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Ho-Chunk Nation veterans join Veterans for Standing Rock



Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On December 4 to 7, 2016, a group of Ho-Chunk Nation veterans joined Veterans for Standing Rock to stand on the front lines for opposition of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The \$3.8 billion pipeline has been opposed by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe of North Dakota because an eventual leak would contaminate drinking water for millions of Americans.

The Facebook group Veterans for Standing Rock organized 2,000 native and non-native US military veterans to convene at Standing Rock to protect the water protectors from Morton County Sheriff's Department, North Dakota state police, other state police, and private security contractors' aggressive tactics.

Since the beginning of the NoDAPL efforts in early spring 2016, water protectors have faced physical attacks, attack dogs, CS gas and pepper spray, sound cannons, concussion grenades, rubber bullets, cyber-attacks on electronic devices, and water cannons in freezing temperatures.

Local and state police and private security for the Energy Transfer Partners are dressed in riot gear and military body armor, while water protectors are dressed in appropriate civilian and culturally significant attire.

Water protectors who have been arrested have been strip searched and held in dog kennels.

Journalist covering the events have been targeted by police and security forces to cover up the violations of law and mistreatment of the water protectors.

Wesley Clark Jr., the son of US Army general, who was NATO Supreme Commander, and 2004 presidential candidate and Michael Wood Jr., a retired Baltimore police sergeant, are the organizers of the Veterans for Standing Rock. Both are veterans; Clark served in the Army, and Wood served in the Marines.

Clark and Wood recognized natives have served in the US military at a higher rate than all other ethnic demographics. But all veterans served to protect American freedoms, such as the right to peaceably assemble.

"The veterans saw state sanctioned agents injuring innocent people. They saw the water hoses spraying grandmother and people who should be respected. They heard the Morton County Sheriff's Depart-

ment saying they were extinguishing fires, which were outright lies," Wood said.

From the Ho-Chunk Nation, Assistant Tribal Veterans Service Officer Pierre Decorah Jr. organized for a group of veterans to join forces with the 2,000 veterans who planned to stand on the front line to protect the water protectors.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs brought five veterans, but met additional veterans who were at Standing Rock.

"We wanted to answer the call for veterans to stand with Standing Rock to show support and stand in solidarity with the Sioux in opposition to the DAPL," Decorah said.

"When we arrived, there were well over 1,500 veterans at the camp and an additional 1,500 pouring in at large volumes. I planned to do outreach once we were there, but there was so many veterans I wasn't able to set up shop and service the veterans."

For Decorah the highlight of the trip occurred when the veterans were put in formation and the message of the easement being denied was announced. He said most of the law enforcement departed the scene from then on.

"My feelings, weeks before, in preparation to face opposition, I felt confident we wouldn't face oppression



Ho-Chunk Nation camp at Oceti Sakowin camp in Cannonball, North Dakota during a December 5 blizzard.

from the aggressors," Decorah said.

"The whole reason we went there was to get that order from the president, and if need be, go to the front line to give the water protectors some rest."

Decorah said he felt relieved to hear the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied the easement to Energy Transfer Partners was announced on Sunday, December 4, just one day before a potential standoff between veterans and the Morton County Sheriff's Department.

Wood remained skeptical of the denial of the easement "They didn't want to pit the veterans against the police and the sheriff department," Wood said.

"Once it was real, and they saw the veterans coming to stand up for the people. That was the back down."

One of the veterans who participated in the Veterans for Standing Rock was Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, who represents Hawaii's Second District. Gabbard is a major in Hawaii's National Guard.

On December 1, Rep. Gabbard addressed the Dakota Access Pipeline on the floor of Congress. She called for President Obama to halt the construction of the pipeline.

In a YouTube statement, Gabbard announced that Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Archambault received notification from the US Army Corps of Engineers that the easement was denied for the Dakota Access Pipeline.

"He's number one message was to deny the easement. And that is what happened here today. He was also successful in getting an Environment Impact Statement ordered for the entire pipeline. To date, there has only been an Environmental Assessment, which is no anywhere near as comprehensive as the EIS, the Environment Impact Statement," Gabbard said.

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Aaron Saul, Cleo Reyes, Pierre Decorah, George Stacy, and Richard Snake pose for a photo before heading to Standing Rock. Ho-Chunk veterans were prepared to stand on the front line against the aggressors.

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Business as usual is bad business

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Recently, at my area meeting, I requested a comprehensive study be done on the short-lived Legislative Audit Department to list what worked and what didn't work. That report would be helpful for any future Audit Department that may come to life.

At the following month's area meeting, I found that my request was kicked to the curb or placed on the way back burner.

Why? Maybe because an accurate vote wasn't taken.

I think our area meetings need electronic voting machines just as we use at our annual General Council meeting. We need a good record of what resolutions and mo-

tions are voted upon.

Often times, in Legislative meetings, under the District concerns segment, meaningful resolutions, like I feel mine was, never get acted upon due to the "FYI" categorization.

In my mind, all the district concerns should be taken seriously. And why not?

We see bus stops going up all over in all the Ho-Chunk communities. We see parking lots being re-paved and covered and painted, just as examples.

Where is our list of priorities?

If we have a drug problem, isn't that at the top of our priority list? Shouldn't our tribal police department have full coverage of all our communities, instead of a limited

policing? We ought to have an extensive K-9 unit to help eliminate drugs entering our communities.

A few other scenarios I heard about recently deal with financial priorities.

Our convenience stores sells Phillips 66 gas. Phillips 66 owns 25 percent of the Dakota Access Pipeline. If the Ho-Chunk Nation supports Standing Rock, shouldn't we cancel our contract with this oil company?

That kind of reminds me of the US fighting the global war on terrorism, but US also is arming the terrorists with weaponry. As President George W. Bush said, "The right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing," while holding up his left hand first,

followed by raising his right hand.

Another couple scenarios concern working with companies who have questionable business practices.

If a grant is award by Wells Fargo, is our priority about securing grant dollars at all cost? Or should we re-evaluate based on the awarding institutions business practices?

Wells Fargo had applied for and used credit cards of customers without informing them. They were in the news for selling insurance to their customers, again, without telling them. And Wells Fargo is a major investor in the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Closer to home, our casino expansion project has \$150 million going to Miron Construction. During the announcement of the project, tribal members were told there'd be \$23 an hour jobs becoming available.

Now jobs are for \$12 an hour and handled by a temp agency.

Tribal members want to know which three construction companies bid on the contract and why Miron was selected.

A couple years ago, the construction company paid \$4 million and agreed to change its accounting practices after a FBI investigation, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

What is our vetting process before entering into business agreements?

So, more transparency is necessary, and information conveyed to tribal members. Even if nothing wrong is going on, as long as business is conducted in secrecy, people will wonder.

Business as usual is bad business.

NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

3. Elections. c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e, above.

(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates) tied with the lower of such totals shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:

Legislature District 1:

July 2017 – June 2021
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Seat 3

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July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 2
Seat 3

District 3:

July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 2

District 5:

July 2017 – June 2021
Seat 1
Seat 3
Seat 4

Associate Justice 1 Four (4) Year Term July 2017 – June 2021

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office will submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 8a.iii of the Election Code which states, "...candidates have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS: Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Code Sec.11 (c).
REGISTRATION: Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

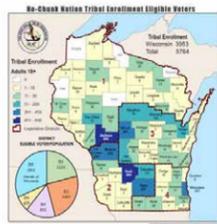
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The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii. (Deadline Thursday, February 16, 2017).

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Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING: A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, February 25, 2017 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, section 13(a), i Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts. District 5 all areas outside the state of Wisconsin



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS: The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

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ELECTIONEERING: There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Tuesday, March 7, 2017

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, December 5, 2017

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Monday, February 6, 2017

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
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Notice from the Office of the President

This holiday season we set out to give thanks and enjoy the blessings in our lives. For many that includes sharing a meal with our closest friends and family.

On December 22, 2016 we'll continue the tradition of providing a holiday meal for the Tribal Office Building employees and others who can attend. In addition to celebrating the holiday season we also want to take this opportunity to recognize and give thanks to the Water Protectors that have been diligent in their support for Standing Rock and opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline.

