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Lawsuit filed to determine President Cleveland's conviction status

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The issue of Ho-Chunk President Wilfrid Cleveland's record has surfaced again.

Gary Funmaker has filed a lawsuit against Cleveland and the Wisconsin Department of Justice in hopes of clarifying whether Cleveland is considered a felon or not.

The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation states that a felon cannot serve as president.

An article about the issue was published in the Wednesday, July 26, 2017, issue of the Jackson County Chronicle. The article told about the history of the charges and Funmaker's efforts to get a final determination.

Although Cleveland has declined the offer to make a statement to the Hocak Worak regarding this issue, in the past he said that the felony charge was reduced to a misdemeanor and that he served his time for that charge.

Determining whether Cleveland is a felon or not normally would be a simple procedure, looking at the court records from 1972, when the violation occurred. However, the

court records were all kept in paper back then, and a distinct decision on the matter is not so apparent.

"That's what makes it so difficult. The court records from back then are not clear," said Jackson County Clerk of Court Jan Moennig.

On May 2 this year, Funmaker filed the lawsuit against Cleveland and the Wisconsin Department of Justice for a declaratory judgement. The lawsuit is intended to have a judge decide if the charge against



Gary Funmaker filed a declaratory lawsuit to determine the status of Cleveland's 1972 conviction.

Cleveland is a felony or misdemeanor. Monroe County Judge J. David Rice has been assigned to the case.

No definite court date has been set, but officials at Jackson County Clerk of Courts office said a date could be set within a month.

"We need to know, once and for all, whether is he a felon or not," Funmaker said. "Either way, we get the air cleared and can go on from there. But the not knowing and having this cloud hanging over him and the Nation is what is troubling."

The records don't determine whether the conviction was deemed a felony or misdemeanor, listing the conviction as "unspecified." The court case is listed as a CF, meaning a criminal case and a felony, while a misdemeanor is listed as a CM. The original charge was Battery to a Peace Officer,

which is a felony under state statutes.

On the Wisconsin Court Access (CCAP) online search engine, Cleveland is listed with two different names and two different listings of charges. His name is listed as "Wilfred" and "Wilfrid."

However, Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox claims that the charge was reduced to simple battery, which is a misdemeanor. However, there are no records to indicate that.

Fox claims that, in 1972, there was a county court and a circuit court. Records indicate the case was heard in county court, which didn't hear felony cases.

In Cleveland's letter to request a pardon from the governor, the first line states, "After I was convicted of the Battery to a Peace Officer I really wasn't focused on what I wanted to do with my life." Funmaker points out that all cases of Battery to a Peace Officer are felonies, not misdemeanors. He also questions why Cleveland would ask for a pardon if he didn't know he had a felony conviction.

According to a 2017 letter from Governor Scott Walker's office, a pardon was not given by Gov. Jim Doyle or Gov. Walker.

The charges stem from an incident on January 23, 1972. The criminal complaint on file at the Jackson County Clerk of Court office, states that Cleveland was trying to flee by getting into a stolen police car. While trying to escape arrest, Cleveland struck Jackson County Sheriff Deputy Alfred Young in the nose, breaking his glasses and causing swelling in the nose and eye, according to the criminal complaint.

Cleveland filed a motion in Jackson County Circuit Court on July 28 to dismiss the Funmaker case. Funmaker has until August 25 to file supporting paperwork and Cleveland has until September 25 to file response briefs



President Wilfrid Cleveland speaks at the September 17, 2016, General Council meeting.

and opposing paperwork.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice also filed a motion to dismiss the case. The WDOJ has until August 25 to file response briefs and Funmaker has until September 12 to file a response brief.

The question of Cleveland having a felony record was a contentious issue in the past as well.

Cleveland was able to run for president in 2007 because the Ho-Chunk Nation court couldn't prove he was felon in the case Mike Sallaway versus the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, despite the letter from Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox.

Again, the subject was broached at the September 17, 2016 General Council session at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, when a resolution was introduced to remove of President Wilfrid Cleveland based on the felony issue. Jeremy Rockman presented that resolution. Rockman stated that Cleveland is a felon and that no information is available that he has ever been pardoned of that felony.

"During his first tenure, I voted for Willy, not knowing of his felony," said Cecelia Krause, who seconded the resolution. "The trust is gone. The background check was not done by the Election Board as it should have

been done. We do not need service from this type of person."

Michelle Greendeer Rave spoke in defense of Cleveland, saying that Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox first wrote a letter that Cleveland was a felon, then later recanted his information and said that he had made a mistake and that the original charges had been dropped down to a misdemeanor.

"The deal is done. The D.A. made a mistake," Greendeer Rave said.

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How the Ho-Chunk Nation should update its financial laws

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It's a detriment to Ho-Chunk Nation if our laws are not followed or if they prevent us from moving forward in a productive manner. We need forethought when our laws are drafted and amended.

It's almost as if our laws should have expiration dates so we update them periodically to ensure they do the job they were created to do.

As the nation plans to go paperless, on per capita, payroll, vendor, mileage, per diem, stipend checks, our Per Capita Distribution Ordinance was violated.

The ordinance states that "payments shall be mailed to the member's current address as annually verified or changed by the member."

It also states, "Members shall be responsible for providing address changes by the 15th of the month prior to any Per Capita distribution to the Enrollment Office as they occur. The Nation is not responsible for sending a per capita check to the wrong address if the tribal member has failed to provide a current and correct address."

The ordinance also doesn't allow for electronic payment or monthly payment options.

Our laws need to be followed, or leadership should amend as changes are needed.

Per Cap direct deposit went on without any legal considerations for nearly ten years, and no one ever introduced change to the ordinance.

Another good example of a lack of concern of our laws by lawmakers is redistricting in 2008. Since then, the nation hasn't had a secretarial election to amend our constitution's Article V, Section 1, (b) to accurately show each district, the number of representatives, and counties included within the district.

Instead a Ho-Chunk Nation resolution, 3-03-09K, is attached to our constitution. Nothing like stapling a note to the constitution. A post-it note might lose its adhesiveness.

One example presented to me about how our Materials Management Manual prevented a broken sidewalk from being fixed right way. The process to secure a bid, select a vendor, and get them paid would take a couple weeks through the manual.

Is the answer to fix the problem to hire a permanent full-time mason to be more efficient?

The nation invested a lot of time and money, and took great strides to separate business from government when it voted to create our Section 17, Twelve Clans, Inc.

Twelve Clans, Inc. is treated just as the tribal government,

with immunity, tax privileges with federal and state governments, and able to purchase property.

If our casinos were operated under Twelve Clans, Inc. the delay to repairing the broken sidewalk would not exist. Our casinos would be more like a regular business who could repair things quicker.

To date, the nation only uses Twelve Clans as a wealth management fund. That's okay to do that, but we could also start another division to handle casinos, hotels, or other business ventures.

Creating jobs while increasing revenue should be the top priority. If the nation is making half billion dollars, our new goal should be to make one or two billion in the next year.

Our business thinking can't be short-sighted. We should stay as competitive and innovative as we can be.

Take our General Council resolution for selling marijuana on tribal land as a way to increase our revenue. The resolution didn't specifically say to sell on tribal land in Wisconsin.

The nation could have bought land in a state where the sale of marijuana is currently legal. The legislature could create a tribal chartered corporation and begin making additional tribal revenue.

Wisconsin Democrats proposed new legislation to fully legalize marijuana as a means to generate revenue to help address the state's \$1 billion deficit.

State representative Melissa Sargent believes legalizing marijuana would create \$100s million in revenue, economic stimulus, and 10,000 jobs if passed. Half of the US already legalized marijuana.

If the Ho-Chunk Nation leadership took the General Council resolution seriously, we'd be ahead of the game at this point if or when Wisconsin does pass the legislation.

The budget process should include a law for food and drink purchases to require a specific food and drink line items, and not hidden within other line items.

Should employed tribal member receive free meals at work, while some tribal members go hungry? Is that leadership?

Perhaps limiting food and drink purchases to 5 times annually, and requiring food be purchased from a tribal entity.

Legislature spent over \$110,000 in the last two quarters of this fiscal year according to the Treasury report on mileage, air, and per diem. That averages out to over \$220,000 annually.

How much did the General Council Agency spend, and they were voted to be dissolved?

Sometimes mileage is paid to travel from their home to the Black River Falls for meetings. A law should be made to prevent this type of mileage payment.

All areas of the Ho-Chunk Nation's jurisdiction should be elected officials' worksite to prevent mileage payment for getting to work. There are some regular employees who travel an hour or two to get to work, but they don't get to claim mileage.

Perhaps elected officials should have fleet vehicles assigned to them at their district office to use for official purposes, such as attending work meetings.

I recently read a news article about how Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison was using environmental friendly cleaning supplies and saving money doing so.

The more I thought about it, the more it was apparent that this gaming site was not included in the big spending Project Forward renovations.

They seem to be the leaders in doing smaller renovation projects yearly to keep the casino environment up to date and competitive, while other sites lagged behind creating a bigger price tag to renovate.

Kudos to the Tejope management for representing the nation well in the state's capitol.

I wonder what the interest rate on our \$150 million loan is. What is the dollar amount paid monthly, and for how long?

It's hard to remember the days when the nation was in debt over a \$1 million to the IRS, but we should know that time existed. Imagine wanting to be an elected official when the nation is deep in debt.

It's time to update our financial laws to curtail wasteful spending and move us forward in a positive manner.

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Tribal member proposes a bigger role for General Council

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Editor

A District 5 tribal member wants the General Council to support his proposed amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. His changes would give the General Council a bigger role in the Ho-Chunk Nation government structure.

William Winneshiek Jr., of Long Beach, California, wants to clarify that "the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council," as stated in our constitution.

"My proposed amendment requires a significant increase in staffing for the General Council. Part of my proposed amendment includes a detailed review process for legislation put out by elected officials to be conducted by the General Council," Winneshiek said.

