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HCG-Wisconsin Dells bids farewell to its international workers at end-of-summer luncheon



Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells held a farewell luncheon in its convention center this month, to say goodbye to over 30 international students who had worked in the hotel area this summer.

“We had fun,” said 21-year-old Turkish student Irem Akakus. “Everyone was really good to us, too.”

The luncheon was held in the casino’s Upper Dells Ballroom, where the departing workers were treated to a buffet-style meal and an abbreviated performance of the Wasira Native Dance Show.

Students said they enjoyed the food, and were grateful for the unique opportunity to experience a culture that was so much different from their own.

“I love their dance,” Akakus said. “If I have time, I will learn how to dance like that.”

The students were then recognized for all the hard work they had put in during their time there. Each of

them was presented with a beaded keyholder, which would forever serve as a symbol of appreciation for their service.

“It was special,” said Akakus. “There’s no word to describe it.”

Akakus and a few of her coworkers said that they were impressed with not only the day’s events, but by the treatment they had received throughout their entire experience. Several of them expressed interest in returning to the casino next summer just because of it.

“Everyone was so nice to us,” Akakus said, “and that’s the reason that we want to come back again.”

Like Akakus, many of this year’s workers came from a university located in Turkey. Together, they made up a large portion of the housekeeping and group-sales departments.

“Sometimes it was difficult,” said 20-year-old Erencan Bulut. “But if you’re a housekeeper here, you are really lucky because of your supervisors. They don’t push you, and they’re always kind to you.”

Bulut said that the respect and understanding his group was shown made work much more fun for everyone. He admitted it was one of the things that they had been concerned about before coming over.

“Our supervisors were really kind,” Bulut said. “And that was really important for us.”

During their stay, the students were provided housing at one of two Ho-Chunk-owned locations – in the hotel on site, or at the Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground in Lyndon Station. Those who stayed at the hotel found their housing to be quite accommodating and extremely affordable, at a cost of only \$50 per week.

Those who lived at the campground told a different story.

“The biggest problem for us was transportation,” Bulut said, “because the campground is in Lyndon Station. And if we wanted a second job, we had to find our own transportation...which was really difficult for us.”

Transportation proved to be only one of many difficulties that those staying at the campground encountered, though. Residents had reported having trouble with several of the appliances as well.

“We had problems with the air conditioners and microwaves,” Bulut said, “and with the internet.”

So after only a few weeks of staying there, many of the students packed their bags and relocated to Hiawatha Residence Hall in Lake Delton. There, they were able



One of the Turkish students receives a beaded keyholder, as a symbol of appreciation for her time and service.

to bike but a short distance to any nearby grocery or department store. They were also able to avoid almost all the difficulties they had faced at their previous housing.

“The campground days were a bit difficult,” Bulut said. “We even had problems with the showers. But we could shower at Hiawatha, and I was really happy about that.”

Some had troubles with things other than housing, such as the simple act of communication. For students in their second year of the program, though, the English language proved not to be as big of a barrier.

“I had a lot of chances to communicate with my coworkers,” said 22-year-old returning student Deha Car. “I talked a lot here. But my first year, my English was terrible. I couldn’t speak a lot of English, and it was really stressful.”

Car considered the casino a good place to work, compared to his previous employer in Florida. He said that the employees at Ho-Chunk are treated fairly,

unlike they were at his last job.

“This summer was a lot better,” Car said. “Florida is a good place. Miami was really close, and we always went somewhere. But working here is a lot better.”

He said the summer made for a great end to his work-and-travel experience, and that he’ll be leaving America in a much more positive state of mind than he did last time.

“Everything was better,”

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Ho-Chunk Nation could use a Habitat for Humanity type organization

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Editor

After listening to a few tribal members talk about housing issues and costs, it seems the Nation could use a Habitat for Humanity type organization to help make housing affordable for more tribal members.

Habitat for Humanity, or Habitat, is a non-profit organization that helps families build homes for themselves. The building family doesn't just sit back and watch, they invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" into building their home.

This practice instills pride and ownership within the homeowner to keep the house clean and fixed.

Half of the cost of building

a home is on material, while the other half is spent on labor.

If the Nation organized a non-profit similar to Habitat, we could cut that labor cost out of our home ownership program spending or redirect the cost as income to tribal members through job creation.

Is the Nation's housing goal to build tribal members' homes on trust land? That would benefit the individual tribal member by eliminating payment of property tax.

Being built on trust land will effect a home's value and marketability, because only tribal members would be eligible to buy and live in the home. So we need to realize the economics of housing

tribal members.

Our Home Ownership Program allows for \$125,000 to purchase a home. If that amount was spent on only materials, the home being built could be valued at nearly double that, at \$250,000.

In the same thought, if the Nation is allowing \$125,000, contractors are spending roughly \$60,000 on materials to build the home.

Does the Nation want tribal members in spending \$60,000 outside our tribal economy?

If Legislature is approving 30 homes annually at \$125,000 per home, that's at least \$3.75 million Home Ownership Program budget.

Over \$1.8 million is being paid to contractors, or outside our tribal economy.

Imagine how many tribal members could be employed out of that \$1.8 million, and we could at least double the number of houses built for

tribal members to live in.

If the Nation donated that \$1.8 million to our "Habitat" non-profit, could we write that off as a tax deduction?

It seems like it'd more than win-win; more like win-win-win-win.

Currently, contractors are keeping unused material as their "bought and paid for" company material.

One example shared was in regards to the amount of shingles purchased for one home construction. The contractor ordered three times the amount of shingles needed and kept the unused material.

The Nation's dollars paid that contractor enough to complete three roofs. And individual tribal members are left paying for unused material within their mortgages.

That's why the Nation would greatly benefit from a Habitat for Humanity type organization.

Another example of benefit of such an organization is providing way for tribal members to experience community involvement.

Promoting volunteerism and giving that opportunity to any and all tribal members through an organization can have lasting impact on community togetherness.

Not all tribal members have the knowledge or skill to build a home, but together, many volunteers and skilled tradesman can help house more tribal members.

Similarly, whether we are building a cipuroke, tipi, or church, we are doing it out of love, concern, and to provide safety for our family and relatives.

This type of organizational effort would truly integrate our culture into a modern setting, commerce.

Dear Hocak Worak

I am writing to bring to your attention significant changes to the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics made by Resolution 06-20-17Z and how we believe they are not in the best interests of Tribal Members individually or for the Ho-Chunk Nation collectively. In short, Resolution 06-20-17Z installed a sunset provision that will eliminate the Ethics Review Board (the "Board") once it has finished processing the current complaints before it and any lawsuits involving the Board before the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary have concluded. Additionally, all complaints alleging that

Ho-Chunk Nation Public Officials have violated ethics laws will have to be filed with the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

These changes are not in the best interest for Tribal Members or Employees because: 1) filing a complaint with the Trial Court will cost you \$50 (same filing fee as a lawsuit)...there was no filing fee required to file an ethics complaint with the Board; 2) anyone filing a complaint with the Trial Court would benefit

from the assistance of a lay advocate and/or lawyer, especially since Public Officials utilize the Nation's lawyers to defend themselves in ethics complaints; 3) the new Code of Ethics creates a conflict of interest when the Office of the President asks the Attorney General for an ethics opinion.

These changes are not good for the Nation because: 1) they make it more difficult for Tribal Members or Employees to file a complaint; 2) this change is not in the spirit of transparency or accountability; and 3) ethics complaints processed by Tribal Members, and not judges, means that they are evaluated by peers.

We respectfully take the position that it is in the best interests of the Nation that the Ethics Review Board be reinstated. The Code of Ethics is currently out for a 45-day public review and comment period that ends on September 25, 2017. For more information, please see www.ho-chunknation.com/45DayComments.

Sincerely,
Dave Radtke
ERB Member

Letter to the Editor,

I'd like to make an inquiry to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

I am inquiring about the Request for Proposals for an independent IT consultant that was sent out over a year and a half ago. This was supposed to be completed LAST December. The purpose was to hire an outside expert to conduct a nationwide IT assessment measuring current operations, gaps, potential hacking, and recommendations for future improvements. (Such as a centralized/online intake so tribal members can walk into any department and give their tribal ID and a form will pop up with the member's general information that every dept. asks for, will already be on screen). Instead of having to manually fill out umpteen paper applications.