People have been supportive in many ways including prayers, donating supplies, fundraising and supporting on site at Oceti Sakowin. For the water protectors, this holiday meal is for you and we welcome you to join the TOB employees in sharing delicious food and visiting with one another.



American Red Cross calls upon the House of Wellness for help

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Our nation needs blood badly. According to the American Red Cross, donation centers all across the country have seen severe shortages for many months now.

“Our level of blood this year,” RN Barb Jones said, “has been probably the lowest that I’ve seen. We’ve been critical longer, this year, than I’ve ever known us to be.”

So to combat the crisis, Ho-Chunk hosted a blood drive at

the House of Wellness in Wisconsin Dells late last month. The event occurred on Nov. 29, in the facility’s cafeteria. And to increase the number of donations it would receive, the Red Cross recruited donors prior to the event.

“They sent me a letter,” tribal member Helene Day said, “to say that I should give blood.”

Day joined 26 other donors who gave blood that day, to help the Red Cross reach its goal of 30 units.

“The Midwest is very good at giving blood,” said Jones. “That’s why our area is so important. We’re the Badger Hawkeye region. And we’re ranked right at the top of blood donors for the whole nation.”

In hopes of helping, the House of Wellness holds regular blood drives at the tribal facility – seeing that it is surrounded by such a generous population.

“We have very generous donors in this community area,” said Donor Recruitment Rep Jody Weyers. “We are one of the largest providers.”

In other words, our country depends on us to save lives. Without our donations, hospital patients would have to wait even longer for surgeries that are often desperately needed.

“Our summers are bad,” said Jones. “But our inventory even started being low in the spring this year.”

That low inventory equates to longer delays for recipients. The only way to alleviate this problem is to stock the shelves.

“We’re always trying to replenish and recruit,” Weyers said, “so we meet our area



An attendee gets her pulse checked by Registered Nurse Barb Jones.

hospitals’ [demand].”

Donation numbers go up around the holidays, Jones stated, as people start to get into the spirit of giving.

“Thank God for them having those feelings,” Jones said, “because we have a big crowd [on the waiting list.]”

And thanks to the blood

drive, hospitals will not find themselves in such short supply this season. Interested donors need not wait for the next blood drive, though. Those who wish to contribute can contact their local Red Cross chapter for more information.



Tribal member Helene Day donates at the House of Wellness blood drive.

NEW Diabetes Basics classes starting in your area!



Black River Falls: February 6, 2017

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Nekoosa: January 10, 2017

Black River Falls: February 13, 2017

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An assessment needs to be completed prior to starting classes so don't wait!

Please contact Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851 ext 5039 for more information or if you are interested in signing up!



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Featuring: Refreshments, Food, Giveaways, Tours of the facility!

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

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Minnesota Timberwolves come up short on Native American Heritage Night

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Staff Writer

For over 20 years now, November has been designated National Native American Heritage Month. In observance of that designation, the Minnesota Timberwolves recently held their annual Native American Heritage Night at the Target Center in Minneapolis. The observance took place on Nov. 21, during a fierce battle against the visiting Boston Celtics.

Prior to tipoff, players and coaches conveyed their excitement over the ensuing matchup.

"We're looking forward to this game," said Minnesota forward Andrew Wiggins. "I think we play good."

Having lost two of their three previous games, though, the Timberwolves headed into the contest with an unimpressive 4-8 record. The team's coaching staff said they needed to turn that around.

"There's going to be some moments that are not as good as you would like," said Head Coach Tom Thibodeau. "The big thing is to concentrate on the improvement."

The night began with an on-court performance of the Flag Song, by the Prairie Island Indian Community, a little over half an hour before tipoff. Highly-impressive, the performance received respectable applause and positive reviews.

Then the game was underway.

To the delight of the home crowd, and due to a hot start by Minnesota's starting center, the Wolves took an early lead over the Celtics.

Seven-footer Karl Anthony Towns won the tip for Minnesota, and wasted no time in putting points on the board. In fact, Towns scored the Timberwolves' first six points – starting with a beautiful, behind-the-back, step-back jumper from mid range to put the Wolves up by two.

On Minnesota's second possession, Towns spun into the lane for a short hook shot

that gave his team a 4-0 lead. During the Wolves' third possession, power forward Gorgui Dieng fed Towns under the basket for an easy deuce that then put Minnesota up 6-0.

Forward Andrew Wiggins followed with a made free throw, to cap off a seven-point run by the Timberwolves.

But Boston battled back. Thanks to Celtics center Al Horford and guard Marcus Smart each draining a pair of three-pointers, Boston took a seven-point lead of its own early in the second quarter.

The Celtics' momentum would stop there, though, along with their 31-24 lead. Once Minnesota forward Nemanja Bjelica knocked down a three, cutting Boston's lead to four, the Wolves took total control.

At the halfway mark, Minnesota already led by a score of 52-42.

However, the Celtics started to see what they were doing wrong. Assistant Coach Micah Shrewsberry pinpointed some of the areas on which his Boston defense would focus in the second half.

"They beat us to loose



The Wolves warn the visitors who wish to step foot on their territory.

balls," said Shrewsberry. "So we need to keep bodies on bigs, and box them out."

Halftime proved to be the best part of the night. For

that's when the Prairie Island Indian Community took the court, once again, to perform traditional dance and drum. The performers were well-lit, and ultimately well-received.

After their peerless performance, the action resumed.

Minnesota dominated the third, increasing its lead to 15 points four times in the quarter, and entered the fourth with a 13-point lead. Then, the Timberwolves fell apart.

Trying to come back from a sore right knee, forward Shabazz Muhammad took a three for the Wolves just 13 seconds into the period and missed badly. On Minnesota's next possession, center Cole Aldrich missed a shot of his own.

Boston grabbed the rebound, and quickly made the Timberwolves pay for those mistakes. The Celtics' Jaylen Brown found fellow forward Jonas Jerebko in the corner for an open three, cutting their deficit down to 10 pts.

Minnesota then called for a timeout, to regroup and regroup. Those efforts proved to be in vain, as guard Ricky Rubio took an unneeded three from well beyond the arc and gave the ball back to Boston right away.

The Celtics could not score on their possession. Sadly, neither could the Timberwolves.

Towns tried a three of his own, only to find a lot of rim and backboard, before missing another shot in front of the basket. Next up for Minnesota was guard Zach LaVine, who also missed from three. The Timberwolves took the rebound and passed it off to forward Brandon Rush. He would miss from just inside the arc.

Boston gathered up the rebound and gave it to Horford, who made some impressive moves to free up guard Terry Rozier. Horford then passed it to the open Rozier behind the arc, and watched as his teammate drained the three.

Minnesota called for another timeout, in an attempt to slow the Celtics' momentum. But once the clock started back up, Wiggins and Rubio missed a pair of wild shots for the Timberwolves.

Boston guard Marcus Smart nabbed the board before Jerebko drove to the basket and put it in.

On the other end, Minnesota's Gorgui Dieng got blocked under the hoop and turned the ball over to the Celtics. Boston quickly handed the ball to Horford for a big dunk that riled up the team's bench.

LaVine then missed another three for Minnesota, and gave the Celtics a free scoring opportunity.

But Boston's Terry Rozier did not miss his, tying the game at 81 with an on-point trey.

The Timberwolves' Andrew Wiggins botched a short shot on the other end. Then, Gorgui Dieng made a sloppy pass that was easily stolen and taken down the court for a



The Timberwolves host Native American Heritage Night at the Target Center.



Dancers take the court before the showdown.

huge dunk by Rozier that put the Celtics up by 2 pts.

At the Minnesota end, LaVine started to give the crowd déjà vu as he missed yet another three.

Boston took the ball back and offered it to Horford, who drained a shot from the free-throw line. The basket put the Celtics up by four, after the team was down 15 points with under a minute left in the third.

The Timberwolves then called for a 20-second timeout, after going 0-13 in the fourth quarter.

That timeout must have helped the team. Towns forced his way to the basket for a three-point play, effectively ending Boston's 19-0 run.

The Celtics responded with three points of their own, as Horford found Smart behind the arc for an open look. Horford hustled back and contested Minnesota's next shot, which came up short. Jerebko grabbed the rebound for the Celtics. Horford forced a jump ball on the following board, when he tied up with the Wolves' Gorgui Dieng.