"Some of the stuff I've seen on 45-day review was atrocious. In my proposed amendment there would be no more executive session meetings without the General Council present. We will be involved with any and all meetings."

He believes the constitutional amendment is needed to establish the General Council's sovereignty.

"We have laws, codes, and acts that are non-compliant with our constitution," Winneshiek said.

Winneshiek points to last year's General Council resolution to dissolve the General Council Agency (GCA) as an example of non-compliance.

The constitution references the GCA, but there's still a need for approval from the Secretary of the Interior for a constitutional amendment, he said.

Winneshiek references an October 4, 2016 letter to the Ho-Chunk Nation president, vice president, and legislature where Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Amanda WhiteEagle states, "If the General Council wishes to dissolve the General Council Agency in its entirety, then it will require a constitutional amendment to do so."

"Elected officials dissolved the General Council Agency with the Office of General Council Establishment and Organization Act, but our constitution still references GCA," Winneshiek said.

"Legislators have not requested a Secretarial Election to make known amendments to our constitution to date. The attorney general legally advised elected officials to remove reference to GCA from our constitution."

Last year's resolution, 09-17-2016-01, to dissolve the GCA was unconstitutional, as the GCA was added to the Constitution by Secretarial Election.

General Council Advocate Joy Thompson-Bonanno also sees a flaw in the resolution.

"If you look at the Constitution, it says that General Council 'retains the power to establish its own procedures in accordance with this Constitution.' I do not see the actions that took place last year at General Council as following the constitution in regards to the GCA," Thompson-Bonanno said.



Bill Winneshiek wants the General Council to play a bigger role within the government structure of the Ho-Chunk Nation, so he plans proposing change at the annual General Council meeting.

"If anything, the resolution should have called for a Constitutional Amendment Election for this to be voted on. In most cases, the Legislature has not entertained this type of resolution unless the specific language calls for a Secretarial Election or Constitutional Amendment Election. These types of resolutions have been tossed out by legislature."

The removal of the GCA should have been handled by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board according to the Election Code that has been adopted regarding Constitutional Amendment Elections, Thompson-Bonanno said.

Winneshiek points out problems within the GCA regarding financial issues, like hotel bills and mileage discrepancies.

"If the referenced financing was the only problem, there was a very simple and basic managerial resolve to a problem like this," Winneshiek said.

"If that was all that was going on, there was not a reason to dissolve GCA. Management should have corrected the financing problem."

In the General Council article of the constitution, he pro-

poses an elected position of General Council Branch Director to oversee each branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"General Council meetings would not change, aside from being held quarterly, livestreaming, online voting, and electronic interaction between General Council members who are unable to attend the meetings," Winneshiek said.

The General Council Branch Director and reporters from the Hocak Worak would be notified and permitted to attend any Ho-Chunk Nation closed, special, or executive session meeting if the proposed amendment were to be passed in a secretarial election.

"Reporters of the Hocak Worak would not be permitted to attend meetings related to the hiring and firing of personnel," Winneshiek said. "The General Council would become the governing body of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

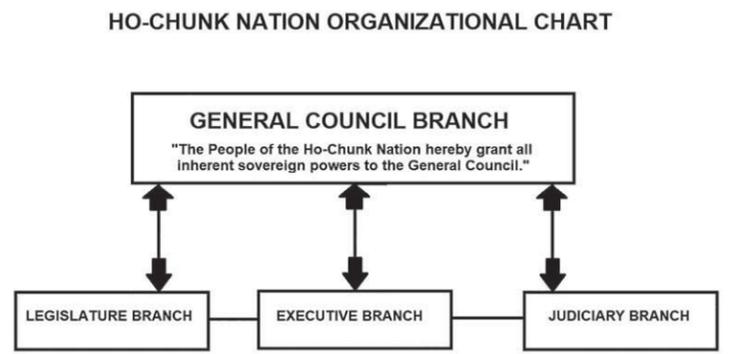
The General Council branch director would approve annual budgets at quarterly General Council meetings where each branch of the government would present their annual budget, as well as goals and objectives.

Winneshiek also proposes, prior to voting on annual budgets, that budgets would be published in the Hocak Worak, on the Nation's website, and mailed to the General Council 45 days prior to the General Council meeting.

In the General Council's delegation of authority, Winneshiek's amendment would authorize the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds; and the executive branch to enforce laws and administer funds. But both branches would need approval from the General Council Branch Director.

The proposal would have the judicial branch authorized to interpret and apply the laws and constitution "in consortium with the General Council Branch Director."

Further, Winneshiek proposes the legislature create a means "to conduct a financial audit of the Ho-chunk Nation's financial holdings" that would be "conducted by an impartial and independent



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financial firm approved by the General Council Branch Director."

The financial audit would be completed "in consortium" with the General Council or its representative.

Winneshiek outlines a way for General Council resolutions to be implemented and resolved within one year of their passage.

Winneshiek's constitutional amendment also provides a definition for malfeasance as "conduct that is wrongful or unlawful."

In his proposal, Winneshiek creates a quarterly meeting among the General Council Branch Director, President, Vice President, Attorney General, Treasurer, Executive Directors, Gaming Commissioners, and Casino Executive Managers to maintain and enhance compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Qualifications for the General Council Branch Director would be similar to the president's qualifications. Age limit would be 35 years old. The director should have a master's degree and be cognizant of the Ho-Chunk Nation language, culture, and traditions.

Legislature would be required to post laws, codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes out for 45 day review in the Hocak Worak, on the Nation's website, and mailed to the General Council. Comments from tribal members and responses from the legis-

lature would also be posted, while the General Council Branch Director would verify comments were resolved before proceeding with changes.

Winneshiek also adds transparency to vendor selection and the three bid process. He also adds language to Ho-Chunk hiring preference for outside vendors and contractors.

Qualifications would change, again, to require a bachelor's degree for members of legislature and the president.

Winneshiek's amendment also adds language that "the Attorney General is the enforcer and prosecutor of all crimes committed against the Ho-chunk Nation. The Attorney General shall ensure our constitution, laws, codes, and statutes are enforced."

Crimes against the Ho-Chunk Nation would be reported to the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and added in a section to the Judiciary Article.

So far, the General Council advocate has not received any resolutions for this year's General Council meeting scheduled for September 16.

"I know that Bill is wanting to restructure the entire HCN Constitution and that that is a bold undertaking, which will take more than one resolution to do so," Thompson-Bonanno said.

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Heroin addiction epidemic countered with Nation's Tribal Action Plan

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The heroin epidemic has hit the people in the United States hard. It has spared no community, affecting both urban and rural areas.

That is true within the Ho-Chunk Community as well. In the last year, several Ho-Chunk member deaths have been attributed to drug overdoses.

To combat the growing epidemic, departments within the Ho-Chunk government have banded together to create the Tribal Action Plan, or TAP for short, with a resolution adopted by the Legislature on July 6, 2016.

One of the leaders in the TAP effort is Ho-Chunk Nation Head Pharmacist Ted Hall, who is also a board certified psychiatric pharmacist.

Besides enabling the Nation to make a concerted effort in combatting the problems associated with drug and alcohol use, the TAP makes the effort more competitive for grants, Hall said.

The TAP is a product of the newly-formed Tribal Coordinating Committee, which includes several Ho-Chunk governmental bodies, including President Wilfrid Cleveland.

What has heightened the drug epidemic is that drug dealers first were adding fentanyl to the heroin to make the user's reaction to the drug use stronger. Fentanyl is 50 to 100

times stronger than morphine.

Then drug dealers took it a step further by adding carfentanil to the heroin, Hall said. Carfentanil is an opioid used to sedate elephants and other large animals. It is 10,000 times stronger than morphine. There is no safe amount for humans and it can be absorbed through the skin and even through latex gloves.

Emergency responders have been using Narcan to reverse the effects of heroin when responding to overdose cases, however carfentanil is so strong, often Narcan cannot overcome its effects.

Because carfentanil can be absorbed through the skin and such a little amount has dramatic effects, anyone picking up something that has been

contaminated can react from an overdose situation.

In many cases, law enforcement officers touched something with carfentanil on the surface and they had immediate overdose reactions. Some of them died from that incidental contact.

"That's why it's important for everyone to be careful and not pick up anything they don't know the source. Even pets can be affected when they come into contact with an item from an unknown source," Hall said.

"What makes the prevention of such chemicals entering the country is the source. China has no regulation on the production and distribution of carfentanil, so they ship it to Mexico, where it has very lax or nonexistent rules on importation of the substance, where it is mixed with heroin by drug cartels. That mixture is smuggled across the border into the United States and sold to unsuspecting users," Hall said.

He is available to meeting with the general public to sort out issues associated with substance abuse, including drugs and alcohol.

When any of the health providers, including psychiatric and mental health experts, they develop a plan to help the individual within the network.

"It's estimated at 90 percent

of the substance abuse issues stems from an underlying mental health issue," Hall said. "They are self-treating themselves with medications, drugs and alcohol. They frequently have had trauma, depression, anxiety and other issues.

One of the dangerous aspects of using heroin is that the opioid caused almost immediate craving that is so powerful that most people are immediately addicted. The need for the substance makes a person physically ill if he or she doesn't have it on a regular basis. That illness is similar to the worst case of flu a person can have.

To combat that need for heroin, Hall has the ability to provide a medication called Vivitrol, which stops the cravings for more.

What the public needs right now is more education on the opioid drug problem. Hall is creating and handing out flyers on the common drugs of abuse.

"It's similar to diabetes in that it needs consistent treatment," Hall said. "We need to destigmatize the perception that drug users are bad people. Because of that stereotype, many of them won't seek treatment. They're afraid people will find out and that label will be attached to them."

What makes the whole scenario even worse is that drug cartels are adding chemicals to the drugs to make them more potent, but often they don't know the ramifications.