Most organizations already do this, not that hard. So where is that process at? Barely beyond writing on deer hides.

Along the same line, where is the Accounting software programming at? This project was to have been online Last December as well. These consultants charge thousands a week and need to be monitored by someone who is literate in programming and not changing plans every week which adds exorbitant costs and time to a project. This is also something that would fall under the Consultant's review.

I'm not asking for the nitty gritty details just what is the leadership doing to bring our facilities into the 21st Century.

Thanks
Thomas Eades

International workers

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Decorah begins new life with Family Wellness Court's support

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

It is a long, rocky struggle to begin a journey down a different path. Sometimes that alternative path is the only pathway that will save a person from himself or herself.

Karie Decorah has succeeded in changing that course in her life, and now she has a much better future, not only for herself, but also for her children.

Karie graduated from the Ho-Chunk Nation Family Wellness Court in a special celebration on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Wa Ehi Hoci.

Her children, Cassady, 9, Talina, 6, and Camilla, 4, were her special guests for the event, happy to be reunited with their mother.

The Family Wellness Court is a multiphase program that guides them to a new lifestyle, free from substance abuse and the bad influences that led them down the wrong path.

"There are goals and rules to guide them in structure," said Ho-Chunk Nation Family Wellness Court director Shelley Wilkinson. "I'm told it's like eating an apple from the bottom up. They're used to a certain lifestyle and we're turning it upside down."

The process is fulfilled by means of a team consisting of professionals to deal with each aspect of their struggle to remain free from drugs and alcohol.

Each participant has his or her own role clinician, defense advocate, prosecution, probation and parole, social services, Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans (VRNA).

"We're teaching them to be responsible adults and parents," she said.

The team meets once a week and the enrolled participants meet with them biweekly until they get further in the program.

The people enrolled in the Family Wellness Court are there because of substance abuse and a Children in Need of Protection (CHIPS) petition, which means their children were taken away. It is completely voluntary, but it does help the parent to get his or her children back faster.

The referral can come from anywhere, family or friend, court or officer, Wilkinson said.

Karie knew it was going to be difficult to change her ways, leaving the influences that had made her life difficult but, at the same time, had become accustomed.

"In the beginning, I wasn't very compliant," Karie said. "I knew I wanted to change, but it was a difficult process."

What sparked her enroll-

ment in the Family Wellness Court was an incident that nearly ended her life.

That incident will forever etched on Karie's memory, May 8, 2015, the day she overdosed on heroin.

She happened to be out of town when the overdose happened and soon after she awoke in the hospital, she was placed under arrest. Besides being charged with possession of an illegal substance, she had two outstanding warrants in her name. As soon as she was released, she was taken into custody.

Because of the CHIPS petition issued, her three children were taken away from her at that time.

"In the beginning it was hard for me because I knew what was expected, that I would have to go to AODA meetings and have assessments done. It put me off for a little bit."

On Oct. 28, 2015, she started the process of being enrolled in the Family Wellness Court.

I had been without my kids since May, for five months.

Although she first started with some resistance, in December she was ready to do what they wanted.

She was sent to treatment for 45 days, then went to a halfway house for a 90 day program. She experienced a relapse and went back to treatment for another six weeks, then to a transitional living arrangement for another six weeks.

It was during her first treatment center that she realized that she needed change in her life. Feeling guilty and bad about herself, Karie came to an epiphany that began the change in her life that she needed.

"I broke down and got on my knees. I didn't want to live that way anymore," she said.

Karie was able to come back to Black River Falls in July 2016 to go through the Family Wellness Court's five-phase program.

"I realized that you can't hide from God. That gave me something to hang onto," she said.

She had a few stumbles along the way, making the path difficult. Her last relapse was April 18, 2016.

"That was the last time I used drugs," she said.

She began to comply with the treatment with a commitment to free herself from any addictions.

"In the beginning, it felt intimidating because I didn't know what was expected of me. It was a lot of work, including finding frequent rides to court. I was looking forward to being done," she said.



Celebrating Karie Decorah's graduation from Family Wellness Court are members of her team: (from left) Attorney Mark Radcliffe Defense Advocate; Attorney Erik Shircel - Special Prosecutor; Associate Judge Mary No Hunter; Decorah; Shelley Wilkinson - Assistant Court Clerk; Anne Burns - Social Services Supervisor; Diane Hofstedt - VRNA (she is hiding behind Anne); and Phil Gigous - Probation and Parole.

Overall, she said the Family Wellness Court was a good experience. She was required to call to check in at certain times and was part of a random drug testing routine.

She used to hear people tell her, "you got to do it for yourself," but she didn't understand at the time. Now she understands it to mean that, to take care of her kids, she first has to take care of herself so that she is able to take care of the kids.

Her motivation for completing the program was getting her children back and

providing a good life, but she believes she got much more than that.

"I didn't know I could feel this good without using drugs," Karie said. "I wake up in the morning and I don't have to think about getting high."

She got her children back the same day as her graduation from the Family Wellness Court.

"I'm happy," she said. "So many programs helped me. We have our own place, I have a car, a driver's license, and a job."

Her children are very happy she succeeded in going through the course.

"It feels good that my family, my parents and children can depend on me," she said. "I couldn't have done it without my family. My mom has been my rock and my dad, sister and two brothers have been very supportive."

She also credits her co-workers in the Education Department for being very helpful in making her goals.

"They've been cheering me on," Karie said.

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Students ready themselves for the new school year at 2017 Back to School Bash



Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

The tribe's K-12 students received some new school supplies during a Back to School Bash at the tribal office building last month, to get prepared for yet another school year.

Each student was given a brand-new backpack, among other things, and a Papa Murphy's pizza for their family. Many parents donated their

time to help out at the event, as a way to say thanks.

Here are some pictures that were taken that evening.



Kids Ranch continues push for children's literacy

JOSEPH LUETE
Contributed

Kids Ranch, near Rock Springs, works to make sure students have proper reading skills.

Kids Ranch continues to work to make sure children have proper literacy skills.

For two weeks this summer, groups of area school children are spending their days without a computer, tablet, phone or TV screen in sight.

The children are at Kids Ranch, which once included computer skills in its program, but no longer according to Executive Director Sara Ketterer and Kids Ranch Board President Debbie Kinder. The camp found that children today have plenty of computer skills, but they may have problems with reading, self-respect, respecting others, and mental health.

At Kids Ranch, the children from Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg, Baraboo and Sauk Prairie schools, will have plenty of fresh air, healthy food – some of which is picked by the children from the camp's garden – and help with reading. In addition, they will be taking part in games and activities to build self-esteem or just have fun. They will be taking hikes along the paths at the ranch, gardening, doing arts and crafts, helping cook and riding and painting horses.

One of the children at the camp near Rock Springs, on July 19, Koda McKee, a fifth-grade student at Spring Hill, said he like the camp "pretty good." He said he like the horses mostly, and his favorite horse is Irish. He also like reading, and he especially likes reading about bats.

The reading is a key part

of Kids Ranch, according to Ketterer. Overall reading proficiency in the state is not good, she said. According to Department of Instruction data, 35 percent of third grade students in the Dells schools are reading at advanced or proficient levels. In Baraboo, the levels are slightly higher, Sauk Prairie is slightly higher that Baraboo and Reedsburg is about the same as the Dells. They are all about the same as the state levels.

Ketterer noted that some states are using third grade reading levels to determine how many prison cells will be needed in the future because reading proficiency can be a determining factor in whether those children will turn to crime.

"It's a big issue for society," she said. "We see a really large correlation with illiteracy" and society problems.

Anyone reading in the basic or minimal level is not accessing information at grade level, said Ketterer.

White, affluent children are more likely to be reading at or above grade level. The biggest gaps in achievement are between white affluent children and African-Americans, but Native Americans are also lower.

This year, Kids Ranch is working with the Ho Chunk Nation to help those children improve their reading skills. About 80 percent of Ho Chunk children are reading below grade level and only 19 percent are proficient, Ketterer said.

The Ho Chunk Nation gave Kids Ranch a \$12,800 grant that includes a two-week session at camp as well as mentoring during the school year. Ketterer said she is building a relationship with Damon

Thundercloud who runs the youth services program for the Ho Chunk Nation in the Dells and Baraboo school district. The Ho Chunk Nation wants to build a better society and that overlaps with Kids Ranch's vision.