Minnesota won the tip but turned it over seconds later due to bad ball protection.

Such was the story of the night. In the end, the Timberwolves lost 99-93. Gorgui Dieng explained one of the reasons for his team's tragic loss.

"We didn't do a good job of stopping the ball," said Dieng. "They were moving the ball well, and getting easy shots."

Many on the Minnesota

team expressed their frustration after another poor performance.

"It's frustrating," said Zach LaVine. "We were playing good. We had like 29 points in the third quarter, and then laid a damn egg in the fourth."

The seven-foot center shared similar sentiments about the Timberwolves season in an emotional post-game interview.

"We're doing a great job for three quarters," said Towns. "And we just always seem not to play four out of four quarters. We're playing three out of four, two out of four. So we got to do what we got to do. We got to fix it. And that's up to us."

Head coach Tom Thibodeau provided a perfect explanation of the team's breakdown.

"We ended the third with giving them a tough shot we shouldn't have given them," said Thibodeau. "So it started there. And then it snowballed."

The Wolves now find themselves well below 500, but hope to turn that around soon – since team members truly believe that they are better than their record reflects.

"We know how to play," said LaVine. "It's just... We're not executing."

Hopefully, next year's Native American Heritage night will turn out differently for the Timberwolves. As for the Prairie Island Indian Community, the performance was good. Fans look forward to their next showing at the Target Center.

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BREAK THE SILENCE, END THE VIOLENCE!

UW-Eau Claire students view a cross-section of the Nation's functions, culture

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A group of 42 University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire students were given the opportunity to experience how the Ho-Chunk Nation government works, along with a glimpse into the idiosyncrasies of the people's culture.

Arrangements of the visit were made between Public Relations Specialist Michelle Ramberg and Geography Professor Ezra Zietler, but the connection began a while before.

Both Adam Meinerz and Niklas Anderson are graduates of UW-Eau Claire with majors in Geography, and both were students of Zietler. Meinerz graduated in 2010 and Anderson graduated last fall. Sometime since Anderson's graduation, he and Zietler had a conversation about coming to visit the Ho-Chunk Nation headquarters.

Zietler deemed it important to see how two UW-EC geography graduates have transitioned their education into applicable skills in the workforce, along with learning how the Ho-Chunk culture exists and thrives in a modern world.

Later emailing Ramberg, the visit was arranged for

discussion of four subjects: 1. Veterans, 2. Burial and Effigy Mounds, Global Information Systems (GIS), and Gaming Impact on Tribes.

The tour was kicked off in the Tribal Office Building atrium with Jon Greendeer, who gave an overview of the Ho-Chunk culture and history, along with the Ho-Chunk member's perceptions, understanding and future as a people.

After the overview by Greendeer, the group moved to the Legislative Conference Room where Meinerz and Anderson offered an overview of their work within the Nation and use of GIS.

"The group was mostly geography and environmental majors with some of the cultural spectrum included," Anderson said. "Some of them had a GIS educational background."

Greendeer spoke about Ho-Chunk veterans and how Native American dedication and service to the country far surpasses any other ethnic group in the United States.

He also provided some background on the mounds issue and how certain legislators in the Wisconsin government attempted to pass a bill that would allow excavation

and desecration of sacred burial and effigy mounds.

As far as Native American gaming in Wisconsin, it has provided an income for Ho-Chunk people, but it doesn't relieve all the problems, Greendeer said.

"You can't solve social problems just by throwing money at it," Greendeer said. Historical generational trauma of the Ho-Chunk people still has an impact on the people and some of those issues are difficult to overcome.

Greendeer told the story of how he gave a presentation in a classroom where a little girl approached him and said, "I'm sorry for what my ancestors did to you." That caused the teacher to break out in tears.

"I don't want people to feel bad for what happened in the past," Greendeer said, "it's how we go forward - how we go from here - is what we should be concentrating on."



Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Coordinator Adam Meinerz and GIS Specialist Niklas Anderson provide a glimpse of their careers after graduation from University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

The tour by the students gave them an opportunity to connect what they are learning in the classroom with what they will experience in the outside world, Anderson said.

"I was excited to give back to my alma mater and share some real life work experience with these students," Meinerz said. "It was great to have the opportunity share how the Ho-Chunk Nation utilizes GIS."



UW-Eau Claire students gather in the Tribal Office Building atrium to learn about the Ho-Chunk history, culture and government functions from Jon Greendeer.



Jon Greendeer provides an overview of the Ho-Chunk Nation pertaining to tribal members' past and present. Most of the visiting UW-Eau Claire students have majors in Geography or Environmental Studies.

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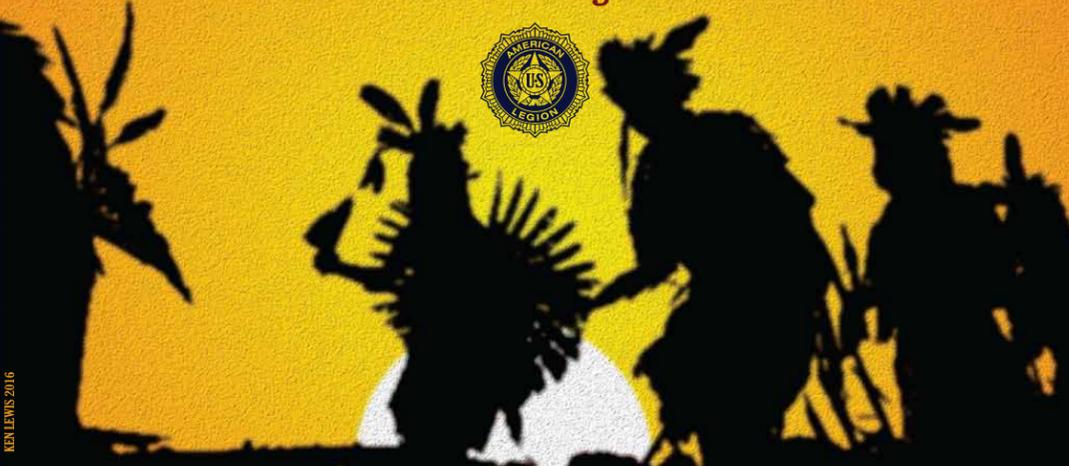
2016

NEW YEAR'S EVE POW-WOW

Saturday, December 31

Tomah Youth Center, 430 Julie St. Tomah WI
Meal at 5:00 PM - Grand Entry at 7:00 PM

Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post #129

MC: Dylan Prescott - Arena Dir. Kenneth "Hank" Funmaker Jr

Presidential Address 7:30 PM • Sobriety Recognition 8:00 PM

 **Thunder Bear**

HOST DRUMS

 **Little Thunder**

 **Bear Heart**

 **Thundercloud Singers**

 **Old 54**

The Ho-Chunk Nation and the NYE Pow-Wow organizers are not responsible for any lost/stolen property or any injuries. Alcohol and drugs are strictly forbidden and anyone under the influence of those substances are not welcome. All children must be supervised by their parents or guardians.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

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

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-(11:22 am.)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. David Greendeer-EX
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P
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. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda and to move Executive Session up on the agenda after approval of the Legislative Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting – November 7, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the November 7, 2016, Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1st-EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to return to Open Session. Second by Rep.

Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:54 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee – November 10, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the November 10, 2016, Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Housing Committee – November 18, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to approve the November 18, 2016 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Bylaws.

Changes to the stipend rate. **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 A**, Amendments to

the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Bylaws with added changes. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. **SECOND WITHDRAWNS.** Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 7-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathy DeCamp)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-10-18-16 H, Acknowledgement of General Council Res. 9-17-16 and Legislative Action Regarding the Amendment to the Nation's Housing Program to Provide Housing for Elite Elders, and Resolution-10-18-16 I, Acknowledgement of General Council Res. 9-17-16-07 and Legislative Action Regarding the Creation of a Program to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders. **MOTION** by Rep.