"Drug dealers are not chemists," Hall said.

More and more so, drug dealers are setting up shop in smaller towns. That situation is more dangerous to the users because smaller towns don't have the resources to combat the problems and the overdoses that larger cities have.

Because of his work with drug addictions, Hall was the only pharmacist to speak before the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine, which he did at their annual convention in 2016.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's drug treatment programs have been a leading example for the rest of the state to follow. Sauk County adopted the model being used at the Ho-Chunk Nation and used the program to obtain a \$3 million grant.

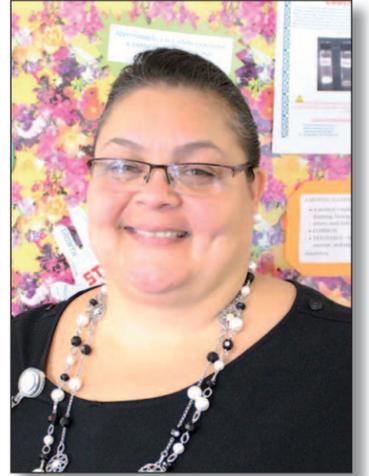
"The Ho-Chunk Nation has the resources to help combat addiction," Hall said. "The Nation has taken the lead in treatment and in best practices."

A large percentage of addicts are people who are self-medicating themselves from emotional, sex, and physical abuse, said Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health Program Manager Evangeline Suquet.

"With self-medicating comes addiction, not just with Ho-Chunk people, not just with native people, but with everyone," Suquet said.

To help with the current epidemic of heroin use and overdoses, the staff at the

Behavioral Health Clinic are working towards becoming dually credentialed. Until recently, anyone undergoing treatment from a mental health counselor would have to begin a separate treatment with a drug and alcohol counselor to address that issue. However, if the staff member would be able to treat both aspect and was credentialed in both areas of expertise, more of a consistency in treatment could be maintained and less duplication.



Evangeline Suquet

"Often people have to take off work for their appointments, which could create problems with employment," she said. In addition, the consistency of treatment and the ability to maintain a relationship with just one counselor is a real benefit to the client.

There are two people in the Black River Falls office who are credentialed in both professions and one at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. The other staff are working toward that goal.

Suquet believes the opioid addiction and overdose problem will continue to escalate because the drug dealers are working hard to enhance their products. They even offer free heroin to people as long as they continue to bring in new customers.

The process of therapy is an important aspect in recovery from addiction because it is not just a temporary fix.

"Therapy after addiction is a lifelong process with a regular therapist," Suquet said. "Sobriety is not just the act of stopping drug or alcohol use – it's a lifestyle change. You have to change your whole life, your whole routine. You have to change your friends, the places you frequent, and sometimes it involves cutting your family off if they are contributing to your use, which is especially difficult with Ho-Chunk people because of their strong family bonds."

Lifelong treatment is important because often people don't stay in treatment facilities long enough to undergo meaningful changes.

"People only stay 28-30 days in a treatment facility," Suquet said. "The first 10 days, they are undergoing de-



Ted Hall

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Caution!!!

This picture compares the deadly doses of Heroin, Fentanyl, and Carfentanil. Heroin is an illegal opioid that changes to morphine in the body. Heroin is often mixed with either Fentanyl and/or Carfentanil without the dealer or user knowing. Fentanyl is a strong opioid used in medical care for cancer pain. Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times stronger than Morphine. Carfentanil is an opioid used to sedate elephants and other larger animals. Carfentanil is 10,000 times stronger than morphine. There is no safe amount for human contact and it can absorb through the skin and through normal rubber gloves. Narcan (naloxone) is a medicine that reverses the effects of an overdose. Carfentanil is so strong that Narcan may not be able to save someone who has come in contact with Carfentanil.

Do not touch or pick up needles, spoons, or any other items (i.e. cigarette cellophane wrappers, folded pieces of papers, etc.) that are commonly used in drug activities.

Contact your local authorities to have items removed.

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Send your children back to school protected from serious diseases

National Immunization Awareness Month is a reminder that we all need vaccines throughout our lives.



Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to gather school supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your children are up to date on their vaccines.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for people of all ages – and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need as they go back to school – the Ho-Chunk Department of Health is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children from serious diseases. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check with your child's doctor to find out what

vaccines your child needs. Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

Talk to your child's doctor to find out which vaccines are recommended for them before going back to school.

Parents can find out more about the recommended vaccines at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ or call: Ho-Chunk Health Care Center 715-284-9851 or

House of Wellness 608-355-1240

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Cleveland took the podium and told the story of how he had assaulted a policeman decades ago, but the charges had been dropped from a felony to a misdemeanor and that he had served his time for the violation.

That resolution was defeated by a vote of 405 in favor and 1,386 against.

But now, Funmaker pointed out that Fox has flip-flopped on the issue. Fox sent a letter on May 31, 2007, that said he determined Cleveland was a felon, having looked at the 1972 court records. Fox made the statement that the offense of Battery to a Peace officer was "unarguably a felony." Fox said that the conviction had not been reversed, set aside or pardoned. Fox then changed the record to show Cleveland was convicted

of a felony, but is now said he made a mistake and the charge was originally a misdemeanor.

The Hocak Worak requested pardon information in writing from the Office of Governor Scott Walker.

"In reviewing our records, it appears that Wilfrid Cleveland completed an application for a pardon on June 30, 2010, but our records indicate Mr. Cleveland was never granted a pardon," wrote Robert P. Berry, assistant legal counsel for Office of Governor Scott Walker.

"Looking at the pardon request for Mr. Cleveland, it appears he filed a pardon application for the crime of feloniously causing bodily harm to a police officer," Berry wrote.

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tox, so there is only 20 days left to get them into a different frame of mind. After detox, they usually are resistant to any kind of changes, so it is questionable on how much information they are going to retain. Some facilities are now extending treatment to 45 days."

With the Tribal Action Plan, they are hoping to build a long and lasting relationship

with the people undergoing treatment and the community members.

"It's going to take the community members to make the changes," Suquet said.

The first step for anyone needing help with addiction is to phone (715) 284-9851 Ext. 5356 or 5355 in Black River Falls or (608) 355-1240 Ext. 5502 or 5509 in Baraboo.

WITTENBERG HEALTH FAIR

WHEN

**August 23rd, 2017
10 am – 2pm**

WHERE

**Siga Funmaker
Community Center**

W17634 Radke Rd, Wittenberg, WI 54499

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**RONELLE MCKERNAN- COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE
OFFICE: 715-253-2382 EXT 3131
CELL: 715-896-2570**



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Community Members
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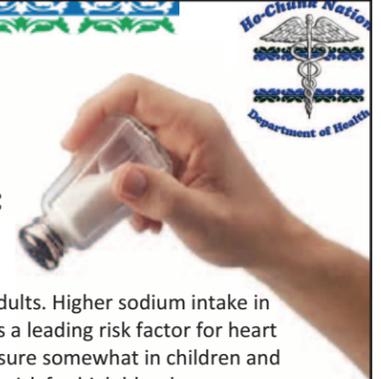
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Shake the Njjsku(Salt) Habit

**High Sodium Intake in Children and Adolescents:
Cause for Concern** www.cdc.gov/salt



Sodium intake in children and adolescents is high, comparable to that in adults. Higher sodium intake in children and adolescents is associated with higher blood pressure, which is a leading risk factor for heart disease and stroke among adults. Eating less sodium can lower blood pressure somewhat in children and adolescents. Lowering blood pressure during childhood can help lower the risk for high blood pressure as an adult. A 2012 study of U.S. children and adolescents found that higher sodium consumption was associated with increased blood pressure. This effect was even greater in overweight and obese participants compared to normal weight participants. Importantly, studies suggest infants' and children's preference for sodium is shaped by dietary exposure, so the less sodium children consume, the less they want.

How to help your family lower sodium:

At the grocery store

- Read food labels and compare the sodium amount in different products, then choose the options with the lowest amounts of sodium.
- Choose packaged foods labeled "low sodium" or "no salt added" when possible.
- Select fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables with no salt or sauce added.
- When buying prepared meals, look for those with less than 600 mg of sodium per meal.
- Ask your grocer if they have a low sodium shopping list available or use the Low Sodium Foods: Shopping List at <https://healthfinder.gov>.

On the go

- Ask for nutrition information before you order, then select a lower sodium meal.
- Ask that no salt be added to your meal.
- Split a meal with your child or another family member.
- Keep takeout and fast food—such as burgers, fried chicken and pizza—to an occasional treat.

At the clinic

- Ask to speak to your local HCN registered dietitian (RD) to learn more about choosing lower sodium products.

At home

- When cooking, use alternatives to replace or reduce the amount of salt you use such as garlic, onion powder, citrus juice, or salt-free seasonings.
- Prepare rice, pasta, beans, and meats from their most basic forms (dry and fresh) when possible. If you don't have a lot of time, allow dry beans to soak overnight then drain and store them in the refrigerator so they are ready to cook for dinner the next day.
- Prepare healthful meals and snacks in advance so they are ready to eat during the week. Chop and pre-portion fruits and vegetables, prepare a salad for the week, and make dressings and sauces from scratch.
- Encourage your children to eat more healthful, lower sodium foods by making it fun.
 - ✓ Create a low-fat or nonfat yogurt and herb dip for vegetables.
 - ✓ Make trail mix using unsalted nuts, dried fruit, and whole grain cereal.

For further nutrition information, contact:
BRF, Tomah, and Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 5335
BRF, La Crosse, areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 5340

Summer Culture Camp brings people back to the former days of Ho-Chunk life

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Summer Culture Camp was a way for people to connect with the art and skills of the past, something that can carry on into the future.

The event was held Saturday, August 5, at Nine Eagles Resort Camp, north of Lyndon Station.

More than 100 people attended the event.