She will be working with Thundercloud this fall to set up a reading program while his part will be to train his employees. Unlike the school test that looks only at comprehension and grade level, the testing Kids Ranch will do includes a battery of test to determine why someone is behind in reading. Ketterer said. She has been working with those with reading disabilities for 16 years and said she uses reading instruction that is evidence and scientifically based. Then, she or a tutor will work with a child on a one-to-one basis twice a week.

In May, she said the children will be tested to see if they have progressed, and those results will be shared with the Ho Chunk Legislature.

Tutors will also work with other children besides Ho Chunk children on a one-to-one basis in the Dells, Reedsburg, Baraboo and Sauk Prairie school districts. There is always "a desperate need for tutors," said Ketterer. Tutors receive 10 to 20 hours of training before being assigned to tutor a child. She said Kids Ranch especially needs people willing to be tutors at Spring Hill School in the Dells.

Tom Baker of Wisconsin Dells is one tutor and the retired Lawrence College professor said he really enjoys working with kids. He also spends time at the summer camps where he helps children build bird houses among other activities such as help-



Kids Ranch, near Rock Springs, works to make sure students have proper reading skills.

ing with hikes.

The children in the program are referred to the Kids Ranch program by teachers, guidance counselors, social workers and parents, she said. Many of the children come from disadvantaged homes which are "language poor," and do not have a lot of books in the home, she said.

Reading is tied to another aspect of the Kids Ranch program, mental health. The late Ann Rakos, a child and family therapist, who founded the organization in 1998, found that many of the at-risk children she worked with in her clinical practice had low self-esteem because they were struggling with learning to read. In 1999, Rakos teamed up with Mary Bowers, a first-grade teacher to establish the reading tutoring program. Bowers continues to be an employee of Kids Ranch and is reading coordinator.

When Rakos died, she left a hole in the mental health aspect of the ranch's program, said Ketterer. "It's hard to fill and needs lots of funds."

The Kids Ranch Board will be working on that mental health program this year as well as finding funds for it.

Besides the mental health program, priorities for the coming year, also include collaborating with existing community groups and building sustainable funding. Funding for the ranch has improved in recent years, after going through a period a few years ago when it almost went bankrupt. That's thanks in large part to an anonymous donor who purchased the property and leases it back to the Kids Ranch organization for a \$1 per year.

For information about volunteering, donating or the camp, visit www.thekid-ranch.org.

Two Ho-Chunk wrestlers help bring back the trophy at Indigenous Games

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Two young Ho-Chunk set out on what seemed like an impossible mission.

Like a scene out of "Miracle on Ice," the story of the underdog American hockey team beating the heavily favored Russian team, outnumbered Team Wisconsin pulled off a miraculous victory in July at the 2017 North American Indigenous Games, defeating the favored Team Saskatchewan.

Josh Ryckman and Justice Blackhawk were two wrestlers on Team Wisconsin who helped bring home the Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy, capturing the championship for Team Wisconsin for the first time.

Coach Marty Ybarra gathered the wrestlers from all corners of the state, preparing them for a fight they were not willing to relinquish.

"It was an honor to coach them, not just the Ho-Chunk athletes, but the whole team," Ybarra said. "I'm surprised at how well we did with just six wrestlers."

Josh Ryckman

As one of the members of the team, Josh had the desire to be an athlete at the Indigenous Games three years ago, but was unsure he could accomplish what he set out to do. He wanted to be a track athlete, but ended up not participating.

This time he saw the opportunity and he grabbed it, this time in wrestling.

Josh had been wrestling for two years at his Madison high school, where he attended school, so he figured he had enough experience to participate in the tryouts.

After he attended the tryouts, where he and other candidates wrestled and were judged for their abilities, he was notified by mail that he had made the team. After that,

the wrestling team then met three times for practice before heading to Canada.

When it came time to leave, Josh drove to Milwaukee to meet at the Ho-Chunk Youth Center. They rode together to Toronto, Canada, and stayed in a hotel. He and Justice had met a few times before at the practices. Since the Wisconsin team was only six people, they were a close-knit group, gathering together and cheering each other on at the meets and the medal ceremony.

Josh wrestled in the 69 kilogram, or 152 pound, class.

"I always get nervous before a match," Josh said. "When I step on the mat, I forget everything about being nervous."

The Team Wisconsin wrestlers were concerned about following the rules of the matches. In Wisconsin, wrestlers follow a "folkstyle" method. At the games, the style was considered "free-style."

"I wasn't up on the rules, so I stuck to what I know," Josh said.

They were very supportive of each other, cheering on their teammates when they wrestled. In the end, all Team Wisconsin wrestlers received either a gold or silver medal, with all appearing on a giant stage to receive their awards. Josh wrestled three matches to win the gold.

When they announced the winning team, it surprised the Team Saskatchewan members that Team Wisconsin had won.

Team Saskatchewan had taken the top trophy for the last three years and had 14 members at the 2017 games while Team Wisconsin only had six.

"It was a fun trip and to support both the tribe and the state," Josh said. "It's definitely something I will remember."

He has advice for young athletes who may be considering entering competition at the Indigenous Games.

"Try out because you never know, there might be an opening," he said. "No matter what sport you are interested in, make it the best you can and give it a try."

Justice Blackhawk

Similar to Josh, Justice wanted to participate in the North American Indigenous Games three years ago, but didn't quite make the cut.

"I did try out and was an alternate on the baseball team, but I didn't get to go," Justice said.

This time, Coach Marty Ybarra encouraged him try out for the wrestling team.

Justice has been wrestling in high school since his sophomore year and now, having graduated from high school, his chance had arrived.

Justice, who lives in Tomah, is pursuing a criminal justice degree at the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire.

Although the type of wrestling was different, known as freestyle, Ybarra tried to set aside any fears the wrestlers might have.

"Marty just said 'wrestling is wrestling, so just do what you know. It's easy to adapt,'" he said.

"I was definitely nervous," Justice said. "I didn't know if I was going to be good and I thought the other wrestlers were levels above us because of that style."

At the games, teammates would be present to watch each other in their matches.

"Since they had one match at a time, we all were able to watch and cheer. Everyone was there for each other," he said.

Another of his mentors, Coach Tomorrow from Shawano, kept saying, 'expect gold,' Justice said.



Josh Ryckman, Coach Marty Ybarra and Justice Blackhawk of Team Wisconsin helped win the Todd Diabo Memorial Trophy. The inscription of Team Wisconsin gold medal performance will remain on travel trophy.

Everyone from Team Wisconsin won their matches in the first round, so the excitement and tension was building.

"When everyone in Team Wisconsin won in the first round, we began to say, 'we can go for the gold.'"

As the final round of wrestling progressed, Coach Tomorrow kept checking his phone to see the updates on the statistics. He thought we had either second or first place. It came down to the last match - the heavyweight match.

"It was wild and crazy," Justice said. "Even the track team was watching and cheering."

When all the matches were completed, they knew their fate with a single announcement.

"Team Wisconsin, come and get your trophy, they announced," he said.

Team Saskatchewan was huffing and puffing, upset they had not captured first

place again, he said. All the teams came up to them to shake their hands.

After the awards ceremony, Blackhawk didn't get to stay with the team, but instead had to head back, so he departed at the Toronto airport.

"It definitely was an eye-opening experience," Justice said. "The opening ceremony was more exciting than I thought it would be. I got to meet people from all over the United States and Canada, people who live differently than we do."

Justice is glad he had the opportunity to participate and see the coming together of athletes for friendly competition.

"Even if I didn't compete, it would have been a great experience. In addition, the fact that people see you succeed was really great. It was awesome to see the people of Wisconsin come together," Justice said.

International workers

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Car said. "So I'm really happy. Things were perfect."

Twenty-one-year-old Malawian student Rahema Kanamazina said she too was happy with where she ended up, although she admitted that working in a hotel can have its challenges.

"Housekeeping is a really funny job," Kanamazina said. "Now I'm getting used to everything. But at first, it was really hard for me."