Henning Garvin to **TABLE** Resolution-10-18-16 H, Acknowledgement of General Council Res. 9-17-16 and Legislative Action Regarding the Amendment to the Nation's Housing Program to Provide Housing for Elite Elders, and 10-18-16 I, Acknowledgement of General Council Res. 9-17-16-07 and Legislative Action Regarding the Creation of a Program to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution-Authorization of Agricultural Lease on Badger Army Ammunition Property #439 T 2170 for Josh Ballweg.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 B**, Authorization of Agricultural Lease on Badger Army Ammunition Property #439 T 2170 for Josh Ballweg. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Rep. Douglas Greengrass returns.

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Wazee Subdivisions South Property for Environmental Health Division.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 C**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Wazee Subdivisions South Property for Environmental Health Division. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-1(Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of a Agricultural Lease Modification on the Shaw Property #439 T 2122 for Oak Ridge Farms.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 D**, Authorization of an Agricultural Lease Modification on the Shaw Property #439 T 2122 for Oak Ridge Farms. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #1 of Sand Pillow West #439 T 2172 for Cecil Thundercloud & Amanda Thundercloud(Non-member).

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 E**, Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #1 of Sand Pillow West #439 T 2172 for Cecil Thundercloud & Amanda Thundercloud (Non-member). Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Shaw Property #439 T 2122 for Environmental Health

Division.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 F**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Shaw Property #439 T 2122 for Environmental Health Division. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Language and Culture Property Revised Legal Description 6.346 Acres, M/L into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 G**, Language and Culture Property Revised Legal Description 6.346 Acres, M/L into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supplemental Letter of Request (Language and Culture Property) **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to authorize the Vice President to sign the Supplement Letter of Request for the Fee to Trust of the Language and Culture Property. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Darren Brinegar arrives at 11:22 a.m.

Minnesota Timberwolves Request-Rep. Robert Two Bears The Native American Heritage event will take place this evening. Questions were on timing of this request.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve \$20,500 out of Charitable Contributions for the Minnesota Timberwolves Request on an expedited basis with authorization for the Vice President to sign. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **HAND VOTE REQUIRED WITH TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN FAVOR.** 7-0-4 (Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Lori Pettibone) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Wisconsin DNR Master Plan for Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area Letter

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to authorize the President and the Vice President to sign the Wisconsin DNR Master Plan for Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area Letter. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Henning Garvin out of the room. **Resolution-Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County-Version 1** **MOTION** by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 H**, Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Henning Garvin returns.

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County-Version 1 **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 I**, Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County-Version 2 **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 J**, Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law

Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County-Version 2 **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 K**, Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County-Version 2 **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 L**, Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County-Version 2

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution II-21-16 M**, Approval of the CY 2017 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers Request No action required in open session.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

District 1-Black River Falls District Meeting-November 9, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Gary Funmaker to approve the Tiger Youth Basketball Donation request of \$10,000 to come out of the Charitable Contribution line item. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to accept Devon Funmaker as the Delegate for District 1 to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to accept Crystal Pettibone as the Alternate for District 1 to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Baraboo District Meeting-November 7, 2016

FYI: **MOTION** by Vicki Browneagle to table the Sauk County Law Enforcement Agreement until next month's area meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Robert Mobley to change the wording on the elder parking signs to include handicap parking in the signage at HCG-Wisconsin Dells. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Patrick Day that the Ho-Chunk Nation Chief of Police work with all the Counties and the enforcement and establish an Executive Order to address the elder parking issue at HCG establishments. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of

Education the **MOTION** by Molli Pauliot that the Higher Education Division to produce the demographics for each scholarship receipts in their specific degree track from 1 year certificate programs to PHD programs. Sex, Age, number of dependents for each Higher Education Funding scholarship track, along with length of time in school. Information to be presented to the Area 2 Baraboo December meeting. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Vicki Browneagle that Robert Funmaker be designated as the Neeshla Pow-Wow 2017 Coordinator.

District 2-LaCrosse District Meeting-November 9, 2016 No motions

District 2-Madison District Meeting-November 7, 2016 No motions

District 2-Tomah District Meeting-November 17, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah that a report on Project Forward to be compiled and brought to the next Tomah Area meeting. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Legislative Attorneys to prepare a resolution for adoption per the **MOTION** by Sandy Winneshiek to accept Francis Decorah as the Monroe County HHCDA Board of Commissioners. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to approve the Monroe County Law Enforcement Agreement and refer to the next phase of approval.

FYI: **MOTION** by Sandy Winneshiek to table the District 2 Housing Board of Directors nomination until next month. **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the change of \$475.00 for the New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow at Tomah Fair Grounds (building rental) to go to the Tomah Youth as a donation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Green Bay District Meeting-November 17, 2016

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to **TABLE** the Green Bay District Meeting minutes, until page 2 is available. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wittenberg District Meeting-November 14, 2016

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin to table the Shawano County Law Enforcement Agreement. **READ FOR THE RECORD: Project F.R.E.S.H.** **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin to table until December Area Meeting.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to Office of the President and the Veterans Department the **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin that a plaque and written statement of gratitude for all Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo is out of the room.

MOTION by Vice President

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December 2016

Please find the following summary of General Council 2016 and follow up on General Council Resolutions. If you have specific questions please call the General Council Office 715-284-7891.

Annual General Council 2016

All Legislative Resolutions can be read in their entirety on the Ho-Chunk Nation Website.

1. GC RESOLUTION 09-17-2016-1, Dissolution of the General Council Agency.

• Resolution 10-21-16A, Approval of Office of General Council Establishment & Organization Act.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS READDRESSSED AND RESCINDED AT THE 11/7/2016 LEGISLATIVE MEETING.

• Resolution 11-07-16P, Authorization to Place Proposed Office of General Council Establishment Act out for Forty-five Day Public Review and Comment (12-29-2016 end of comment period).

All comments can be submitted to Legislature via email to:

Paralegal

Jessica.Parker@ho-chunk.com

Legislative Counsel

Michael.Murphy@ho-chunk.com

• Resolution 11-07-16Q Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Appropriations and Budget Process Act to Strike References to General Council Agency – **DEFEATED**.

The General Council Agency is referenced in four sections of the *Appropriations and Budget Process Act*.

❖ P. 2-3, Section 4. Definitions, k. "General Council" means those programs and department(s), including General Council Agency and General Council, which are designated pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

❖ P. 4-6, Section 5. Appropriations, (4) General Council Branch. The General Council Agency shall submit the proposed annual budget for the General Council and General Council Agency to the Finance Committee not later than the last business day in March of each year for the succeeding fiscal year.

(5). The President, Vice President, Chief Trial Judge, or Chair of the General Council Agency may request an extension of time beyond the last business day of March to submit a proposed annual fiscal year budget provided such request is submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Finance Committee prior to March 15.

❖ P. 7, Section 6. Budget Modifications, c. General Council (1) The General Council Agency may perform budget modifications as a means to control spending and preserve the appropriated budget.

(a) Any proposed minor budget modification for the General Council Branch may be approved by the Chairman with a motion supported by a majority vote of General Council Agency. Review by the Executive Branch Treasurer may be required as well pursuant to Budget Modification standard operating procedures developed by Treasury and the General Council Agency.

❖ P. 10. Section 9. Enforcement and Penalties.

(3) General Council Branch.

(a) Violations of this Act by the Chairperson of General Council Agency, any presiding officer of General Council, contract employees shall be deemed a violation of fiduciary responsibility and subject that official to sanction under the Nation's *Code of Ethics Act* (2 HCC § 1).

(b) The presiding officer of General Council and the Chairperson of General Council Agency shall enforce provisions of this Act for employees and impose the penalties provided by paragraph b, below.

Annual General Council 2000 – 2015 Resolution Update

NOTE: The General Council Resolutions from 2000 – 2012 are now a Standing Agenda Item on the Legislative Agenda, per request from Representative Andrea Estebo & District Meeting discussions.

Legislative Attorney, Michael Murphy reported that the 2000 – 2012 Resolutions are still in the process of being organized and information is still being gathered. Vice President, Darren Brinegar has requested a Special Legislative Meeting to address the prior General Council resolutions.

Prepared by Joy Thompson-Bonanno, GC Advocate

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Darren Brinegar to re-appoint Gloria Visintin as the Wittenberg Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to appoint Connie Radtke as the Wittenberg Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns. **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin that the Nation restore and bring the church up to Code, as the Nation offices move out. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting-November 16, 2016 Vice President Darren Brinegar out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Department of Education the **MOTION** by Miguel Contreras to accept Cheri Byhre to the Education Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Chicago District Meeting-November 14, 2016 No motions.