“We’ve been planning this event since the Spring Camp,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Museum Director and camp organizer Josephine Lee

“We had the idea to focus on activities to make the camp look like traditional Ho-Chunk life,” Lee said.

She made sure to include many fun things, such as the moccasin walk, the log pounding, the basket making, the reed mat making, and the kids’ games.

The program was designed to teach children how to do some of the skills and crafts that dates back to generations ago so those abilities aren’t lost to future generations.

Also, it’s so that people in the communities can connect with the artists so that they and their work can be known.

“We tried to get artists from each Ho-Chunk community,” Lee said. “They do amazing art work. It can be intimidating to learn if you don’t have someone to ask.”

They teach both children and adults how to make many of the items that were finely

crafted generations ago.

Kimberly Crowley displayed many hand-woven black ash baskets, the material to make them, and demonstrated the procedure to pound a black ash log, strip the wood from the log, scrape them smooth, dry them, dye them and then to weave the strips to form a basket.

Kimberly learned how to make baskets from her parents, Sidney and Christine Hall, and now passed that knowledge on to her children and grandchildren.

She remembers her father pounding ash logs and stripping them most of the day while her mother dyes and dries the strips, then weaves the baskets. Many of the baskets were taken to the Winnebago Museum in Wisconsin Dells to be sold, but also people came to their house to buy the baskets.

Kimberly would massage her mother’s back at night because she would be so sore from weaving baskets all day.

Levi and Verna Blackdeer had a display of tanned hides and demonstrated how to properly scrape and flesh out hides.

Levi said he learned the process from his grandparents and parents. He took the skill a little more seriously when he returned from serving in the US Navy and began preparing and selling hides. Now he and Verna own and operate Blackdeer Enterprises, a business of making and selling

naturally tanned animal hides.

He got the inspiration of making designs in the hides by accident. One time that he smoked the hides, Levi patched a hole in the hide with tape. After the hide was smoked, he removed the tape and discovered that the hide was light colored – that the hide under the tape hadn’t been turned brown by the smoke. He then took that inspiration further by intentionally masking off parts of the hides to make designs, symbols and impressions of animals.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Bill Quackenbush provided instruction of how to make a reed mat. He enlisted the help from many of the youth, and a few adults, too. Reeds were collected and cords were tied between two trees. The reeds were hung from those strings with the reeds interwoven to create the mat.

In a ciiporike, several young ladies sat on blankets in a circle to play a game of kaasu. The game is played by tossing a bowl of polished flat stones and points scored by deriving a certain arrangement of stones with the correct number of light or dark sides upturned.

Children’s games of softball and a foot race of inflatable characters provided entertainment for the younger crowd.



Chris Munson and Jon Greendeer serve up the pork and hominy soup at the Summer Culture Camp.



A young slugger takes aim at a plastic ball pitched his way during a game of softball.



Children participate in a “Laughter is the Best Medicine Run” while dressed up in inflatable character suits.



Levi Blackdeer displays one of his naturally-tanned deer hides.



Sidney Hall Jr. shows everyone the correct way to pound a black ash log to loosen the wood rings without putting any dents in the surface.



Kimberly Crowley and her daughters Tina Awonohopay and Sarah Crowley, and granddaughter Brooklynn Awonohopay, stand by the bark that was removed from a black ash log.



Kimberly Crowley (middle) and Tina Awonohopay sit in front of a selection of black ash strips and show people how to properly weave them to make baskets.



Young ladies participate in a game of kaasu while seated on blankets inside a ciiporike.

Man Mound becomes a National Historic Landmark

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Mound enthusiasts from across the state attended a gathering in Baraboo last month, to witness the designation of Wisconsin's most celebrated effigy mound as a National Historic Landmark.

"This is a very special day for Man Mound," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland. "And it's great that all these people could come and be a part of it."



Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland speaks to the audience.

The event took place at Man Mound County Park, where the prehistoric earthwork is located, and commemorated the site's designation as one of only 43 National Historic Landmarks in Wisconsin.

Representatives from the Historical Society spoke solemnly about the virtue of such a distinction.



The National Park Service's Assistant Regional Director of Cultural Resources Robert Bryson talks about the nomination process.

"National Historic Landmark designations are very rare," said State Historic Preservation Officer Jim Draeger.

"And it's really difficult to have a property designated. It's a long and arduous process that takes years. You have to do a significant amount of research and documentation. You have to make your case that, in the history of the nation, this thing stands out as important. So that designation is important because leading authorities in the country on archaeology and Native culture have determined this is one of the most significant sites in the entire United States."

The designation came as the result of a lengthy application process completed by Assistant State Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough, who works for the Wisconsin Historical Society and has been recognized as the world's leading expert on effigy mounds. For her dissertation, Rosebrough compiled a database of all known burial mounds in the state.

"Amy is a leading authority on Wisconsin's mound-building culture," Draeger said.

"She has a tremendous amount of knowledge about not just this mound but all Wisconsin mounds. The critical understandings that she has come to, and the information that she's amassed, has been seminal not just to the efforts to protect this mound but countless other mounds in the state of Wisconsin."

For the past few years, Rosebrough has worked diligently on the site's nomination. In that nomination, Rosebrough emphasized the importance of Man Mound as an unparalleled work of both architecture and archaeology.

"The designation was based on an excellent nomination written by Amy Rosebrough," said National Park Service's Assistant Regional Director of Cultural Resources Robert Bryson. "She initiated the effort to nominate Man Mound with the support of Sauk County, which owns and manages the site."

The nomination had to un-

dergo several layers of review by the National Park Service (NPS), before the site could be added to the nation's list of National Historic Landmarks. Reviews were performed by bodies such as the Landmarks Committee and the NPS Advisory Board, which all agreed that the site deserves greater national recognition.

"The national significance of this site was unanimous at all levels of review," Bryson said. "And you should be very proud of having a site like this in your backyard."

Coincidentally, the site received its official designation as a National Historic Landmark on October 31 of last year – the day of Halloween. Rosebrough was notified of the decision two days later, on the Day of the Dead.



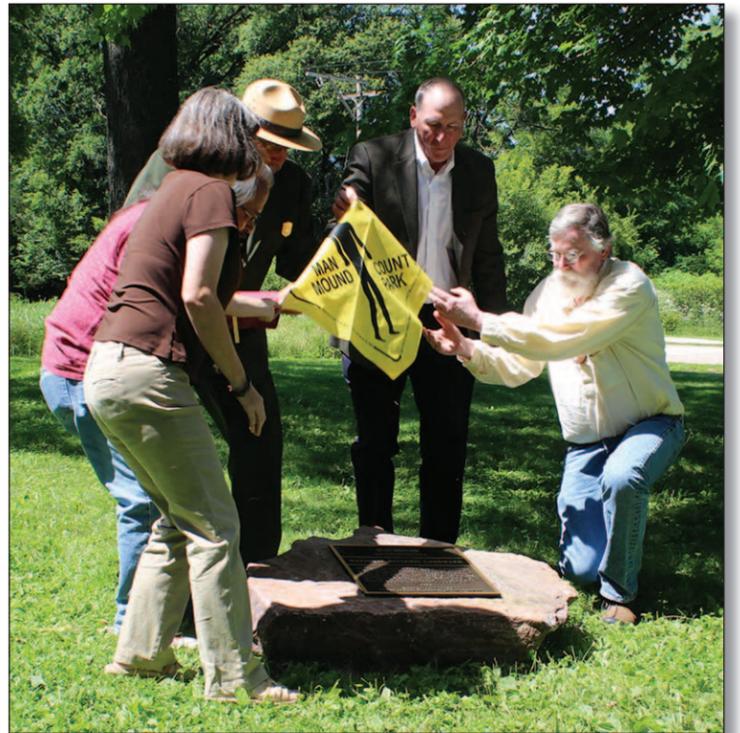
Assistant State Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough fields questions about effigy mounds in the state of Wisconsin.

"It's appropriate," Rosebrough said, "in an odd kind of sense. It hints at the remembrance of the deceased here."

The celebration was postponed until the summer season, though, so that more people would be able to attend. According to the archaeologist, the wait proved difficult for some of those involved in the ongoing preservation of Man Mound.

"The caretaker was really anxious to get going," Rosebrough said. "He wanted to have a party immediately."

To help celebrate the occasion, the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation were invited to the event. One tribal member shared his views in regard to effigy mounds, and stressed



A new, brass plaque commemorating the recent designation of Man Mound as a National Historic Landmark is unveiled.

the importance of protecting them in years to come.

"They're none of our business," said Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Jon Greendeer.

"They hold a lot of answers, and they speak of an intellect that is far greater than anything we could produce with every bit of technology we have today. Yet they're not ours. So today is what we have going forward in making sure that these mounds remain undisturbed."

As a token of appreciation, Greendeer presented Caretaker Rob Nurre with a wooden medallion that he had carved into the likeness of Man Mound. He thanked Nurre for

taking care of the site, a task which he has performed for over a decade.

During his own portion of the presentation, Nurre encouraged others to get involved in the collective preservation effort.

"This is a place that requires some care," Nurre said. "It is something that I need a lot of help with. And I hope all of you will continue to be involved."

Future efforts would focus on getting Man Mound added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Rosebrough said. There, it would join the likes of Stonehenge and Machu Picchu.



A plaque commemorates the 1908 dedication of Man Mound.



Caretaker Rob Nurre talks about the part of Man Mound that has been destroyed since its discovery.



New signage proclaims the site as a National Historic Landmark.

Ho-Chunk Nation's top athletes compete in the North American Indigenous Games

Minnie Lonetree
Youth Writer

North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) takes place every three years. Team Wisconsin is made up of the top athletes from 11 tribes and 13 regions from the state. NAIG is said to be the largest sporting event of indigenous people.

Team #88 stands for reconciliation, a positive sporting event and an impact it brings from the indigenous communities and knowing more about their sport.

