ext. 2124

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JULY 14-15-16

AGES 10-17

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Contact Information: Tena Quackenbush 715-284-2622 Ext. 5114
Family Services Program Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor - Tribal Workforce Development is seeking enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members, 18 years of age or older, seriously interested in a career in the electrical industry, 8 week on the job training program with apprenticeship opportunities.

Applications due June 6, 2016

FIND OUT MORE

Contact Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Workforce Development
715-284-5877
william.collins@ho-chunk.com
julie.rodriquez@ho-chunk.com

MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 5

CHICAGO AREA MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60634

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL AREA MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55107

Posted on: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

**HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE**

Lou Gramm to offer a full performance of top hits on June 10

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

From his first footsteps in life, Lou Gramm knew that music would be a key component in his life. His mother, Nikki, was a singer and his father, Bennie, was a band leader and trumpeter.

"Our house was always swinging," Gramm said.

Gramm is well known for giant hits like "Urgent," "Hot Blooded," "Feels Like the First Time," "Cold as Ice," "Long, Long Way from Home," "Double Vision," "Blue Morning, Blue Day," "Head Games." Those are several of his hits while with the group Foreigner.

Solo singles include "Midnight Blue," "Ready or Not," and "Just Between You and Me."

Gramm will be making a performance at 8 p.m. June 10 at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls. Tickets are available for \$45 and can be purchased at the casino or by calling (800) 657-4621 Extension 4060.

Since he grew up with music in his blood, it is difficult to tell how much of his talent is inherited from his parents and how much is from being around a musical environment all the time.

"I think some of both, to tell you the truth. For as long as I could remember there's been Big Band jazz playing in the house. My dad played trumpet and had his own band and my mom was a singer," Gramm said.



Lou Gramm, in his younger years, was one of the top musical performers in the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

Wikipedia photo

Louis Andrew Grammitico, now known as Lou Gramm, was born and raised in Rochester, New York, and graduated from high school in 1968. He also is an alumnus of Monroe Community College in Rochester.

Right after high school, Gramm began his musical career with a band called Black Sheep. With that band, he sang and played the drums, and eventually became the front man for the group. Black Sheep was the first American band to sign with the Chrysalis label and their first single, "Stick Around," was released in 1973. The band also played in local nightclubs in the Rochester area.

Achieving a level of suc-

cess, Black Sheep went on to sign with Capitol Records and released two albums, "Black Sheep" and "Encouraging Words."

One night, they were the opening act for Kiss when the equipment truck was involved in an accident. The equipment was destroyed and, with no means to replace it, the group disbanded.

While he was with the group Black Sheep, he met Mick Jones, who played with a band named Spooky Tooth. At the time, Gramm had no idea that the chance meeting would help decide his future.

"Six months later, when he was putting together his band, he listened to the albums and he liked the way I sing," Gramm said. "Then I went to New York and auditioned. I was one of about 40 people who auditioned. He asked me to stick around and he and I began writing songs and eventually I moved down there."

Jones and Gramm helped form a new band named Trigger, which eventually was renamed to "Foreigner," the



Foreigner, curtain call in San Francisco, 2009

Wikipedia photo

band Gramm is most know for today.

Part of Gramm's success can be contributed to his highly-skilled songwriting abilities, having crafted many top hits through the years.

"I just think that the creative process, taking ideas and making it into something that can have an effect on someone, whether it rocks them or brings them to tears. I think that's something to be said of people who can do that effectively," Gramm said.

He has had so many great hits, but he can't put his finger on just one song as being his favorite.

"They're like your kids. You helped to write them, so you have a special relationship with them," he said. "I have four kids. I couldn't tell you if I have a favorite."

Gramm and Foreigner spent many years together while turning out the hits. But at one point, Jones and Gramm clashed about the direction of the band. Gramm wanted to keep the band true to its origins while Jones wanted to change to a more modern synthesizer style.

Gramm decided to strike out on his own in 1987 with his first solo album, "Ready or Not." From that album, a top five hit, "Midnight Blue," hit the airwaves.

"Once I left Foreigner, and I focused more or less on my own career, I thought it would be a better idea to just have my name on the moniker. I earned it. So, it's just called Lou Gramm," he said.

Gramm went on to produce another solo album and two more top hits, but also received considerable acclaim when he wrote and developed the title song for the movie "The Lost Boys." He came upon the request from a movie representative and went quickly to work.

"A publicist will say, 'There's a new movie coming out. They're looking for songs. And by the way, they're looking for a title song.' So, in the case of The Lost Boys, when I found out exactly that information, I took one of the songs I intended for my solo album and started working on it with the intent of it being the title song. While the name of the movie was The Lost Boys, my track was called Lost in the Shadows. It suited the movie so well that (producer) Schumacher did, in fact, use it as the title song," Gramm said.

These days Gramm performs for large crowds of fans and enjoys every minute of it. Fortunately it's not as stressful when on tour as it used to be.

"It's not like the old days when you get on a bus and you're gone for six or eight weeks, or longer. We fly to the shows. The promoter takes care of the stage, the lights, the microphones and the amplifiers," he said. "We're a lot more mobile than we used to be. So if we play Friday and Saturday, we're home by Sunday afternoon. Then Thursday afternoon, we fly to the next show, which is on Friday."



Bringing his own brand of rock to the stage, Lou Gramm will give the audience a show of non-stop hits from the beginning to the end. He promises the concert won't disappoint his fans.

That type of schedule works out much better with his family. He and his wife, Robyn, have a son, Nicolas, 37, another son, Mathew, 32, and 16-year-old twins, Natalie and Joseph. They live in Rochester, New York.

Even though touring and performing is not as difficult as it once was, sometimes he can feel that it's time to go – not wanting to overstay his welcome.

"With the state of radio, we can write another 'Hey Jude,' or something great, but the corporations that own the stations limit what will be put on the radio. They won't play any of our new songs," he said. "To me it's like forced retirement. Not going to beat head against the wall, just going with it."

But he's not looking that far ahead yet. He's excited to be performing on a regular basis and is eager to come to Black River Falls for his performance on June 10.

"We play a huge cross-

section of all the Foreigner hits and the Lou Gramm hits from my solo albums. So, it's non-stop hits from the beginning to the end. We take a few liberties with the songs, a little bit, but basically the arrangements are just like off the record. So, if people like the familiarity of our hits, they won't be disappointed," Gramm said.

Tris Harris, senior manager of Public Relations at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, said there are a few seats available for Lou Gramm's performance on June 10.

"In researching ticket prices for Lou Gramm and the current Foreigner band, they range from \$60-\$300, so our ticket prices are the best out there, with the exception of some free concerts where there are tens of thousands of people. Also, we only have 600 seats, so every seat can be considered VIP seating, which at other venues is over \$150," Harris said.

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WHEN: WEDNESDAY—JUNE 22, 2016

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST: 8:30 AM—9:15 AM

EVENT ENDS: 4:00 PM

LOCATION: HO-CHUNK GAMING NEKOOSA—BALLROOM

Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Community Supportive Services Division
Family Services Program and First Nations Community Financial.

For More Information Please Contact:
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