District 5-Minneapolis/St. Paul District Meeting-November 17, 2016

Vice President Darren Brinegar returns.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen

Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Office of the President, Department of Justice, and Election Board the **MOTION** by area members to re-nominate and appoint Libby Fairchild to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Office of the President, Department of Justice, and Election Board the **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt, to strongly encourage having Election Board do ballots by mail for our tribal elections. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to approve \$45,000 dollars to fund the All Nations Church request. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Stephanie Yellowbank to approve \$10,000 dollars for the Urban Roots Youth Leadership Program-Gardens Project for 8 Ho-Chunk youth to be involved with this program. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Kohl Miner to approve the Self Defense Class funding request of \$800 dollars for 15 Ho-Chunk participants, \$50 dollars is included for studio rental with the total amount of \$800 dollars. Second

by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Amend the agenda to Re-Address District 3-Green Bay District Meeting-November 17, 2016*

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to amend the agenda to re-address the District 3-Green Bay District Meeting minutes of November 17, 2016. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to accept Mary Lopez as the Green Bay Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to accept David Radtke as the Green Bay Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda Resolution-Confirmation of Francis Decorah as District 2 Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to add, Resolution-Confirmation of Francis Decorah as District 2 Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Francis Decorah as District 2 Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt *Resolution 11-21-16 N*, Confirmation of Francis Decorah as District 2 Ho-Chunk Housing and

Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONFERENCE

APPROVALS:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve up to three legislators to attend the Tribal Health Presidential Transition Summit on December 8, 2016 in Washington, D.C., with approval on an expedited basis. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. *HAND VOTE, TWO-THIRD VOTE REQUIRED.* 9-0-2 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 4, 2016-M.A.S.T. Meeting will be at Mystic Lake Casino, Prior Lake, MN.

December 5, 2016- Diane Rosen Retirement Meal December 5 & 6, 2016- BIA Budget Consultation Meetings- Mystic Lake Casino, Prior Lake, MN.

December 6, 7 & 8, 2016-Indian Health Services Budget Meetings, Mystic Lake Casino, Prior Lake, MN.

Break for Lunch: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to break for lunch for one hour. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting took a lunch break at 12:05 p.m.

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

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-EX

Rep. Lori Pettibone-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. David Greendeer-EX Rep. Henning Garvin-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-P Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P **2nd-EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 12:52 p.m.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:44 p.m.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next meeting will take place at the Tribal Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2016. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, *Tribal Secretary*

Backwater Bridge

November 20, 2016

Submitted by
Valerie Saidman

On the afternoon of November 20, a small group of water protectors were meeting on the far side of The Backwater Bridge, at the tanks that block Highway 1806.

This is an area normally off limits because you are at risk of getting shot by DAPL security.

What they were doing was analyzing and preparing to move the tanks off of the highway to open it back up for public access to the dig site. When the semi backed up onto the bridge is when the Morton County Police force and DAPL security started the violence and acts of terror on anyone that neared the bridge.

They started with several fiery tear gas grenades, then it escalated to powerful water cannons, pepper spray, concussion grenades, rubber bullets and threats of L-RAD.

The semi was able to successfully remove the first tank, the attempt to remove the second tank had to be given up because of the aggression by the police.

This violence against peaceful people went on for over 6 hours. The air temperature was 26 degrees. Two hundred people were injured this night.



This was the intimidation that was happening while the sheriffs department was announcing the threat of live ammunition on the morning of November 21.



This was early the next morning, the sadness hung heavy for all of the injured water protectors. Everyone stood and listened to the mocking and laughing on the other side. To take this picture security stood behind me as a shield to PROTECT ME- from the POLICE.



Veterans for Standing Rock

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"All the people here today, the many veterans who have gathered here, are celebrating. They are joyful that their stand for water, as water protectors, has been successful," Gabbard said.

The Ho-Chunk Nation veterans' trip was cut short due a blizzard. Road conditions for veterans who arrived on Monday, December 5, were dangerous from snow covered roads and gusting winds. The hour long ride from Mandan to the camp took over two hours to travel.

"The decision to join the veterans in Standing Rock was made before the inclement weather. But in the end, it was a safety issue to depart North Dakota a day earlier," Decorah said.

Overall, Decorah believed the trip to be a success.

"We got to share our culture with the Sioux. We invited them to join us at our Ho-Chunk Nation camp," Decorah said.

Wood thought that Energy Transfer Partners would try to come up with ways around the denial to keep their investors' money, but wouldn't be successful in doing so.

"It's done. Worst case scenario; its two years from now. We'll come back. If they think we're not going to come back, they're crazy. We'll be organized by then. We weren't organized this time. But, by then, we'll be able to stop that again, with much less effort and fanfare," Wood said.

Since easement denial and last blizzard, the camp still remains, and water protectors are still protecting and praying. Some have gone home for the time being.

Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Archambault has released a statement that it's okay to go home for the holidays and get out of the extreme winter weather.

One of the main concerns is what will happen when President-elect Trump takes office. He has already made a statement about wanting the project to be completed and privatizing Indian reservation land to extract oil resources.

For now, the decision lies in the hands of the Army Corps of Engineers and their Environmental Impact Statement for the entire 1,172 mile pipeline project. Most of which, has already been constructed.



Steindorf claims falling from the sky is nothing to fear

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

John Steindorf is still reflecting on his leap from the sky in August and he's eager to get into the air again.

Last summer he performed his first skydiving experience, a memorable experience that is still fresh in his memory.

He and his wife, Beth, made a commitment to the adventure, so they gathered information, then traveled to the Skydive Wisconsin Indianhead Sport Parachute Club near Chippewa Falls.

John is a Ho-Chunk member and he is a presidential aide with the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President.

The required training for their first jump was only a couple of hours since it was the tandem jump. The tandem jump is when an instructor is attached to the jumper and he or she can provide assistance during the fall and deployment of parachute and landing.

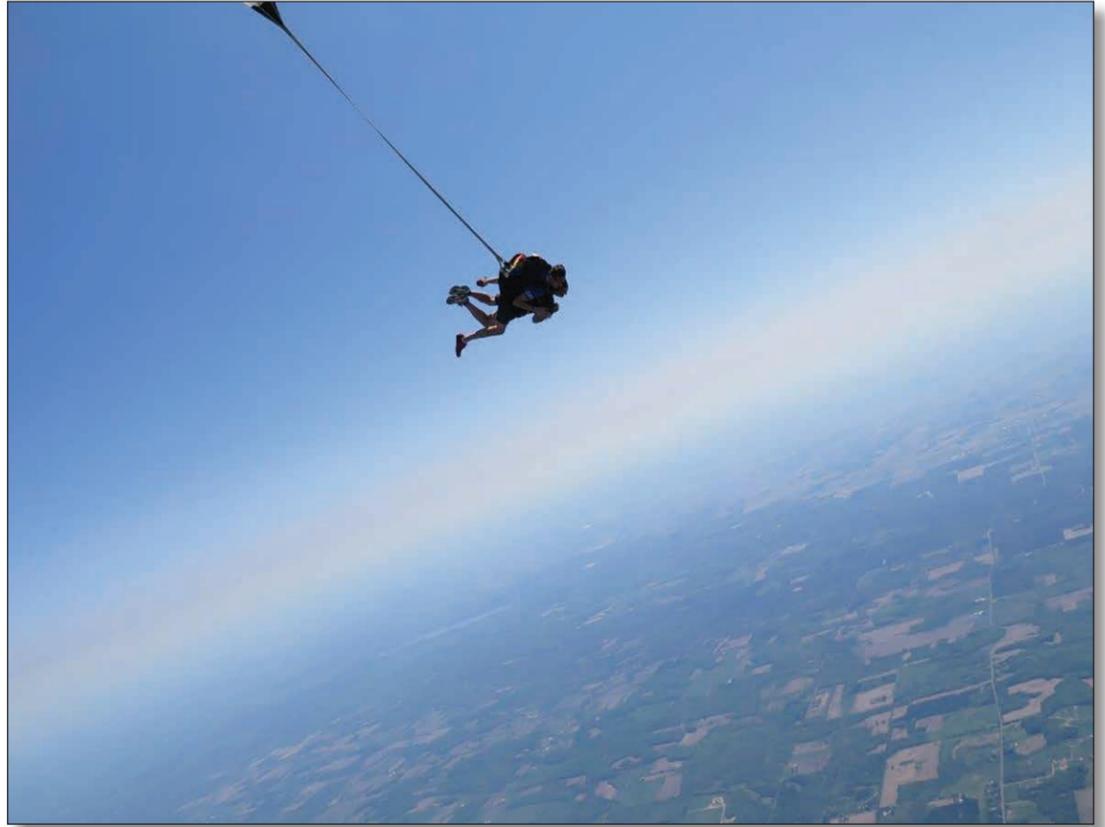
When the plane took them up to 10,000 feet, John was anxious for the experience.