After a summer of cleaning every room except her own, Kanamazina said she is looking forward to some personal time and getting the chance to travel with one of her friends. But she said that, because of the experience she had this summer, she will probably return to the casino after her spring semester.

"I like it here," Kanamazina said. "They make me want to come back next year."

The hotel's administrative



The international students celebrate their last days together before parting ways.

assistant, Janella Hopinkah said she would love to see the students return. She took a moment at the end of their meal to thank each of them once again.

"I promised myself I wouldn't cry," Hopinkah said, "but I couldn't help it."

Hopinkah told the students that it had been a pleasure working with each and every

one of them. She said a tearful goodbye, and wished them all luck in their future endeavors.

The students would soon part ways with one another

to travel the country before returning home. Many said they will remain in touch with those they met over the summer, at the casino.

7 can't-miss Ho-Chunk experiences

Unforgettable vacation: Ho-Chunk Nation teaches visitors the tribe's way of life—by inviting them to live it

Lynn Armitage
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Pounding ash logs; foraging for food in the woods; weaving baskets. These are the activities of which traditional Ho-Chunk life is made, and—to tribal tourism officials' surprise—it's exactly what visitors want to experience.

In 2016, the Ho-Chunk Nation worked with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism to develop an assessment of what tourists might be interested in seeing and doing on their 6,132 acres of tribal trust land in the state.



Participants who attended the seasonal day camps learned how to pound ash to make these traditional Ho-Chunk ash baskets. Courtesy Collin Price

"It was an eye-opening experience," said Ho-Chunk spokesperson Collin Price. "The biggest revelation was that tourists want experiences. They are really interested in why we do things within our tribe, how we do it, and if they can participate in it."

Price now leads Ho-Chunk efforts to create customized experiences for tourists curious about Native American ways.

"These experiences are special to our tribe, and we want

to share them with the public to encourage a sense of exploration," he said, noting that not every aspect of Ho-Chunk culture is open to observation. "We have to be careful to balance the spirituality and sacredness of some of the things that we do and talk about."

The Ho-Chunk member, who grew up in Tomah, Wisconsin, knows a little something about tribal tourism. He is the former executive director of Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) and is pleased to see the other ten tribes in the state embracing the viability of tourism.

"Leadership is starting to understand the power of tourism as another way to generate significant revenue," he told ICTMN.

Interested in touring Ho-Chunk lands? Call tribal headquarters in Black River Falls, and the tourism staff will work with you to customize a visit. Best of all, Ho-Chunk tourism experiences are free. Below is a sampling.

SEASONAL DAY CAMPS

One of the newest offerings on Ho-Chunk lands are seasonal day camps. The first one was held last winter at Black River Falls. Price said it was very well attended. Spring camp at the 385-acre Whirling Thunder Ranch in Tomah featured organic gardening on the ranch's organic farm. Participants learned about the plants, trees, fruits and vegetables, such as beans, potatoes and apples, grown by the tribe. While the day camps are free to the public, the tribe compensates all experts and artisans for their time.

EFFIGY MOUNDS

Across the Wisconsin landscape are thousands of marked and unmarked raised earthen mounds shaped into

various symbols and animals, such as bears, panthers and eagles, their origins an enduring mystery.

"We believe they were created for the purposes of burials by a civilization that is gone now," said Jon Greendeer, Ho-Chunk executive director of heritage preservation.

The Ho-Chunk have become protectors of the state's effigy mounds, Greendeer said.

"We don't want people eviscerating these sites," he said.

People are encouraged to pay their respects, and learn. Greendeer pointed visitors to Dane County, home of 23 mounds. One of the most visited sites is on the northern shore of Lake Mendota, where visitors will find three bird effigies with large wingspans. Another notable site is the Kingsley Bend Indian Mounds near Devils' Lake State Park.

KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE

Between La Farge and Ontario, Wisconsin, lie 8,600 acres of pure, natural beauty known as the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. According to Price, it is one of the most scenic drives in the state, home to more than 400 plant species and a menagerie of birds, reptiles, mammals and amphibians. The valley is a popular place to hike rustic and shaded trails, as well as hunt, fish, kayak, canoe and camp. Plans are under way to tell the story of the river valley with interactive kiosks and digital signage scattered throughout the parks and along the hiking trails.

"We are looking forward to doing this in the near future," said Price.



The Ho-Chunk Nation hosts two large powwows every year at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, on Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Courtesy Ho-Chunk Nation

GAMING

The Ho-Chunk Nation operates six gaming facilities in Wisconsin: in Black River Falls, Madison, Nekoosa, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells and Wittenberg. All are located off the I-94 corridor, for easy access. Three of the properties are Class III casinos, where guests will find an assortment of gaming options including card games, roulette, craps and slot machines.

POW WOWS

The Ho-Chunk Nation hosts two major powwows every year—on Memorial Day and Labor Day—that feature cultural dancing and drumming competitions. These popular events are held at the tribe's Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Other highlights include traditional Native crafts and foods, including, of course, fry bread. Greendeer says the tribe also stages smaller, noncompetitive powwows with social dancing throughout the year, including the sobriety powwow in December.

CAMPGROUND AND RV RESORT

The Ho-Chunk Nation also owns a campground and RV resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Close to the Wisconsin River, the casino, water parks and nature trails, the campground features all the amenities campers need to feel at home: a heated pool, a gift shop and food store, hot showers, canoe and boat rentals, playgrounds, volleyball court, horseshoe pit and a camper's lounge with a fireplace. Pets are always welcome. Price hinted at future upgrades.

"I really want to break the news, but I can't," he said. "There are some exciting plans in the works."

COMING SOON: MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

The tribe plans to establish a main \$20 million cultural center and museum, starting small and building from there. Plans are also under way for a cultural center in Madison.

"We are six to 12 months away from establishing our very first cultural center in Tomah," Price said. "All these centers will tell the Ho-Chunk story, and have elements of our history, culture and experiences within those places."

LEAF receives support to foster native and local arts in Wisconsin

Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF), Director

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin - Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) is granted financial support from a local tribe and a national foundation for its ongoing programs.

• A grant from the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin has provided LEAF with the opportunity to cultivate the art careers of several Ho-Chunk new and emerging artists through the LEAF Fellows program. Christopher Sweet of Milwaukee, Leah LaMere Calderon of Ringle, and Marian Miner of Tomah are this year's featured artists. This grant made it possible to underwrite the fees for the 2017 LEAF Fellows to participate as exhibiting artists in their first juried show -- the 10th Annual Woodland Indian Market in Green Bay; supported Christopher Sweet

with the occasion to create the first community-painted mural entitled "Taking Flight" in downtown Wisconsin Dells; and aided Leah LaMere Calderon in facilitating both children and adult workshops in collaboration with the Aldo Leopold Foundation. LEAF's final exhibit at its Native Presence Gallery (412 1/2 Broadway, Wisconsin Dells) will feature the 2017 LEAF Fellows Art Showcase. The public is invited to attend the special gallery opening and festivities on September 23rd from 5:30 - 8pm.

• LEAF recently received a \$23,600 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of Little Eagle Arts Foundation with two Native Arts Initiatives: 1) the cataloging of LEAF's Roger and Bernadine Little Eagle Tallmadge Memorial Art Collec-

tion, a teaching compendium for Native artists. Kendra Greendeer (Ho-Chunk), who recently completed a curatorial residency with the Smithsonian Institute Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC and is currently pursuing her PhD at UW Madison will oversee the inventory process; and 2) tuition assistance for LEAF Director Melanie Sainz (Ho-Chunk) to attend the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. This program entitled "Managing the Capital Campaign" will aid in the development of the organization's headquarters and arts center at 3889 River Road in Wisconsin Dells. The art cen-



Kendra Greendeer



ter will serve the Native and non-Native communities and seasonal visitors. It will contain a museum, gallery, and gift shop dedicated to the contributions made by the Native American people to the cultural tourism in the Wisconsin Dells and surrounding areas, as well as art classrooms, a café, outdoor performing arts venue, and artist in residence

accommodations.

Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting American Indian art by cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit of American Indian/First Nations artists in order to achieve success and promote a cycle of economic security in Indian County.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL AODA RECOVERY MONTH

Elder Community Work Program/Labor Dept.