This year for the NAIG, it took place in Toronto, Canada and the games went on for five days.

Trevonna Rave said "I experienced a new scenery and it was nice to have a Tim Hortons around almost every corner. Most of my time went towards the track meet. A

three day track meet was a bit exhausting but it was worth all the fun I had".

"Standing on the tallest podium was the best part. Based on all my experience with discus, I knew I had a gold medal waiting for me, but always stayed humble about" Rave said.

Alyson Giroux Ho-Chunk athlete was in U14 swimming and competed in the NAIG winning a bronze from the 200 meter medley and winning two silver for two different events. Alyson said "it was fun, exciting in a different country, we were one of the smallest teams for swimming but we did really good for a small team, got a lot of gold, silver and bronze."

Before competing, Alyson always told herself "you got this," and "push yourself harder, and try to get a bronze." Giroux said.

Winning two silvers and one bronze. Alyson said she was very happy, shocked, and thankful. It felt good to be on the podium, "on the podium, I felt like Michael Phelps or Katie Ledecky.

The next NAIG Alyson said she would love to go again for swimming and train for her upcoming U16 division and try to get a silver or gold in the next North American Indigenous Games.

David Zimmer is the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation for NAIG 2017.

"Congratulations to all team Ontario athletes for your inspiring performances at NAIG 2017. Just as important as the competition, are the many friendships that were formed, and lasting memories that were made both on and off the field at these Games," Zimmer said.

"From pride of culture to achievement in sport, Ontario is proud to celebrate the promise of indigenous youth at these games and far beyond."



Alyson Giroux

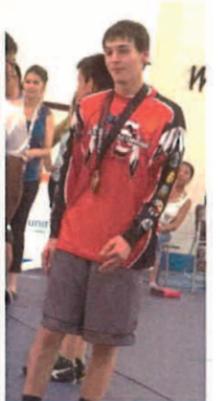


Trevonna Rave

TEAM WISCONSIN 2017



WRESTLING TEAM



John Crawford

Back Row: Josh Ryckman, Marty Ybarra (coach), Alonzo Hack, Alan J. Tomow (Coach)
Front Row: Justice Blackhawk, Brandon King, Darius Hawkins

2017 TEAM WISCONSIN INDIGENOUS GAMES

ARCHERY

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|------|--------|-----------------|-----------|------|
| 16 U | Female | Olivia Prescott | Milwaukee | Gold |
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BASEBALL

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| 16 U | Male | Jeriah Rave | BRF | Gold |
| 16 U | Male | Alijas Whitegull | BRF | Gold |

BASKETBALL

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|------|--------|-----------------|------------|--------|
| 14 U | Female | Trinity DeCora | WI Dells | Gold |
| 14 U | Male | Peter Albert | Eau Claire | Bronze |
| 16 U | Female | Olivia Curley | Wittenberg | Bronze |
| 16 U | Male | Sebastian Brown | La Crosse | Silver |
| 19 U | Female | Lacey Hopinkah | BRF | Bronze |

GOLF

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|------|--------|---------------|----------|--------|
| 19 U | Female | Tianna DeCora | WI Dells | Silver |
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SOFTBALL

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|------|--------|-----------|-----|--------|
| 19 U | Female | Asia Rave | BRF | Bronze |
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ATHLETICS

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|------|--------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| 14 U | Female | High Jump | Makyah Funmaker | BRF | Bronze |
| 19 U | Female | Shot Put | Trevonna Rave | BRF | Gold |
| 19 U | Male | 4x10 m Relay | Eli Smith | BRF | Bronze |
| 19 U | Male | 4x10 m Relay | Tobias Brown | La Crosse | Bronze |

SWIMMING

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|------|--------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 16 U | Female | 200 m | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Gold |
| 16 U | Female | 9x100 Freestyle Relay | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Silver |
| 16 U | Female | 400 m Freestyle Relay | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Silver |
| 16 U | Female | 200 m Freestyle Relay | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Bronze |
| 16 U | Female | 800 m Freestyle Relay | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Bronze |
| 16 U | Female | 4x50 m Medley Relay | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Bronze |
| 16 U | Female | 4x50 m Freestyle Relay | Gabriella Goodbear | Milwaukee | Bronze |
| 14 U | Female | 4x50 m Freestyle Relay | Kira Goodbear | Milwaukee | Bronze |
| 16 U | Female | 4x100 m Relay | Allison Giroux | BRF | Silver |
| 16 U | Female | 4x50 m Freestyle Relay | Allison Giroux | BRF | Bronze |
| 19 U | Female | 4x10 m Relay | Isabella Dubray | WI Dells | Silver |
| 19 U | Female | 4x50 m Medley Relay | Isabella Dubray | WI Dells | Silver |
| 19 U | Female | 4x50 m Freestyle Relay | Isabella Dubray | WI Dells | Bronze |
| 16 U | Female | 4x100 m Relay | Serena Goodbear | Milwaukee | Silver |
| 16 U | Female | 4x50 m Medley Relay | Serena Goodbear | Milwaukee | Silver |
| 19 U | Female | 4x50 m Freestyle Relay | Serena Goodbear | Milwaukee | Bronze |
| 19 U | Female | 4x100 m Relay | Anntoya Carbesia | Lac du Flambeau | Silver |
| 19 U | Female | 4x50 m Medley Relay | Anntoya Carbesia | Lac du Flambeau | Silver |
| 19 U | Female | 4x50 m Freestyle Relay | Anntoya Carbesia | Lac du Flambeau | Bronze |

WRESTLING

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| 19 U | Male | 69 KG/152 lbs | Joshua Ryckman | Madison | Gold |
| 19 U | Male | 85 KG/187 lbs | Justice Blackhawk | Tomah | Silver |

TEAM WISCONSIN TROPHY

MOST TEAM POINTS WITH 3 GOLD MEDALS & 3 SILVER MEDALS

ALL NATIONS

COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

20th Annual

September 2 - 3, 2017

Sandpillow Ballfields located near Casino
Black River Falls, WI

16
TEAM LIMIT

1st Place - \$7,500

2nd Place - \$5,000

3rd Place - \$3,000

4th Place - \$2,000

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16 Team Limit | Unlimited Arc

Consolation Bracket - \$500 | Furthest Traveled \$300

*Payouts based on 16 teams - Subject to Change

Men: Unlimited | Women: 6 - 12 ft. | ASA Rules | \$400 Entry Fee
IN CONJUNCTION WITH HO-CHUNK NATION LABOR DAY POWWOW
Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe or descendant.
Must provide documentation of enrollment or descendancy.
Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation.
The use of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited. Not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Contact: Raquel Greendeer 715-299-7825
Email: raquelgreendeer@gmail.com

AUGUST 2017



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT!!!!

GENERAL COUNCIL 2017

PLANNING UPDATE

The planning for General Council 2017 has been under way for some time now. The removal of the GCA at General Council 2016 created many stumbling blocks and has made it difficult to move forward with many of the details of the event.

So far, the office has secured the site and the announcement has gone out on Facebook. For those of you without access to Facebook, the Alliant Energy Center was selected as this year's venue. This selection was made primarily due to vacancy of the board and to keep continuity in services for our tribal members.

The announcement postcards will be mailed out by August 3rd.

Showcore, Inc., submitted a proposal for full spectrum event services. This is the company that produced the event in 2016. They are familiar with the services that our event requires. The Office of General Council has worked with Showcore in the past for event production. Prior to 2013, Showcore, formerly known as IML, was the main vendor for these services.

Showcore is uniquely qualified as they facilitated the 2016 event. The services that they provided were exceptional and the cost was more than reasonable. Additionally, due to the lack of time that is needed to prepare for this event, it is felt that Showcore is the only one available to satisfy the requirements for the 2017 General Council Meeting.

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RESOLUTION WRITING ASSISTANCE



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN MIND WHEN DRAFTING A RESOLUTION.

HAVE DRAFT READY

WILL THIS CHANGE CONSTITUTION?

BE PREPARED TO PRESENT TO GENERAL COUNCIL

HAVE A SECOND FOR YOUR RESOLUTION.

OGC LOOKING FOR DAY OF HELPERS

The OGC is looking for persons to fill the following vacancies for day of event Cultural Service Providers;

- (2) Drum Groups
- (1) Color Guard & (1) Ladies Auxiliary
- (1) Emcee
- (1) HC Language Interpreter
- (25) Payout Cashier (Previous GC Payout experience only)
- (2) Drum Group Runners
- (2) Golf Cart Drivers
- (3) Vendor Table Supervisors
- (4) General Council Swag Table
- (10) Snack Box Table Workers
- (2) Wheel Chair Check In / Out
- (3) Voting Device Checkers
- (5) Set up / tear down Workers
- (2) Resolution Writer / Attorney Table Assistants

You must be 18 years of age, reliable, and present for the entire day to receive payment.

Room accommodations may be provided depending on job detail and circumstances.

Please contact Joy.Thompson@ho-chunk.com to inquire about openings. First come, first serve.

Welcome to General Council 2017

Saturday, September 16th, 2017
Alliant Energy Center
Exhibition Hall
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Madison, WI 53713
FREE PARKING!

Registration starts at 7:00 AM

Breakfast from 7:00AM to 9:30AM.

Lunch will also be provided

Please call the Office of the General Council for:

- Assistance with drafting Resolutions
- Transportation Information
- Vendor Table Requests

Phone: 1(800)294-9343 Ext: 1237 or (715)284-7891

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

Stay Updated!