"I had no fear. I wasn't nervous or scared at all," he said.

The two tumbled out of the plane a few revolutions before straightening out into a freefall. John wore an altimeter on his wrist and the instructor told him to pull the chute at an altitude of 5,000 feet. If he didn't at that point, the instructor would wave his hand in front of John's face.

"A woman jumped out of the plane as the same time as us and she was recording the entire fall, so I got distracted and didn't pull the chute until we were at 4,500 feet," John said. The woman recording the experience on camera has a record as having the most free fall time in the United States.

As the tandem jumpers floated to the ground, John was allowed to steer the parachute by means of handles affixed to the side cords. At the landing, John needed to lift his feet up high because otherwise the weight of his instructor on his back would cause injury to his legs. Meanwhile, Beth was



Jumping from the plane at 10,000 feet, Steindorf and his instructor free fall to 4,500 feet before popping the chute. At that altitude, the world looks different, Steindorf said.



The whole skydiving experience is recorded with Steindorf and his instructor, Jordan Elmer, which offers a chance to relive the event.

awaiting her time, but another airplane was in the vicinity, so the jump plane climbed to 11,500 feet for her jump.

John and Beth both are anxious for their next experience, which will be a static line jump, which they hope to complete this spring. With the static line jump, they fall unassisted, but a tether line is attached to the jump plane which pulls the line to deploy the parachute. But in order to do so, the couple must attend an all-day class of instruction.

"As soon as they open in the spring, we will be there," he said.

Rules exclude anyone under 18 and

people who weigh more than 230 pounds from skydiving with the organization.

They are no strangers to adrenaline, having completed many other exhilarating adventures, including parasailing, being lofted into the air by parachute behind a boat. There is no question in John's mind that he wants to continue skydiving.

"Absolutely," he said. "I want to get certified and be able to skydive on my own," he said.



The wing chute allows the skydivers the ability to steer to the landing area.

Indoor Blind Volleyball Tournament



Contact Melissa or Toni:
715-284-0905 or email me at
Melissa.Mckee@ho-chunk.com

District 1 Community Center

- Blind Volleyball Tournament will be on Sunday, January 15th, 2017 starting at 12:00PM
- Will be held at D1CC
- 4-6 players per team
- Anyone who is interested contact Melissa or Toni for team information by Thursday, January 12th.
- Registration forms are available at D1CC.

1st Place—\$300
2nd Place—\$200
3rd Place—\$100

2017 SEASON

District One Community Center 3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2017 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!

Date:
Monday, January 9, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

District One Community Center Gym



Contact Melissa or Toni at
715-284-0905

Games will be held every Monday starting January 9, 2017.

Teams must submit their rosters by Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Sign up as a team or an individual.

Season will be determined on how many teams are participating.

All players must be 18 years old and graduated from High School.

Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!

We're Looking forward to another exciting season!

See you on the court!

No drugs or alcohol on Premises. If you are under the influence you will be asked to leave and will forfeit of game.
No Child Care is provide, please plan accordingly

Native actors provide own brand of humor in Menominee College plays

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

When the actors in the productions of N.A.P.S. and Shinnob Jep took center stage, it wasn't about the accolades they might receive.

It was more about connecting with the Native American culture and sharing a few laughs that they know best about.

Two plays, N.A.P.S. and Shinnob Jep, were performed on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the College of Menominee College in Keshena. A second performance was offered on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Norbert Hill Center in Oneida.

One of the main actors in Shinnob Jep was Jamie Funmaker, a Ho-Chunk member who is attending classes at the college, who played Al Treebark, a role that resembles Alex Trebek on the show Jeopardy.

Jamie is a Natural Resources major who took the

The plays offered a way to link with the students, where they can understand and identify with them.

"The students connected well with the plays. The first play's questioning 'ghost hunting' as a form of entertainment hit home with many people who believe that those who have passed on should be allowed to rest," he said. "The second play's use of humor engaged our students as well, but I think the message of accepting one another and working well together resonated beyond the rapid-fire jokes."

The first performance, called N.A.P.S., which stands for Native American Paranormal Society, is about investigators who check out reports of spiritual activity, which occurs mostly around the local casino.

The Native American Paranormal Society play is a view into the present paranormal craze. Ghosts and spirits have



Shinnob Jep is a native version of Jeopardy, in which a panel of three answer questions with a native sense of humor.

"For N.A.P.S., my favorite part was about the tribe discontinuing use of the bingo hall after the couple passed. The main actor said, 'That's the hardest part to believe. That our tribe give this place to them,'" Winn said.

In the play Shinnob Jep, short for Anishinabe Jeopardy, game show host Al Treebark conducts the game with contestants Franklin Lake, Tradish Ikwe and John Johnson Jr.

Question categories include "Ricing," "Powwow," "Tribal Councils," "Higher Education," "Casino Gaming," "Race Relations," "U.S. History," "Trick or Treaties," "Trick of Treatment," "Body Language," "Sugar Bush," and "Rez Cars."

Each of the questions and answers offered a slice of Native American humor. For instance, in the category "Rez Cars," the question is "Will a Ford wheel fit on a Chevy?" The answer is "Yes, if you have a big enough hammer."

Under the category "Casino Gaming," a question was "Should you hate someone who hit the jackpot on a slot machine you just left?" The answer is "Yes, but only for a little while."

Throughout both plays, the performances would be halted for a short time to offer a commercial of a product that would hit the funny bone, such as "War Pony Tours" and "Boogid's Wild Rice Tools."

Toward the end of the play, the final round was played, where each contestant wrote down the answer on a card and the amount wagered. The contestants shared their answers with each other while writing and, in the end, the game ended in a three-way tie.

"My favorite part is, after the game ends in a three way tie due to them helping each other solve the final question, they said, 'When we work together, everybody wins,'" Winn said.

The course, and the plays, places the students in front of audiences, which may not seem natural to them, but in the end it boosts their self-esteem, Jamie said.

"It takes you out of your comfort zone – different than a traditional classroom setting. We had to memorize lines which makes up our homework grade for our final grade," she said. "The produc-



The paranormal investigators check out some odd occurrences at the bingo hall inside the casino, using their latest electronic spirit detection systems.

tion uses humor to connect Native Americans together, regardless of their backgrounds and tribes."

Jamie said she has no acting experience and was shocked to be given the scripts to the two plays on the first day of class.

"He said, 'By the way, these are the two plays we're putting on. I'm pretty sure he knew on the first day what parts he wanted people to portray.'"

She is glad she took the class, which made her grow in confidence.

"This class has been fun and quite the learning experience, and I definitely recommend this class to anyone with a sense of adventure," she said.

Another actor, Sabrina Hemken, from the Menominee tribe, was raised off the reservation, came to the college to receive an education but also to connect with her Native American heritage. She played the role of John Johnson Jr., a contestant on Shinnob Jep.

Sabrina is pursuing a double major in Public Administration and Digital Media, and it was her second time for acting in the plays, having been part of the class last year, but volunteering to fill a role this year.

"It's entertainment and it gives students experience in public speaking – something they otherwise shy away from. Humor is part of our native culture. We use humor and then we throw a moral in to send a message."

The plays are important aspect in their lives, a time when art programs are being cut from public schools be-

cause of financial constraints. "I never thought I would be in a play. I feel fortunate to be able to do so," Sabrina said.

Audience members chuckled through both plays.