Pastor Jeff Crone-LCO Sobriety Festival, sporting a Ho-Chunk style applique shirt, designed and created by Ho-Chunk Elder Berna Big Thunder-Hindsley, gifted by Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Community Work Program.

Submitted by Jean Stacy Elder Community Work Project Administrator attended the LCO Sobriety Festival weekend of August 17,18,19,20 on the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Ojibwe Nation, Sobriety and Hope Community, hoping to add to the ECWP RECOVERY COACH TOOL BOX. The Focus of the Sobriety Festival sponsored by Overcomers Ministries was HEALTHY FAMILIES - HEALTHY NATIONS. Topic heavily discussed was the high incident of Opioids distribution and abuse in communities. Sobriety festival also included round table discussions lead by Dr. Kenneth McMillian MD, Dr. David Brown MD

and Dr. James Struve MD. Panelist included Clinicians Daniel D. Cousins Sr. MSW, CSAD, IDP-AT and Sheila Thayer LADC, CCDP. We can all agree that alcohol abuse can and will completely destroy lives. One of the topics of interest to me was in regards to chronic alcohol abuse leading to symptoms of Dementia. Not only can it lead to severe health and social problems but it can even take away the ability to function mentally, cause mental confusion, agitation and paranoia, lack of muscle coordination (ataxia) eye problems including involuntary eye movements, unequal pupils, and impaired eye movement. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AlcoholDementia>):

AlcoholDementia): Alcoholic Dementia impacts memory and cognitive ability, the inability to create new memories, false memories, the loss of memories and hallucinations. This is not an elder issue, this progressive state, not reversible, is a Community issue. This type of dementia can develop in people of any age. As the leaves turn color into Autumn glory and with bitter(sweet) Winter approaching.. My thoughts and prayers sent out to those in AODA Recovery and to the family members who love them.

Natural Disaster Assistance

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative CCO

Have you been affected by any of the natural disasters which include hurricanes, wildfires or earthquakes happening in the world at the moment? There is help for tribal members that are affected by these events. The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Intake is a resource for you. The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Intake will start the research process and outreach to find funding from various organizations (FEMA, American Red Cross, etc.) that can assist you. If you are affected by these natural disasters or you know of a tribal member that is in need of support you can contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Intake office at 715-284-7749.

The Ho-Chunk Nation also has an Emergency Manage-

ment Division that will assist tribal members with finding federal, state or county agency assistance during these natural disasters. You can contact the Emergency Management Division at 715-284-5877 ext. 1153.

The FEMA Emergency Lodging Assistance Program will pay for hotels for individuals in Texas. The contact number for the FEMA ELA program is 1-866-545-9865 or email femahousing@clclodging.com.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature is working on a Natural Disaster Policy. We will keep you updated with the progress of the policy at Ho-ChunkNation.com and on our social media sites. Follow us on Twitter at HCN_Legislature@HCN_Legislature or like our Facebook Page at Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch.

Ho-Chunk YOUTH 16-18 YEARS old & ALL YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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HO-CHUNK CASINO, Wisconsin Dells

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30th

Lower Ballroom All Day Event beginning at 8 am

70 Youth spots available

Registration Form

NAME _____

AGE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Will you be bringing a chaperone? _____

Mail form to: P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 c/o Carol Garvin

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 be 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 • Vehicle Batteries
- Yard debris (leaves, tree branches, bushes, etc.)

Delivery dates for 2017:

- September 29th – October 2nd
- October 27th – October 30th
- November 24th – November 27th
- December 29th – January 1st

Network for Youth and #StoptheStigma release 132 balloons for International Overdose Awareness Day

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Members of the organizations Network for Youth and #StoptheStigma came together for a balloon release in Black River Falls last month, to spread awareness about ongoing problems in the community.

“We work together to increase awareness of the challenges in our community,” said President of Network for Youth Donna Sigler. “We provide encouragement to take necessary actions to create positive changes.”

More than 20 people attended the event, where the names of lost loved ones were written upon balloons that would be let go. The people who put it together said the gesture was a way to pay tribute to those individuals.

“It’s a way of memorializing them,” said Executive Director of #StoptheStigma Tena Quackenbush. “And it

will help us with the grieving process.”

Over a hundred balloons were released that day, and nearly as many tears shed. But by the end, participants took comfort in the knowledge that their loved ones were now in a better place.

“I hope that they’re getting some kind of closure,” Quackenbush said.

The two organizations have agreed to make the balloon release an annual event.



Executive Director of #StoptheStigma Tena Quackenbush and over twenty others let go of their loved ones’ balloons.



Grammy-nominated drum group Northern Cree comes to Ho-Chunk’s Neesh-la Powwow

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Seven-time Grammy nominated Native American drum group Northern Cree came to the Ho-Chunk Nation’s annual Neesh-la Powwow in August, to help promote the three-day event.

“We get asked to go a lot of places throughout North America,” said group member Shane Dion. “And this just happened to be one of the stops on our trail.”

The group gained national notoriety after a performance at last year’s Grammys, where they stunned listeners with their music. Since that time, the drum group has been invited to more events than they

have been able to attend.

“After we performed,” Dion said, “it just blew up our whole schedule. And we’re trying to accommodate as many people and events as possible, but we just can’t.”

The drummer said that performing at powwows isn’t only beneficial for the tribes who host them, but for his group and all its members as well. He said that the various venues are a good way to spread their music.

“We like to share our music with as many people as possible,” Dion said, “rather than

keeping it local. The more we get out there, the more people will know who we are and appreciate what we do.”

The group member said that if they are invited back for next year’s Neesh-la Powwow, they would almost certainly return.

“We definitely would,” Dion said. “It’s a far drive, but it’s worth it.”

The date of the event has not yet been determined.



Labor Day Powwow brings out hundreds of Ho-Chunk's best powwow dancers

Tim Wohlers, Staff Writer

Powwow dancers near and far gathered at Ho-Chunk's annual Labor Day Powwow earlier this month, to celebrate their Native American culture with friends and relatives. Here are some photos from the three-day event.



**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
AUGUST 8, 2017**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Doug Greengrass-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. Carly Lincoln-P (12:30 p.m.) Rep. Hinu Smith-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P (10:30 a.m.) Rep. Shelby Visintin-P (11:06 a.m.) Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:08 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: **Regular Legislative Meeting – July 18, 2017**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the July 18, 2017 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports: **Administration Committee- July 19, 2017**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the July 19, 2017 Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Quick Passage to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Code. MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the Resolution Quick Passage to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Code until nine members of the Legislature are present. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Appointments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Language & Culture Committee MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the Resolution Appointments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Language & Culture Committee until nine members of the Legislature are present. Second by Rep. Matthew Mullen. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Housing Committee- July 24, 2017 MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the July 24, 2017 Housing Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee- July 24, 2017 MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the July 24, 2017 Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle arrives. **Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOU with Indian Health Service for the Well and Septic**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17A**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOU with Indian Health Service for the Well and Septic. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOU with Indian Health Services for the Construction of a Well and Septic System for the Ho-Chunk Village and Indian Heights Community MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 B**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOU with Indian Health Services

for the Construction of a Well and Septic System for the Ho-Chunk Village and Indian Heights Community. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Revisit two Resolutions **Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Language & Culture Committee Code** 2/3rd vote required.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **08-08-17 C**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Language & Culture Committee Members. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Appointments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Language & Culture Committee

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 D**, Appointments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Language & Culture Committee. Second by Rep. Matthew Mullen. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Development Committee- July 25, 2017

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to approve the July 25, 2017 Development Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

***Corrections were made to the Development Committee meeting minutes where the 2nd Presiding Officer made motions.**

Note: In addition, the last motion on page 3, of the Development Committee Meeting minutes was withdrawn. The motion of the August 2, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting minutes on page 12 is the correct motion.

Resolution-HCG-Black River Falls Miron Construction Change Order #3

MOTION by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 E**, HCG-Black River Falls Miron Construction Change Order #3. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-HCG-Wisconsin Dells Miron Construction Change Order #3

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 F**, HCG-Wisconsin Dells Miron Construction Change Order #3. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to hear Miron Construction Concern. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives. **Miron Construction Concern- Patrick Day**

Mr. Patrick Day, District 2 tribal member was addressing concerns of union workers for Miron Construction. He was requesting retroactive pay for the workers. From the time they started to the time they became active workers.