Like us on Facebook at [Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch](https://www.facebook.com/Ho-Chunk-Nation-General-Council-Branch)
General Council 2017 will be live Tweeted [@hochunkgc](https://twitter.com/hochunkgc)

Hotel Information:

Recommended Madison area hotels.
Please make hotel reservations A.S.A.P

Madison Area Hotels:

- Sleep Inn & Suites (608) 221-8100
- Super 8 Madison South (608) 571-6180
- Magnuson Grand Hotel (608) 224-1500
- Sheraton Madison Hotel (608) 251-2300
- Comfort Inn- (608) 255-7400
- Holiday Inn Express (608) 709-5050

Ho-Chunk Gaming-WD

Reservations: 1(800) 746-2486
Reference: HCN General Council Room Block
Booking LD: 7462

- HCN Tribal Elder: \$49.00 + Tax
- HCN Tribal Member: \$69.00 + Tax
- Group Rate: \$89.00 + Tax

Friday night only
MUST HAVE TRIBAL ID AT TIME OF CHECK-IN for TRIBAL RATE TO BE APPLIED.

There will be transportation from HCG-WD to Alliant Energy Center



General Council Attorney

The General Council Attorney position was eliminated as it was not included in Resolution 09-17-2016-01. This has left the OGC without attorney services. An RFP will be going out to members of the HCN Bar Association on July 28th, 2017.

Due to the immediate need for services, we are anticipating a quick turnaround and are requesting that proposals be submitted to the OGC by August 11th, 2017.

It is our intention to set one day aside each week where the attorney will be available in Tomah to assist tribal members with technical writing and resolution assistance.

We are also looking at setting up a Resolution Writing Seminar during a weekend in August. This would allow tribal members who work M-F the ability to get expert assistance with their resolutions.

ELDERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE LOOK FOR THIS SIGN FOR REGISTRATION



ANY ELDER REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY ASSIST YOU PROPERLY.

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SEEKING QUALIFIED – INTERESTED TRIBAL MEMBER GENERAL COUNCIL - PLANNER

The Office of General Council is seeking one Ho-Chunk Enrolled Tribal Member from each of the five areas 18+ who are committed to serving as planners in conjunction with the Office of General Council staff.

General Council:

The Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly the Wisconsin Winnebago, has had General Council meetings relatively consistently since 1953. The purpose of these meetings initially was to select committees and individuals that would govern the tribe. Today, the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation and to call for Constitutional Amendment Elections.

The Position:

We're looking for interested voting age enrolled tribal members to fill the five vacant positions, one for each district. The interested candidate must have knowledge of General Council Branch functions, knowledge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, and a willingness to put in long hours. Must also have dependable transportation and proof of insurance.

The Benefits:

- Mileage.
- Hotel accommodations.
- Payment for services.

Job Duties

The Office of General Council is located in Tomah, WI. The Office of General Council is tasked each year with executing full meeting preparation, including: logistics, personnel, vendors, menus, and how to better assist our tribal membership for the full day of event details. Planners would be required to assist the staff of the Office of General Council with the specifics of the annual meeting and report back to their respective areas at monthly Legislative District Area Meetings.

Who Should Apply?

- Tribal members with comprehensive knowledge of the Ho-Chunk Constitution.
- Tribal members with knowledge of how to write resolutions.
- Tribal members who have event planning experience.
- Tribal members who have knowledge of computer graphic design.
- Tribal members interested in making a difference in their community.

Please submit a Letter of Interest and a brief description of why you, the candidate, would like to join our team. Include the district (1-5) that you reside in and all necessary contact information. All letters will be considered and the top ten candidates, two from each district, that are selected will interview via telephone.

The submission deadline is August 18, 2017. Candidate selection and notification will take place on August 21, 2017.

Please submit to:

Email: Joy.Thompson@ho-chunk.com

Mail: Office of General Council, P.O. Box 729, Tomah, WI 54660

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Wasira Dance Show educates casino patrons on Native American culture

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Those visiting the Baraboo area have had an opportunity to learn about a facet of Native American culture, thanks to an educational show taking place at HCG-Wisconsin Dells this summer.

“It’s called the Wasira Dance Show,” said Marketing Assistant Erica Rave.

“It shows different dances and tells about the meaning behind each one. It tells a little bit about the background and where it came from.”

The show has also fea-

tured various styles of Native American dance regalia that would be seen at a typical pow wow. There to explain each one has been the show’s master of ceremonies, Elliott Funmaker.

“It’s important to have a cultural presentation going on here,” Funmaker said.

“A lot of times, the people who come into Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells don’t know who we are. When we do this cultural presentation, we show a little bit of our culture to them.”

During every performance, Funmaker has described not only the dancers’ regalia but all the effort that went into making it. Tribal members said that by talking about such things, the show helps visitors understand a little bit more about Native American culture.

“It’s important because it’s bringing our heritage and our culture to the general public,” said female dancer Lillian White Eagle. “It’s bringing

together our dancing, and sharing everything we know about our own culture.”

The master of ceremonies said that his group has appreciated the chance to teach others about their tribe’s customs. He said that doing has always been in their nature.

“We like to share our history,” Funmaker said. “It’s part of us.”

Although many people never saw it before this year, the show has been going on at the casino for the past three summers. In that time, it has steadily grown in popularity.

“Guests liked it,” Rave said. “So we just kept doing it.”



A female dancer displays her regalia at Wasira Dance Show.

This season’s show began in June, and will run through the rest of August.



Funmaker describes different types of regalia worn by female dancers.



A Ho-Chunk drum group performs a pow wow song.

USDA funding available to help low-income individuals and families buy or repair homes

Submitted by Jessica Mancel, USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development has funding available for very low and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

“Safe, affordable housing and the availability of credit are key to the growth and prosperity of rural communities,” said Acting State Director, Dave Schwobe. “USDA Rural Housing Programs have provided stability and opportunity for over 60 years and we value what we have accomplished.”

USDA Rural Development’s Rural Housing Programs offer a broad range of homeownership assistance available to individuals and families who wish to, or currently, live in

rural areas, cities and communities. The Rural Housing Program area of USDA Rural Development has the ultimate goal of providing affordable homeownership opportunities to Wisconsin residents.

USDA’s Direct Home Loan Program offers financing to qualified very-low and low income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of 20,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount for repair is \$20,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for up to 20 years. Grants

of up to \$7,500 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing or replacing a furnace.

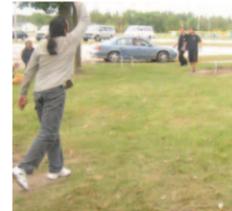
Portions of all counties in Wisconsin are eligible for Rural Development programs with the exception of Milwaukee County. Visit <https://eligibility/sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do> to determine if you are within the established income limit based on household size and county and if the home you wish to purchase or repair is located within an eligible area.

For further information on USDA Rural Development programs, call us at 715-345-7611 or visit our website at www.rd.usda.gov/wi.

ANNUAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT



Date: Saturday, September 9, 2017



The Annual Singles Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, September 9, 2017 located at the District 1 Community Center at 12:00pm.

Cash Prizes.

For more information contact

Melissa or Lois at 715-284-0905.

*No Drugs or Alcohol allowed. Anyone suspected or caught under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol will be asked to leave!
No Child Care provided. Children must be supervised at ALL times.



FIRST PLACE—\$100

SECOND PLACE—\$75

THIRD PLACE—\$50

*Rain date is 9/23/17 at 12:00pm.

Ho-Chunk Nation Maternal Child Health Program

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House of Wellness Alberta Day Room:

June 22nd: Car Seat Safety with Wilha Green

**August 10th: World Breastfeeding Month Event

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Ho-Chunk Gaming-Dells

Conference Center:

July 27th: Edgewood College Nursing Students

Sessions are FREE and include lunch, raffle prizes, and education about parenting topics such as: development, nutrition, exercise, safety and much more!



Chess Tournament

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Registration Time: 5:30–5:50 pm

Time: 6:00pm–9pm

District One Community Center

District One Community Center is sponsoring a Chess Club on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 starting at 6PM. Registration is from 5:30–5:50pm on Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Must be 18 and Older.

First Place Winner: \$100

Second Place Winner: \$75

Third Place Winner: \$50

Contact Melissa or Lois at 715-284-0905





**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

DEADLINE FOR BIDS OF THESE VEHICLES AUGUST 15TH 2017

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, APPROXIMATE MILEAGE, AND MINIMUM BID ACCEPTED

| # | Year | Make | Model Car | Approximate Mileage | Minimum bid |
|-----|------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 4 | 2010 | Ford | Fusion S 4D Sedan | 119,598 | \$2000 |
| 23 | 2009 | Dodge | Caravan SE | 164,249 | \$1000 |
| 100 | 2007 | Ford | Free Star SE | 166,699 | \$200 |
| 111 | 2011 | Ford | Fusion SE 4D Sedan | 148,402 | \$1300 |
| 176 | 2011 | Ford | Escape Sport Utility 4D | 121,824 | \$2000 |

SEALED BID RULES AND REGULATIONS

Property Sale August 15th 2017 Bid Deadline

Used Vehicles -Transportation Division

The Transportation Division ("Seller") is pleased to offer the following used vehicles referenced above available for sale. Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation interested in purchasing one of the vehicles listed, we invite you to submit a sealed bid offer under the following terms and conditions:

- The information provided represents the extent of the information available from Seller. Bidder understands the Offering Memorandum contains selected information pertaining to the vehicles and does not purport to contain all of the data a prospective purchaser may desire. Bidder agrees to conduct their own independent investigation of the vehicles to verify the accuracy and completeness of any and all information obtained from the Offering Memorandum. Bidder hereby acknowledges that neither Seller, nor any person acting on their behalf, have made any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information or their contents or the suitability of the information contained therein for any purpose. At any time, this information is subject to among other things, correction of errors and omissions, addition or deletion of terms, change of price or terms, withdrawal of Property from market without notice, and prior sale.
- Seller's intent is to obtain the highest value for the Property.
- ONLY ONE VEHICLE ONE BID PER TRIBAL MEMBER** will be accepted.
- All bids will be date and time stamped.
- All vehicle maintenance questions will be directed to Tomah Transportation Shop mechanics
- SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE.** Bids for all vehicles will be due in Transportation office, at the address below, by no later than 4:00 p.m., August 15th, 2017, Attn: August Auction Bids
- Bids for the vehicles shall be submitted on the Sealed Bid Submittal Form. Make additional copies as necessary. Handwritten bids, if legible, are acceptable.
- Seller reserves the right to select the best bid, or counter any bids, or remove the item from the market in its sole and absolute discretion.
- The successful bid may or may not be the highest bid submitted and may be dependent on financial stability of bidder. Payment will be expected in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of bid in the form of a cashier's check prior to removing the vehicle from Ho-Chunk Nation Property.
- All bids shall be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked "Vehicle# ". Bids may be hand-delivered to Tomah Transportation Shop or TOB Transportation Office or mailed to HoChunk Nation Division of Transportation, Attention: August Action, PO Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615.
- The successful Bidder must be able to remove the vehicle from the current site between the dates of Friday August 25th, 2017. All expenses for moving vehicle will be that of the Bidder.
- The vehicles are being sold as-is with all faults. **It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to inspect the Property prior to submitting their bid to satisfy itself as to their physical and environmental condition, value and extent of needed repairs, if any.** Bidder shall waive any claim for allowance, adjustment or rescission based upon failure of the vehicle to correspond to any expectation or standard.
- Vehicles can be viewed by appointment only by contacting Transportation at 1-608-374-1216 or 715-284-9443 Ext 1039.
- There will be no test driving, cars will be as is with maintenance records available for viewing.
- All bids must comply with minimum bid allowed criteria list with the vehicle description information.
- In the event of identical high bids, names will be dropped in a hat and chosen by luck of the draw.

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation
PO Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615

NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED

USED TIRES – No Minimum Bid

| Amount | Size | Amount | Size |
|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| 8 | E235/75/R17 | 2 | 225/60/18 |
| 2 | LT245/70/17 | 4 | LT245/75/17 |

#1 2000 Collins Head Start School Bus – Mileage 82,534 Minimum Bid \$1000.00

Requirements of Owner:

Contact Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Division of Motor Vehicles
PO Box 7926
Madison, WI 53707-7926

And

Complete & Submit to Wisconsin of Motor Vehicles:
**SCHOOL BUS CONVERSION RECORD
FORM MV2103 5/2006**



**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
SEALED BID FORM**

BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER AUGUST 15th 4:30pm WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please complete the following form for the vehicle being bid on. Fill in all blanks. For those Blanks not applicable to your bid, please write "N/A".

Please sign and date the blanks provided below. Forms submitted without a date and signature Will NOT be accepted.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: _____

***ONLY ONE VEHICLE MAY BE BID ON PER TRIBAL MEMBER ***

Faxed or Emailed bids will not be accepted

Bid Submitted By: NAME: _____

TRIBAL ID: _____

PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Identify below your bid offer (there will be no contingencies allowed to be attached to the bid):

Offer Price: _____ (must be within minimum bid allow range)

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Time and Date RECEIVED IN OFFICE _____ INITIALS _____

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation
PO Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Ribbon-cutting ceremony opens the doors for new casino addition

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The bright, shiny and new casino addition at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls was unveiled during a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, July 25.

The new addition took 10 months to complete, starting with a groundbreaking ceremony on September 26, 2016. The actual planning for the expansion was about 15 years in the making.

At the ceremony, HCG-BRF Executive Manager Greg Garvin took the microphone to speak to the crowd before the ribbon was cut and the entryway opened to the public.

“The turnout for the opening was great and many of our regulars couldn’t wait to come in and play,” Garvin said.

Once the ribbon-cutting ceremony was concluded, many people poured through the opening and looked around the new surroundings.

“The comments that we have been getting have been overwhelmingly positive,” Garvin said. “Customers have raved about the spacious and open feel that the addition brings. Customers really like the bar and have been congregating there but for the most part, the players want to take part in the games.”

Public Relations Manager Tris Harris was excited to experience the opening.

“It was a bit surreal to see it finally opened. So many of us who have been waiting over 15 years didn’t think we’d ever see this day and it was wonderful,” Harris said.

“Everyone I talked to loved how spacious it is and how upscale it looks, it really is night and day walking from the old casino into the new addition, I really can’t wait for the renovation of the old casino to be completed with the new buffet. The new bar

is absolutely stunning and I am definitely looking forward to February when we start having our talented bands perform again on Saturday nights.”

One of the main aspects of the new addition is that it is a no-smoking facility, something enjoyed by nonsmokers and smokers alike.

“We have signs up on the floor letting customers know that this is a no smoking area,” Garvin said. “There are also placards on the machines. If customers are unsure, they generally ask one of the employees where they can smoke. Even our smoking customers have commented to me that they appreciate being able to play in the smoke free section since it so clean and fresh.”

When the construction was taking place, the small details of finishing the interior took just as long as the major structure.

“It worked out great,” said Harry Corken, project manager of Hill International, the construction management firm. “It was hard work. It was not easy, yet we met all people’s expectations.

In fact, we gave the people more than they expected. There were supposed to be 175 slots working, but we had 562 slots working.”

Although the ribbon cutting ceremony opened a new casino addition to the public, there is much more to be done.

“There is still a lot of construction going on, so it would be pretty amazing to come here in February when everything is completed with fresh eyes, but for those of us who are here daily, it’s getting pretty hard to remember what it used to look like,” Harris said. “I had to explain to one of our faithful guests that they were standing inside the new addition where the Happy Together Tour concert was held outside, he got a kick out of that,” Harris said.

“Being able to see the entire outside of the new hotel built, you would think that the inside should be complete, but there is a lot to be done in it



Greg Garvin, President Wilfrid Cleveland, Rober Mudd and Harry Corken make the opening official by cutting the red ribbon.



President Wilfrid Cleveland addresses the crowd, telling about the achievement of being able to open the new smoke-free addition to the casino.



The new design of the casino addition is eye-catching, especially at night when the tree trunk facade edges are illuminated.

and we cannot wait for our hotel Grand Opening in February,” Harris said.

At the ceremony, Corken was pleased to hear the reaction from the public.

“The comments from the people were all positive,” Corken said. “I heard people say the casino was the best in Wisconsin. The staff like it because it is smoke free.”

The next phase of the project will commence on August 21. The buffet will then be closed for renovations and will reopen on October 27, Corken said. On Aug. 21, another wall will be created to begin the remodeling of an existing section of the casino. The hotel lobby will be opened and ready on December 15.

A “porte cochere,” a French name for a new drive-up covering at an entrance, has been added to the project, which will push the end date back to sometime in May. All the buildings are planned to be painted the same color so the entire complex looks matching to the new facility.

A soft opening for the hotel and casino is tentatively estimated to be in the first of second week in February, Corken said.

A memorial garden between the new hotel and the porte cochere, where there will be

flag poles and a memorial area of the servicemen. The flags will be the Ho-Chunk flag, the United States flag, the Wisconsin flag, the MIA (missing in action) flag, and the French flag, who was an ally to the Ho-Chunk people during wartime.

“There’s still a lot of things to do because of the design changes, but it will not affect the date of the hotel opening,” Corken said.

A proposal may cause more changes. There has been some discussion of a new larger swimming pool and spa for the hotel, with the details for funding of those items is yet to be worked out.

“We have met the dates so far. We’ve over-accomplished,” he said. “The project turned out well. We have worked well as a team.”

In the end, all the strides in improvement are to please the casino and hotel patrons.

“I just want to thank the Legislature and the past two administrations for their support and, of course, our customers,” Garvin said. “They made this all possible and we look forward to opening the new hotel to offer our guests an even greater experience here at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls.”

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Black River Memorial Hospital, Petitioner, v. Candice M. Green, Respondent.

Case : CG 17-41

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Candice M. Green

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). 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.*, 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

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Jade Campbell, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 17-15

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Jade Campbell

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.

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HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: HCN General Council Agency
 From: President Wilfrid Cleveland
 Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017
 Re: 2017 General Council Date

Under Article IV, Section 5 Annual Meetings. *"The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meeting of the General Council."*

Therefore, I, President Wilfrid Cleveland under my constitutional delegated authority as President do hereby officially call the 2017 Annual Meeting of the General Council on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Thank you,

Wilfrid Cleveland
 Nq Saehi
 Ho-Chunk Nation President

Hello,
 We are currently hiring a STREAM Coordinator in the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing. We are especially looking for people who have extensive experience working with Native communities. This position plays a key role within the Success Through Recruitment/Retention, Engagement, and Mentorship (STREAM) program. The purpose of the program is to recruit, retain, and graduate more Native American students into the field of nursing. The coordinator will assist with the recruitment and retention of STREAM students. This position will also involve support of the school's holistic admissions process. This role demands a high level of collaboration, coordination and organization, effective communication skills particularly with Native American student populations, event planning, skills in problem solving, and public speaking.

For more information, please see the PVL: <http://jobs.hr.wisc.edu/cw/en-us/job/495777/stream-coordinator>
 If you have any questions, please ask!

Thanks!
 Dr. Mel Freitag

Mel Freitag, PhD
 Pronouns: She, Her, Hers
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HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking two (2) qualified candidate's to serve as Committee members 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: August 31, 2017 to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
 Treasury Department
 Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
 PO Box 640
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
anthony.falcon@ho-chunk.com

LABOR DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Labor, which houses the Divisions of Federal Programs; Tribal Workforce Development; Safety, Emergency Management & Residential Inspections; and the Elder Community Work Program is seeking nominations to fill five vacancies on its Board of Directors. The Board serves in the advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director. Board members shall have the requisite skills, knowledge and education to provide professional and expert advice and provide recommendations to the Executive Director.

The Board shall be comprised of five Ho-Chunk Nation members selected by the Executive Director, approved by the President and confirmed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to the Establishment Act of the Department of Labor.