"The reaction has been wonderful," Winn said. "For most of my students, this is the first production they've been involved with and it's been a glowing success. We're humbled by all of the praise and thrilled that we're able to share our art with the community."

Although the actors and audience gave indications of approval with laughter and a thunderous applause at the end, more benefits will be realized in years ahead.

"Honestly, for me, the best aspect is seeing the look of wonder on the faces of all of the future actors in the audience," Winn said. "I'm most excited about the fact that CMN's current students are inspiring its future students simply by succeeding on the stage. I love it when someone comes up to me after a show and says that in a few years they'll be acting in one of our shows."



Jamie Funmaker plays Al Treebark, the game show host for Shinnob Jep.



The panel of contestants don't always answer the questions correctly, but they answer them the only way they know, which is with a native twist.

Theater production class as an elective.

"I had fun. I like the humor. There is no better situation than being teased, as natives like to do," Jamie said.

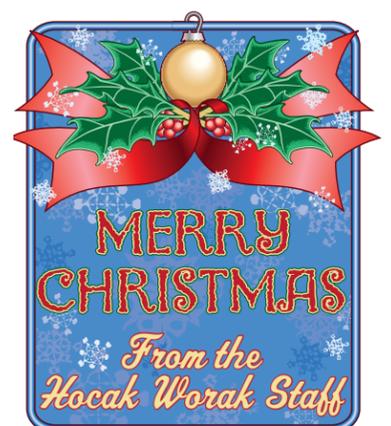
Director Ryan Winn is faculty member at the College of Menominee Nation and instructor of the Theater Production course. The plays are part of the curriculum of that course.

"Every fall we produce a professionally written show," Winn said. "In the spring we write a new play and we produce it the last week of July. The two plays we're currently producing have never been produced together before."

always existed in literature and spirituality is a strong theme in some Native American literature as well.

The author of the play, William S. Yellow Robe Jr., takes a look at the departed, who are disturbed by the arrogance of the living. Set in an abandoned bingo hall of a casino, the current residents are those who have lost their lives within the building.

During the play, two ghosts hover around the stage, unseen to the actors doing the investigation. But mostly, the actors discuss odd occurrences that have happened around the premises, indications of paranormal activity.



Nation provides training for safe tree limb removal

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

In an urban setting, trees can cause injury to property and humans when the dead limbs, and whole trees, come toppling down.

For that reason, Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Urban Forester Greg Blick thought it was important to provide a training session on preventive maintenance of the Nation's trees.

The training was provided on Dec. 5 and 6 to five Nation DNR employees, one employee of HCN Housing and one employee of the Ho-Chunk campground and resort, according to Blick.

The instructor was Aaron Shauer, who has been a climbing arborist for almost 20 years and has a Masters in

Forestry from University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. His company name is Trees 4 Life.

“Aaron taught us advanced rigging techniques, which is the use of blocks, pulleys and various styles of ropes to remove and lower large limbs from trees,” Blick said. “In conjunction, he taught us limb walking techniques, which allows people to advance far out to limb ends without breaking them. This allows us prune dead limbs and branches and tie them off for safe lowering. He also taught us about six different styles of arborist ropes and what are the strengths, weaknesses and best uses of each.”

Advanced rigging techniques will allow the work-

ers to take down safely trees which are near buildings or other structures which are susceptible to damage.

For example, for the class the participants in the training took down a rotting oak tree in the Mission Headstart playground which was hanging over playground equipment and fencing. In the past this would have had to be put out to contract and may have cost up to \$2,000, Blick said.

“Now we will be able to do much of this work in-house, with most of the work done by tribal members,” he said. “We did about two hours inside each day. We spent half the first day in a cold sleet and the second day in the cold. It was our first dose of winter tree removal, but it won't be

our last.”

This year the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR removed more than 200 trees and pruned many for safety, both on trust land and for elders on private lands.

“This class will allow us to expand the types of trees we can take care of in our services to tribal members, both in tree removal and in pruning for safety purposes. Other urban forestry activities such as tree inspections and inventory are intended to catch problem trees before they fail and allow for the best allocation of resources,” Blick said. “Next spring we plan on planting hundreds of trees to replace those which we have been removed.”



SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Mr. John and Bridget Morris, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 16-25

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
Mr. John and Bridget Morris

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Complaint is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Complaint must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this Summons in . See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a Certificate of Service. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can result in a default judgment being entered against you. Id., Rule 54.

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
Joseph P. Lujan, Petitioner, v. Terry Lee Lujan, Respondent.
Case No.: CS 16-89

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby information 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 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. 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., § 7.36(b)(v).

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Ho-Chunk Nation Committee on Tribal Enrollment and Ho-Chunk Nation, Petitioners v. Theresa Lynn Mendez, Respondent.
Case : CV 16-24

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Theresa Lynn Mendez

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition* is now served upon you by publication in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5(C)(1)(f). A Preliminary Hearing in this case will convene on **January 26, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. CST**. A failure to attend may result in the entrance of a dismissal or a judgment against the absent party. Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 44(C).

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Notice of Vacancy and Deadline
For District 2- Tomah
One (1) Election Board Alternate

District	Number of Election Board Delegate	Alternate
District 2 Tomah: (2015 – 2017)		1

TERMS: All Election Board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one (1) term. The Alternate for District Two (2) will be serving out a term which will end December 2017.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for (1) Alternate member to represent at your Tomah District must be voted at your District monthly meeting in January 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, January 20, 2017

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
206 SOUT ROOSEVELT ROAD
P.O. BOX 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615

715/284.8900•800/890.0583•715/284.8600(FAX)

Posted 12/5/2016 MO

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
In the Interest of Minor : L.M.A., DOB 05/14/2002
Case : JV 16-26

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Twilight Hindsley

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Child Protection Review Hearing* as required by HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.60a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **1:30** on the **17th** day of **January, 2017** for the following purpose: *Child Protection Review Hearing*. Pursuant to HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.20g, parties have a right to legal counsel of their own choice and at their own expense.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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Ho-Chunk honored with official "Ho-Chunk Day" in the City of Madison

Submitted by Missy Tracy, Municipal Relations Coordinator, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison

Mayor Paul Soglin and the Madison Common Council voted unanimously and affirmed and proclaimed a day in honor of the Ho-Chunk people. Now through perpetuity, the fourth Friday in November is officially "Ho-Chunk Day" in the City of Madison. This day will be concurrent to "Ho-Chunk Day" in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Alder Denise DeMarb, District 16, worked with the city and Ho-Chunk representatives in Madison over the past couple of months to bring this good thought to a realization.

The Ho-Chunk people are descendants of the effigy mound builders, ca AD 700 – 1100 and are the aboriginal inhabitants of the Madison region, known to the Ho-Chunk as "Te Jop e ja" (The Four Lakes). The heart of the effigy mound region is around the present-day City of Madison, in the Four Lakes Mound

District which covers the four principal lakes of Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa. Oral tradition and historic documents describe the Ho-Chunk as a large and populous tribe of 10,000 that occupied more than 10 million acres of land in much of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

On December 2, 1829, President John Quincy Adams, presented the Ho-Chunk with the first treaty for ceding vast amounts of mineral-rich land wanted by white settlement. Beginning in 1849, the federal government began a series of attempts of forcible removals. The Ho-Chunk were rounded up and put into boxcars to move them from their Wisconsin territory to Iowa, then, Minnesota, still later to South Dakota and finally in Nebraska, leading to mistrust and conflict with a dominant government society. The Ho-Chunk increasingly returned on foot numerous times to Wisconsin to live as refugees on their former homelands. In 1875, those in Wisconsin were

allowed to settle on lands that were not wanted and are the only tribe in Wisconsin for whom no reservation was ever formally established.

Alder DeMarb felt it was time to acknowledge Ho-Chunk history in Madison and recognize the historical trauma and how it still reverberates today, so that healing can take place and progress can be made. Ho-Chunk recognizes the importance of collaboration and maintaining meaningful relationships with the City of Madison. Today began the path to healing.