Robert Mudd, Executive Director of Business will get a report to the Legislators by Monday, August 14, 2017. The union pay is \$26.32/hr. He would have to look at the numbers.

Robert Mudd will look into it. The question was on DOB negotiating with Miron the wages of the employees.

Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Finance Committee- August 2, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the August 2, 2017 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. SECOND WITH-DRAWS. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.

Resolution-Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2017 Tribal Priority Allocation

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 G**, Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2017 Tribal Priority Allocation. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. **Resolution-Limited Authorization for Treasury Department to Draw**

Down from Restricted Account for Project Forward Financing MOTION by Rep. Matthew Mullen to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 H**, Limited Authorization for Treasury Department to Draw Down from Restricted Account for Project Forward Financing. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns

Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the District One Community Center Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 I**, Transfer of Funds to the District One Community Center Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 8-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Wittenberg Head Start Shortfall Allocations

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to TABLE the Resolution Wittenberg Head Start Shortfall Allocations. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Labor Day Pow-Wow Requests

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to TABLE the Labor Day Pow-Wow Requests until after lunch. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D5 Elder Request

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the D5 Elder #1246 from the Disability Fund with reimbursement to the TAU Account for home repairs. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. MOTION AMENDED, with an itemized list to be received to pay for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses once the list is received. SECOND CONCURS. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

1st-Executive Session 11:41 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Release to Open Session **Resolution-Authorizing A Limited Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health to Select and Contract with a National Indian Law Firm for Negotiations and Other Matters Related to Itself to Its Self-Governance Compact and Funding Agreements with the United States of America.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 J**, Authorizing A Limited Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health to Select and Contract with a National Indian Law Firm for Negotiations and Other Matters Related to Itself to Its Self-Governance Compact and Funding Agreements with the United States of America with changes and to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

12:01 p.m. MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Break for Lunch: 12:01 p.m. MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to break for lunch for an hour. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Carly Lincoln arrives. **Call to Order:** President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting back to order at 1:08 p.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Doug Greengrass-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. Carly Lincoln-P Rep. Hinu Smith-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-P Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Unfinished Business:

Office of General Council (Standing Agenda Item) No update.

Economic Diversification Rep. Matthew Mullen mentions the Economic Diversification meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on August 9, 2017 in the Legislative Conference Room.

NCAI Update Lynette LeGarde, Chief Communications Officer mentions Jacklyn Pata, Executive Director of (NCAI) National Congress of American Indians will be accepting the check from the Ho-Chunk Nation on August 22, 2017.

New Business: **Resolution-In Support for the NSP THPO Grant Acquisition**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 K**, In Support for the NSP THPO Grant Acquisition. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Action Plan

This is provided for the Legislature from the Executive Branch. It was suggested it could be referred to a committee for further review. The Tribal Action Plan will be referred to the Legislative Off-Site on August 25, 2017.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer the Tribal Action Plan to the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee as a Standing Agenda Item. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Labor Day Pow-wow Requests

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to have Jon Pettibone run the Labor Day Pow-wow in the amount of \$99,940.00 with reconciliation according to the Finance Manual. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-1 (Rep. Carly Lincoln) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 2-03-09 B Memorial Relief Fund Increase

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 L**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 2-03-09 B Memorial Relief Fund Increase with changes. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Healing to Wellness Court Appointment

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 M**, Healing to Wellness Court Appointment. Second by Vice President Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Legislative Schedule Change

This was on the agenda to possibly have the Administration and Housing Committee Meetings on the same day. It was decided that it will remain the same.

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit excused. **Resolution-Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1) Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 N**, Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1) Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Vice President Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Restricted Account for the Wittenberg Early Childhood Education Center

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 08-08-17 O**, Establishment and Funding of Restricted Account for the Wittenberg Early Childhood Education Center with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.

District Meeting: District 2-Baraboo District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to TABLE the Baraboo Meeting Minutes for the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Conference Approval: MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve up to three Legislators and one Legislative Attorney to attend the National Tribal Health Conference in Bellevue, Washington on September 25-28, 2017.

Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session: 2nd-Executive Session MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. 2:09 p.m.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Shelby Visintin excused during executive session.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to go out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. 6:05 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matthew Mullen. 7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Release to Open Session

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to amend the July 18, 2017 Legislative Meeting minutes to add the following note: At the August 2, 2017 Finance Meeting a motion was made to approve funding from Charitable Contributions, instead of District 1 Community Improvement Fund. Funds will go to the United Church of Christ in the Indian Mission in the amount of \$1,600.00 for tree trimming, and to release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Tribal Action Plan MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the Tribal Action Plan. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on August 22, 2017 at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
AUGUST 22, 2017**

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

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Doug Greengrass-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-CC Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. Carly Lincoln-P Rep. Hinu Smith-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Matt Mullen-EX Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P Rep. Robert TwoBears-P Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Cc: Conference call **Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:06 a.m. **Opening Prayer:** President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the agenda with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: **Regular Legislative Meeting – August 8, 2017**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the August 8, 2017 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-2 (Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo was not on the phone.

Committee Reports: **Administration Committee- August 10, 2017**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the August 10, 2017 Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud 8-0-2 (Rep. Robert

TwoBears, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Rep. Andrea Estebo arrives.

Office of the General Council (Standing Agenda Item)

The St. Paul District has expressed that Robert Pilot would be the representative for District 5. Legislative Office transmit to Office of General Council that Robert Pilot is the representative for District 5 St. Paul Area. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit requested the Clerks to forward the minutes to the Office of General Council regarding this.

Economic Diversification (Standing Agenda Item)

An informal meeting will take place at Husch, Blackwell Law Offices in Madison, WI on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

NCAI Update (Standing Agenda Item)

Jacklyn Pata, Executive Director of NCAI was present to discuss the status of NCAI issues. Also, to take part in the check presentation by the Ho-Chunk Nation to NCAI on the Platinum Sponsorship.

New Business:

Resolution-In Support of the 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2017-June 2020.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 A**, In Support of the 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2017-June 2020. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acknowledgement and Approval of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Action Plan.

Note: This item will be discussed further at the Administration Committee regarding the job description. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 B**, Acknowledgement and Approval of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Action Plan. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of John Steindorf to the Position of Executive Director of the Administration Department.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 C**, Confirmation of John Steindorf to the Position of Executive Director of the Administration Department. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

All Districts -Back to School Supplies

Note: At the August 2, 2017 Finance Meeting Milwaukee and St. Paul Districts received \$1,500 for school supplies.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve \$1,500 for each of the ten areas to purchase school supplies from the Charitable Contribution line item, this is for all Districts where there are area meetings, with the exception of St. Paul and Milwaukee and supplies can include Ho-Chunk Nation descendants, to be processed on an emergency basis. (1. Black River Falls, 2. Tomah, 3. LaCrosse, 4. Baraboo, 5. Madison, 6. Wisconsin Dells, 7. Wisconsin Rapids/ Nekoosa, 8. Wittenberg, 9. Green Bay, and 10. Chicago. The funds are to be reconciled. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED BY 2/3RD VOTE** that are present. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Shelby Visintin voted in favor; however, this was by conference call.

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-007,

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-008,

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-009,

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-005.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to **TABLE** resolutions Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-007, Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-008, Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-009, Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-005. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Resolution-Enactment of the Disorderly Conduct Ordinance (3 HCC § 15)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 D**, Enactment of the Disorderly Conduct Ordinance (3 HCC § 15) with changes. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Enactment of the Harassment Ordinance (3 HCC § 16)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 E**, Enactment of the Harassment Ordinance (3 HCC § 16) Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Enactment of the Loitering and Prowling Ordinance (3 HCC § 17)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 F**, Enactment of the Loitering and Prowling Ordinance (3 HCC § 17) Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns.

Vice President Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

Tomah Museum Property

Josie Lee, Museum Director mentions the purpose of why the Ho-Chunk Nation Heritage Preservation Department would like to have the Tomah Museum Property. Further discussion will take place in executive session.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move the Tomah Museum Property to the executive session agenda. Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Break for Lunch:

12:20 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Vice President Doug Greengrass-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P(1:35 p.m.)
Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. Carly Lincoln-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-Cc
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Matt Mullen-EX
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Cc: Conference call

District Meetings:

District 1-Black River Falls District Meeting

FYI: **MOTION** by Melanie Stacy to have District 1 Representatives get several bids to clear the church property and the Indian Mission property.