Board of Directors serve two year terms and may serve more than one term. The terms will alternate so that two Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two years thereafter and three Directors are appointed or re-appointed in the alternate years.

To be considered as a nominee, please send a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to Sharon Pettibone, Executive Administrative Assistant, Department of Labor, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 or Sharon.Pettibone@ho-chunk.com to be considered. Deadline is September 1, 2017.

MONTHLY DUMPSTER SERVICE TO MISSION/SANDPILLOW RESIDENTS

Starting on April 28th there will be a dumpster available to tribal members on a monthly basis for one weekend per month. It will be located at the Indian Mission Community Building located at W8813 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The dumpster will delivered on the last Friday of every month and picked up on the following Monday.

The following items **cannot** be placed in the dumpster:

Appliances • TV's • Computer Monitors • Wet Paint • Tires
 Yard debris (leaves, tree branches, bushes, etc.) • Vehicle Batteries

Delivery dates for 2017:
 August 25th – August 28th
 September 29th – October 2nd
 October 27th – October 30th
 November 24th – November 27th
 December 29th – January 1st

Notice of HHCDA Monthly Meeting Aug. 24, 2017 Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze, John Dall, and Judy Whitehorse. Will meet on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Aug. 17, 2017 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

TWELVE CLANS, INC.

NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS¹

To Be Held On September 15, 2017

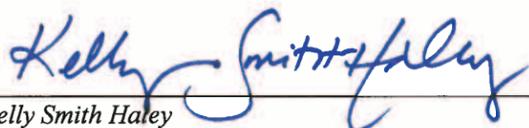
To the Shareholders, Officers and Directors of Twelve Clans, Inc., the General Council Agency Chairperson and the President and Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation:

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Twelve Clans, Inc. (the "Corporation") will be held on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., local time, at Ho Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, S3214 County Road BD, Baraboo, Wisconsin, 53913, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors to serve until members of the Corporation's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

In accordance with Article X of the Federal Charter of Incorporation of the Corporation, tribal members of the Ho-Chunk Nation (the "Nation") who are eligible to vote pursuant to the Nation's Constitution shall be considered Shareholders of the Corporation and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As a reminder, Shareholders must be present in person at the Annual Meeting to vote on the matters for which the Shareholders are entitled to vote.

By order of the Board of Directors,


 Kelly Smith Haley
 Secretary

August 1, 2017

¹Article 3, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Corporation, notice of the Annual Meeting should be provided at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting and shall be delivered to each of the Shareholders (as defined in the Constitution), Directors and Officers of the Corporation, the General Council Agency Chairperson and to the President and Legislature of the Nation, either by mail. Per Section 15 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Chartered Corporations Act, the notice should be mailed to the parties listed above at least 30 days prior to the meeting.



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August 2, 2017

Ho-Chunk Nation Teejop Elder Community
 Attention: Annette Crowder/TAU
 4724 Tradewinds Parkway
 Madison, WI 53718

Dear Annette,

Thank you for the Ho-Chunk Nation sponsorship, at the Diamond (\$5,000) level, of RSVP of Dane County's Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. This year we will be celebrating our 45th anniversary. Your support gives us the opportunity to acknowledge all the RSVP volunteers throughout Dane County who contribute their time and talents to serving their communities. We will also be presenting Presidential Service awards (4,000 hours) and Length of Service (20 years) awards.

This year's luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 at the Heights in Verona. Your Diamond sponsorship includes the opportunity to be a co-presenting sponsor and display your banner at the luncheon. The Ho-Chunk Nation's name and logo will be on our event invitation, event program, and also on the home page of our website. In addition, we will be including a full page article in four of our upcoming quarterly editions of RSVP News Notes. There will also be a link to your article in our e-newsletter. We hope that you or a representative will be able to attend. We will be contacting you regarding hanging a banner if you wish to do so. Again, thank you for your support. We are looking forward to opportunities to work together in partnership with the Teejop Elder Community.

Sincerely,



Margie Zutter
 Executive Director

Thank You



On behalf of family we would like to thank everyone for the prayers, expressions and support it is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Roadman Kelly La-

Mere and his helpers, Head-cook Alberta Decorah and her helpers, Kimberly Cloud and Annie Tallmadge, NAC Chapters, and most of all Mauna. May the good Lord Bless and watch over us all.

Sincerely,
 Family of
 Carol Mae Whitethunder
 (Funmaker)

Rest in Peace Wiragušge

NOTICE OF 2017
 JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
 MEETING
 (Strategic Planning Session)

August 21, 2017 through August 24, 2017
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129
 Airport Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Day 1 (August 21)

- Welcome and Introduction
- History and Overview of Traditional Court Practices

Day 2 (August 22)

- Summary of Day One (1) – Planning Goals and Objectives
- History of the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court
- Changes in legislation and What it Means for the Court System
- Clan Mothers: A History and Update
- Technology Update
- Criminal Jurisdiction and Court Security
- Introduction to the HCN Criminal Code
- Supreme Court Update and Criminal Rules

Day 3 (August 23)

- Introduction to Attorney Brett Shelton and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
- A Framework for Developing a Peacemaker Circle
- From Conflict to Community: The Scope of Peacemaking
- Developing a Ho-Chunk Nation Peacemaker Circle

Day 4 (August 24)

- Workshop: Overcoming the Challenges in Developing and Maintaining a Peacemakers Circle
- Workshop: Incorporating Ho-Chunk Culture and Tradition into the Peacemakers Circle
- Public Introduction to Peacemakers Court
- Public Discussion: Developing a Peacemakers Court
- Public Discussion: Developing a Peacemaker Court – Questions and Answers

The 2017 Judicial Conference Meeting is subject to the open meetings act. The Public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The right to call an executive session is reserved.

Koenig hosts shooting academy in La Crosse

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Editor

Bronson Koenig returned to his home town, La Crosse, to host his shooting academy camp at the Boys and Girls Club of La Crosse on July 26 and 27. Koenig made it a point to have a camp in his home town, he said.

"Growing up, I went to as many camps as I possibly could. Just because I wanted to learn as much as I could, and I just loved the game of basketball," Koenig said.

"I remember going to the Coach Z Hoop Camp in La Crosse here every year. I also went to camps all over the Midwest. I was fifth grader playing against eighth graders and high schoolers. So you know, I was just trying to play against the best competition I could."

The current Milwaukee Buck and former Wisconsin Badger point guard is making the transition from the NCAA to the NBA. Koenig played in all the Milwaukee Bucks summer league games in Las Vegas from July 7 to 13.

Koenig held three Shooting Academy camps in Wisconsin. His first camp was held on June 27 and 28 in Johnson Creek at the Johnson Creek Sports Facility. La Crosse camp was his second camp. His third and final camp of the summer was held July 30 and 31 in Oshkosh at the Lourdes Academy.

During his shooting academy, Koenig got some help from one of his trainer Luke Meier. At his La Crosse shooting academy Koenig was joined by former Wisconsin Badger Nicole Bauman.

Meier is a trainer with Thrive 3, a Milwaukee based company, who works with

basketball players at many different levels of skill throughout the state and the nation.

"My roles is that of director of the camp. I'm one of Bronson's trainers, so I work him out. He brought me on to put the kids through all the drills, and to give them access to some of the top notch training that he's been able to have as Big Ten and NBA player," Meier said.

Bauman played for Wisconsin from 2012 to 2016. Last year, she played professionally in Sweden. She is from New Berlin, Wisconsin.

"I met Bronson at Wisconsin. We knew each other. He was pretty much there almost the same years as I was. And we just became really good friends," Bauman said.

"He was running these camps, and girls were a part of it too. He was like, 'Oh, would you want to help me out.' It was a no brainer."

Koenig's shooting academy was a two-day, two-session skills camp. In the mornings, third through eighth grade players would train from 10 am to 1 pm. In the afternoons, high school players would train from 2 to 5 pm.

"The whole point is to develop these kids, make them better shooters and make them better all-around players," Bauman said.

"Luke does a great job of that. He's one of Bronson's trainers. He's really good at know how to develop players. He gives them things that they can take home and practice at home."

The camp focused on shooting because Bronson, as well as Bauman, are known as a shooting specialists. Koenig has the ability to make shots



Bronson Koenig, who was recently signed to a two-way contract with the Milwaukee Bucks, hosts his Shooting Academy at the Boys and Girls Club of La Crosse. Koenig, along with trainer Luke Meier, instruct third to eighth grade campers on how they'll face Koenig in a five second one on one play.

and hit big shots, Meier said.

"For the kids, if they have the ability to shoot the ball, it makes them way more valuable to their team. Plus it's something fun that the kids like to do," Meier said.

"We just want to give them the tools to get the most out of their practice. They'll have better form. They're going to get more out of their practice and be better shooter, have a good experience, and learn some things."

The younger kids learn the basic fundamentals and shoot the ball closer to the basket in the morning sessions.

"We do more fun type games to get them excited about basketball, and to have a good experience so they want to come back," Meier said.

The high school players do a little bit more advanced skills trainings.

"We'll talk about game situations, more advanced moves that they can use and have them play a little bit more. It'll be more similar to what Bronson does in his workout,



Bronson Koenig takes time after each session to take photos and sign autographs on basketballs, jerseys, posters, and shoes.

with the older kids," Meier said.

Koenig's Shooting Academy also allowed him to interact with his young fans. After each session, he'd autograph camp T-shirts, jerseys, basketballs, and even shoes.

On the last day of camp, Koenig would play one on one against each camper while the rest of the camp-

ers served as the timekeepers, counting down the five seconds of play. That was a camp highlight for most of the campers.

"There's a couple different things campers enjoyed. I think playing one on one with the campers. They really enjoy that. And getting blocked," Koenig said.



Koenig shares a laugh with a camper before they go one on one.



Bronson Koenig Shooting Academy morning session campers and staff gathering for a group photo at the end of the camp.