Accepting the honor at Tuesday's Common Council meeting was Wilfrid Cleveland, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation. "Today is a historic day for the City of Madison and the Ho-Chunk Nation," Cleveland stated, "This recognition only strengthens our relationship and commitment to being a great community partner." Also in attendance was Daniel Brown, Executive Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, Missy Tracy, Municipal Relations



Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland accepts the proclamation from the City of Madison to declare the fourth Friday in November as Ho-Chunk Day. Standing behind Cleveland are Missy Tracy and Daniel Brown.

Coordinator, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison and a delegation of tribal members from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The first official Ho-Chunk Day will be on November 25th this year.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$3,000 to WHSRA

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$3000.00 donation to the Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association. Representatives from WHSRA met with Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Representative Greg Blackdeer and Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Representative Lori Pettibone on November 30, 2016 for a check

presentation. The donation will be used to purchase a prize saddle and belt for a raffle. The funds raised will be used for saddles, belts and scholarships. There are currently 150 students involved in the organization. The easiest way to get involved is by their website at WHSRA.org. WHSRA President BJ Ragatz said, "This donation is greatly appreciated. All the donations go back to the kids. We are very appreciative."



BJ Ragatz/WHSRA President, Jaycee Bush/Contestant, HCN Representative Greg Blackdeer, Tim Schemak/WHSRA Treasurer, Britney Stein/Contestant, HCN Representative Lori Pettibone, Allison Burgau/Contestant, Lane Schemak/Contestant



Congrats to Heather Cloud and Loa Porter, graduates of the 2016 Guardian ad litem Training! They will be representing the best interests of our HCN Children in the HCN Trial Court.

HCG-Wittenberg employees give back

Submitted by LeAnthony Pecore, Sr. Mgr of Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

For the past few years, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg employees have participated in a great local program known as the Wittenberg Birnamwood Giving Tree. The program is designed to help those in need during the Holiday season; for all ages. Those who participate, simply stop by the Wittenberg True Value, pick a mitten off the tree and donate items to the chosen community member in need. This year, Ho-Chunk

Gaming Wittenberg employees helped filled 25 mittens for ages ranging from newborn to 28. Giving back to

the community is always a good idea; especially during the holidays.





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DECEMBER 31, 2016

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Play Bingo December 31 to be entered into the \$5,000 Bingo Cash Giveaway where five lucky Bingo players will be drawn to win \$1,000. Entry packets cost \$25 with \$500 payouts or \$50 with \$1,000 payouts.

Enjoy free food plus double consolation on all floor pack specials.

Electronic Bingo available for an additional charge. No Comps, coupons or points.

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This is the information from Treasury:

ELITE ELDERS 70 + OVER, who are HOMEOWNERS, there is important information available for you here at the HCN TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Please contact TREASURY at 800-779-2873 or 715-284-1660 EXT. 1148 or Jennifer. Pineda @ ho-chunk.com, or Georcha. West @ ho-chunk.com.

ATTENTION HO-CHUNK ELDERS

Administered by Auxiant, the Nation's Elder insurance coverage begins at age 60. Ho-Chunk Elders must sign up for Medicare part B when they attain age 65.

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

***If you miss the initial enrollment period:**

- There is an open enrollment period during the first three (3) months of every year (January, February, and March).
- When you enroll in open enrollment the effective date of coverage is always July 1st of that year.
- There is a higher penalty if you do not sign up when eligible.

***If you are employed full-time by the Nation when you attain age 65 and you have insurance coverage through your employer:**

- You do not need to sign up for Medicare part B until you lose full-time status or terminate your employment. The Nation's health plan pays for your covered medical expenses.
- When you end employment or lose full-time status with the Nation you must sign up for part B immediately in order for Medicare to cover 80% of your covered health care costs.

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

- The Elder insurance plan will only pay 20% of covered medical expenses.
- Your employer's plan may not provide all of the 80% not covered by the Nation's Elder insurance plan.
- Therefore Medicare part B may help with the gap in coverage.

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

- Elder insurance plan administered by Auxiant will "carve out" the 20% of covered medical costs they normally pay.
- The Elder is left with financial responsibility for the 80% of covered medical costs that Medicare Part B normally pays.

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

**Attention:
TEMPORARY CHANGE to
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
CLINIC ENTRANCE**

DUE TO RENOVATION WORK AT THE HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER CLINIC from late December through January, 2017, patients will use the Community Health (south) entrance for optical and/or dental clinic appointments and community health and contract health matters. Patients will use the new (west) entrance for medical appointments and pick-up medication from the pharmacy. Signs will be posted at the entryways during this time.

Thank you for your patience!

HO-CHUNK NATION**TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY**

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking three (3) qualified candidates to serve as a Committee member's responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

Eligibility for an interview: Must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- ◆ *Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst*
- ◆ *An Associate's or, preferably, a Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or finance*
- ◆ *Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP, CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, and PFS.*
- ◆ *At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf*
- ◆ *Must be able to obtain a financial bond*

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and criminal background check. Potential Committee members shall not be eligible for service if the criminal background check reveals a felony or any crime of dishonesty, including, but limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or deception in any form.

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: **January 31, 2017** to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
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December 13-14, 2016
35th ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE
 Minority, Woman and Veteran Owned Businesses

Potawatomi Hotel and Conference Center
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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Two Events with FREE Workshops

MARKETPLACE is the premier business capacity building conference of the year for minority, woman and veteran-owned companies seeking to do business with state, federal and local government agencies as well as corporations. Attendees can meet one-on-one with over 50 different buyers to learn about potential opportunities, connect with funding and assistance resources, and network with other businesses.

Tuesday December 13th

2:00PM – 5:25PM FREE Workshops
 5:30PM – 8:00PM Networking Reception
\$20 Reg. / \$15 Certified
 Featuring:
 25 Year Award Recognition
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Wednesday December 14th

7:00AM Breakfast Registration
 9:00AM Expo Hall with buyer meetings, exhibitors, lenders, resources
 11:30AM Award Luncheon
 1:30PM Expo Hall re-opens
 Cost: \$60 Reg. / \$50 with Discount Code**
 ** Partner discounts available – see website for details.

Learn more and register at: MarketplaceWisconsin.com

SMALL BUSINESS ACADEMY

Dec. 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Potawatomi Hotel and Conference Center
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Small Business Academy FREE seminar will equip aspiring small business owners with the information and resources they need to turn their dreams into a reality.

Learn more and register for this FREE event at SBEAcademy.com

Home Ownership Program



27374 St Hwy 21 E Office Building 5
 Tomah, WI 54660

THE FOLLOWING HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS NEED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM BY JANUARY 2, 2017

5403	3083	1941	0932	1264	1070	0913	1076	1660
3135	1434	2639	3296	1414	1450	1923	1468	1626
1777	1922	1778	1460	5008	0514	2798	2020	1849
1159	1189	2331	0022	5235	0594	2675	2024	2409
2755	3016	2428	1806	1386	2081	0126	2549	2149
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PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE WINNESHIEK
 OR SHEILA STOUT
 (608)374-1225

HOMEOWNERSHIP AFFORDABILITY WORKSHOP

January 10th, 2017

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

10:00 to 12:00 p.m.
 at the **Wittenberg TAU building**
W17956 Wittbirn-Townline Road

Please contact Sheila Stout at Department of Housing to reserve your spot today! Or contact Melanie Roth or Jamie Decorah at Wittenberg TAU.
 (608) 374-1225 ext 5907

DECEMBER 31, 2016

NEW YEAR'S EVE
2017

CARNIVAL IN RIO

BRET MICHAELS

9:00PM - 10:15PM | UPPER DELLS BALLROOM

EDM SHOW

DJ Dan x Donald Glaude, Richard Vission

11:00PM - 1:00AM | UPPER DELLS BALLROOM

MADISON COUNTY

9:00PM - 1:00 AM | LOWER DELLS BALLROOM

COOKIE AND THE REAL DEAL!

8:00 PM - 1:00AM | GAMING FLOOR

33 DEGREES NORTH

8:30PM - 12:30AM | CASINO FLOOR

CASINO FLOOR ENTERTAINMENT

RYAN THE MAGICIAN, SHOWGIRLS, PHOTO BOOTH, CARNIVAL IN RIO MUSIC, AMBIANCE CHARACTERS & LIVELY PARADE THROUGHTOUT THE NIGHT!

\$17 PER WRISTBAND | SALES START AT 7PM

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TWO BALLOON DROPS
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