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to have Legislative Counsel prepare a resolution to confirm Lori Pettibone as the District 1 HHCDA Commissioner, pending a background check. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to refer to the Finance Meeting the **MOTION** by Hattie Walker to have the Ho-Chunk Nation donate \$185,000 to the Children's Learning Village Montessori Academy to keep their doors open. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: **MOTION** by Jon Pettibone to invite a representative from Mathy Construction to give us a rundown on any progress and update on the accelerated lane.

FYI: **MOTION** by Cecilia Kraus to find out what is happening with Resolution for extraterritoriality, and have it include a report with status.

FYI: **MOTION** by Melonie Stacy to have District 1 Legislators start looking into funding for sober living accommodations, for a home that can be renovated, where people can safely stay before treatment.

Rep. Shelby Visintin is on the phone.

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Sadie Garvin to ask HHCDA to prioritize this in her area. Seeking grants or whatever to support this endeavor, and have it be a priority in the IHP 2018. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Baraboo District Meeting

FYI:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker, we receive from the Executive Branch a report from Project Forward revenue projections which will occur once the expansions and renovations are complete. To include the Proforma that used to obtain the PNC loan. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. **MOTION TO WITHDRAW, SECOND CONCURS.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker, to have the legislators withdraw of the confirmation of Executive Director of Business, Robert Mudd. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 6-3(Vice Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Patrick Day, to have the roofers at the HCG-Wisconsin Dells train staff on proper maintenance, including problems and issues that may arise and how to address those. A written policy to be placed for its care and use. Discussion. This should be rubber roofing. Sidewalks on the roof should be done right. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: **MOTION** by Robert Mobley for community support of the Earth Aid Music Festival for Badger Ammunition Property or the Sauk County Fairgrounds. This will be discuss at the next District Meeting.

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Rep. Andrea Estebo arrives at 1:35 p.m.

District 2-La Crosse District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to the Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Ethel Funmaker to support the renovation of Memorial Pool in the amount for \$5,000.00 from Charitable Contribution specifically for the pool shell. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: **MOTION** by Paul Krause the La Crosse Community supports the transitional housing for the area.

District 2-Tomah District Meeting **MOTION** by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to Office of the President and Social Services the **MOTION** by Sandy Winneshiek to request that Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) compile a list of vendors for each district and refer to these vendors when an elder submits a request for assistance, i.e. home repair, sidewalk, flooring, etc. and provide this list to the Elders. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: **MOTION** by Randall Mann to approve the school supplies request in the amount for \$1,500.00 for Tomah Area from the Youth Assistance line item.

District 2-Madison District Meeting

No motions.

District 3-Wittenberg District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Cody Cloud to approve \$32,892 for Wittenberg-Birnowood School Band the cost to include uniforms, slacks, short sleeve shirts, jackets, shoes funds to be allocated from Compact Deduct. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Peter Oknewshi to accept bid #1 Z997 R Diesel 72. In. Gauge Reisterer Schnell, Inc. for \$17,732.93, funds to come from D3 Community Improvement line item. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wisconsin Dells District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Office of the President and the Department of Labor the **MOTION** by Harrison Funmaker to forward the Davis-Bacon Act to review for implementation to the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1 (Rep. Carly Lincoln) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wisconsin Rapids District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to appoint Barb Smith to the Law Enforcement Committee as the District 3 Alternate, pending a background a check. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to appoint Val Kempen as the Election Board Delegate, pending a background check. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Daniel Topping, Jr. to organize a powwow committee for 2018.

District 3-Green Bay District Meeting

No motions.

District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting

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District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Maria Contreras to donate \$2,500 to the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit in memory of Pat Schulz, Wilma Berefsky, and Madeline Miskel. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Chicago District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Gen-nafer Garvin, Legislative Attorney the **MOTION** by Dorothy Ramirez to approve a Service Provider Agreement for the Starved Rock Site. (Resolution 08-23-16 G) for this coming year. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Chicago District Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Gen-nafer Garvin, Legislative Attorney the **MOTION** by Dorothy Ramirez to approve a Service Provider Agreement for the Starved Rock Site. (Resolution 08-23-16 G) for this coming year. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI: **MOTION** by Dorothy Ramirez to provide emergency funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for each respective area for school supplies, to include not only tribal members but also their direct descendants, in all areas except Twin Cities and Milwaukee who have already received their funds for this activity.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Office of General Council and as an fyi, the **MOTION** by Karen Ramberg to keep in place the ban to keep certain tribal members from transport with Chicago Area V members to General Council due to their disruptive behavior on the bus. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Minneapolis/St. Paul District Meeting

Note: A tribal member made the comment that he has noticed the Ho-Chunk Gaming commercials seem to not be airing as often in the Twin Cities/surrounding metro areas as they were in the past. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit request David Greendeer, Department of Business Marketing Director to check into it.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Legislative Attorneys, and the Legislative Aide to the Attorneys the **MOTION** by Archie White Eagle to vote against dissolving the Ethics Review Board and ask that the Legis-

lature work with the Ethics Review Board in any amendments that they feel is necessary in the ERB's current policy/code as needed. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Mark Stroessner to ban tribal member #7398 from taking the transportation provided to General Council for the reported harassment towards multiple females during last year's ride to the General Council in Madison, WI. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note Rep. Robert Two Bears mentions that he was contacted by Bill Winneshiek, District 5 tribal member who has requested Legislators to call for a Special General Council Meeting. He explained to Bill Winneshiek that the Nation follows certain steps to call for a General Council Meeting. It was clear that Mr. Winneshiek didn't understand this.

Conference Approval:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any interested Legislators and professional staff to attend the NAFOA's 2017 Fall Finance & Tribal Economics Conference, Tulsa, OK on October 2-3, 2017. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

2:05 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

7:31 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-007.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 H**, Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-007. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-2 (Vice President Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-008.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 I**, Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-008. Second by Vice President Douglas Greengrass. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-009.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-22-17 J**, Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-009. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 7-0-2 (Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-005.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to deny Granting a Suitability Waiver for a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-005. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 8-0-2 (Vice President Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on September 5, 2017 at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on September 5, 2017 at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

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Adjournment:

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Adjournment:

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Adjournment:

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA and State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Lagina Grimesey and Anthony S. Rave, Respondent.

Case : CS 17-61

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Anthony S. Rave

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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 Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Brittany Robertson, Petitioner, v. Charles Yellowthunder Brown, Respondent.

Case : CS 17-51

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED:

Charles Yellowthunder Brown

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the support of: J.M.F., Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Ashley A. Funmaker, Respondent.

Case : CSFJ 17-01

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Ashley A. Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Gunderson Lutheran Admin Services., Petitioner, v. Toni R. Blackdeer, Respondent.

Case : CG 17-45

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Toni R. Blackdeer

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.

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA, State of South Dakota and Avangeline C. Two Crow, Petitioner, v. Tyrel Jason Boyd, Respondent.

Case : CS 17-56

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Tyrel Jason Boyd

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Dana M. Yellowthunder, Petitioner, v. Michael S. Yellowthunder, Respondent.

Case : CS 17-36

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED:

Michael S. Yellowthunder

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Creative Finance, Inc., Petitioner, v. Myshell L. Mike And Troy A. Stumblingbear, Respondent.

Case : CG 17-48

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Troy A. Stumblingbear

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.

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Amanda D. Radtke, Petitioner, v. Michael J. Radtke, Respondent.

Case : CSFJ 17-05

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Michael J. Radtke

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor Children:

M.C., DOB 01/01/2009

M.S., DOB 10/16/2011

SUMMONS

Case Nos.: JV 17-11

JV 17-12

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

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed Child/Family Protection Petition is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named children is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an Emergency Removal Hearing as permitted by HOCÁK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.33. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the children must appear at the Hearing described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 11:00 a.m. CDT on the 28th day of September 2017 for the following purpose: Emergency Removal Hearing. Pursuant to HOCÁK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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

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\$23,000 GIVEAWAY

SEPTEMBER 24 | 6PM | 14 WINNERS

Enter today for the chance to win a share of \$23,000 on September 24th at 6pm. There will be fourteen winners in all. Top prize is \$6,000. Earn additional entries every day you play slots or table games using your Rewards Club Card.

14 CASH WINNERS

(1)- \$6,000 (1)- \$3,000 (1)- \$2,500 (1)- \$2,000 (1)- \$1,500 (7)- \$1,000 (2)-\$500



WIN \$10,000 CASH

THROUGH DECEMBER 30

Place your picks each week for the chance to compete and win your share of over \$35,000 in end of season cash prizes. Top 10 places will be awarded cash. Top prize is \$10,000. Top weekly prize is \$125 Rewards Play.



WIN ALL SEASON LONG

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Watch the big games here and you could win \$100 Rewards Play. Two Hot Seat Winners each hour for three hours following the Green and Gold kickoff will be selected to win up to \$100 Rewards Play each.

See the Rewards Club Booth for more information. Must be 21 years or older to play. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.



Experience the Difference

Visit all six casinos at ho-chungaming.com





HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEADLINE: October 13, 2017

Board members of the Ho-Chunk Nation are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence. These qualifications apply to the professional activities of all board members wherever they hold meetings. Members should maintain and advance their knowledge of the Department for which they are Board Members. The Board has authority to review and make recommendations in the context of short and long-term strategic missions and goals. A set of bylaws governs the meetings and should be maintained by the officers and requirements of Ho-Chunk law and policy. Meeting stipends and mileage are paid in compliance with the Finance Manual and Open Meetings Act.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Define and preserve the Mission.
2. Assist with creating a strategic plan, review annual accomplishments, and establish new goals and measurable objectives.
3. Support the department in its efforts to operate in the best interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Board of Director Qualifications:

1. Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree preferred.
2. Experience of at least two (2) years in a professional field and basic knowledge of the Ho-Chunk Nation government.

Governing Principles:

1. Members should uphold human rights in all their professional endeavors.
2. Members shall not engage in conduct involving fraud or willful disregard of the rights of others.
3. Members shall not accept payments or gifts which are intended to influence their judgment.
4. Members should avoid conflicts of interest in their professional practices and fully disclose all unavoidable conflicts as they arise.

Please send your letter of interest and resume to the Executive Director of Personnel at the address listed below.

PO Box 667, W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 284-4361 (800) 232-0086 Fax: (715) 284-9465

Heating Assistance

With fall quickly approaching, it will soon be home heating season. Fuel assistance is offered in a variety of ways. Please be aware that most assistance programs offered through the Ho-Chunk Nation require that individuals first apply for assistance through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). The program provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations.

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of the heating costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of heating a residence. The amount of the energy assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs.

Your household may be eligible to receive a payment for non-heating electric energy costs through funding provided by Wisconsin's Public Benefits. WHEAP electric (non-heating) assistance is a one-time benefit payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of the household's electrical (non-heating) costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of the non-heating costs.

A household may be eligible for crisis assistance if you have no heat, have received a disconnect notice from the heating vendor, or are nearly out of fuel and do not have the money to purchase more. Crisis assistance is available through local WHEAP agencies that provide a 24-hour crisis phone number to help with emergencies that occur after business hours.

WHEAP emergency heating system assistance can provide services to eligible home owners if the furnace or boiler stops operating during the heating season. Heating system assistance includes payment for repairs, or in some situations your residence may qualify for a total replacement of a non-operating furnace or boiler.

The sooner you call for an appointment the better as funds are limited. Call your local County Human Services Office or the Ho-Chunk Nation's Children and Family Services Intake line at 715-284-7749 or 855-659-8820 to find out who handles the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program in your area.

Notice to creditors

Notice to creditors of the estate of Marion Vera Stacy White: You have ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Dallas White, P.O. Box 473, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

ATTENTION ALL HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

When you submit an application with Rental Management, please make sure when you fax, scan and email, or personally hand in the application or send your Rental Management application in the postal mail that you include copies of all supporting documentation.

Please make sure all of this information is included with your Rental Management application or your application will be sent back to the address you submitted on your application.

If you do NOT submit this information along with your application your name will not be placed on a waiting list for the area requested.

Rental Management needs a copy of the following documents:

- A photocopy of your tribal identification,
- a copy of your per capita check stub, and
- 2 work check stubs, and/or
- a copy of your social security disability letter.
- Also, 5 Character References if you do not have sufficient landlord references.

Thank you from the Department of Housing-Rental Management Office

Elmer Hanson-Rental Manager
Dawn Wessels-Rental Coordinator
Sheila K Stout-Rental Coordinator

Notice of HHEDA Monthly Meeting Sept. 28, 2017

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development
Agency
(HUD Housing)

HHEDA 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, Sept. , 2017, at 5:00 PM, at the HHEDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Sept. 20, 2017 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

ELECTION BOARD MEETING NOTICE!!

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 9:00 am
Clarion Suites at the Alliant Energy Center
Michigan Room
Madison, Wisconsin

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS:

EB CHAIRPERSON: Myrna Little Wolf

DEVIN FUNMAKER, BRF
ETHEL FUNMAKER, LACROSSE
FRANCIS DECORAH, TOMAH
ESTELLE GREENDEER, BARABOO
CHER LAUBMEIER, MADISON
CYNTHIA TACK, WISCONSIN DELLS
BARBARA SMITH, WISCONSIN RAPIDS
SHIRLEY PETERSEN, WITTENBERG
MARY LOPEZ, GREEN BAY
OPEN, MILWAUKEE
KAREN RAMBERG, CHICAGO
LIBBY FAIRCHILD, ST. PAUL/MPLS.

CRYSTAL PETTIBONE, BRF
MARSHA SMITH, LACROSSE
CHRIS ESTEBO, TOMAH
KIMBERLY CROWLEY, BARABOO
JUDY WHITEHORSE, MADISON
DAVE DECORAH, WISCONSIN DELLS
LINDA WHITIE GOODWIN, WISCONSIN RAPIDS
CONNIE RADTKE, WITTENBERG
DAVID RADTKE, GREEN BAY
MORNINGSTAR STRAIT, MILWAUKEE
SHARON CASILLAS, CHICAGO
RHONDA HUNT, ST. PAUL/MPLS.

Posted 09/01/2017



YOU'RE INVITED!!!
**WACOZU "HE LEADS" 1ST BIRTHDAY
 CEREMONY**

PROUD PARENTS: TRAVIS & ELAINA CLOUD

SEPTEMBER 24TH -25TH

9/24-5:00PM SUPPER (PRAYER SERVICE TO FOLLOW)
 9/25- 8:30AM BREAKFAST
 9/25- 12:00 PM BIRTHDAY DINNER

WISCONSIN DELLS NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH GROUNDS
 N811 US HWY 12
 WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
 53965

We are very happy to announce the 1st Birthday of our son Wacozu Phillip Cloud! We will be celebrating his life, and The Great Spirits goodness at our hallowed grounds of the Native American Church Wisconsin Dells. An all-night prayer meeting will be held Sunday night September 24th, with Stuart Lonetree officiating.

Wacozu will also be receiving his spiritual name and baptized at this time. It is our wish to have you present with us as we celebrate this momentous occasion!

"Happy birthday to my wonderful husband

Jeriah Rave Sr!

He is such a great father to our children and we all love him very much and wish him a very happy birthday."

Love always your wife and children"



Sept 28th is his birthday - 41 years young.

Jason Alexander Stott

Jason Alexander Stott 32, passed away August 21, 2017, in Milton-Freewater Oregon.

Jason was born March 29, 1985 in Aurora, Colorado to Kelly Green and Claudine M Stott. Jason was proud to be a combat veteran, serving from June 2004 to October 2008. He served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division and was in the 506 Infantry. He is part of the Ho-Chunk Nation and a member of the Bear Clan.

His interests were in Native rituals and rites, as well as participating in sweat lodges. He was an avid writer of poetry and expressed himself through music. Jason always loved the outdoors and camping growing up. He was also a lover of comedy, always cracking jokes and pulling pranks. Jason loved spending time with friends and family, he always said, "family is everything." Gone too soon, he will be missed by many.

He is survived by his three sons Alexander Stott, 7, Isaiah Benson, 4, and Benjamin Stott, 9 months. His mother Claudine Stott and father, Richard Lee as well as his four younger siblings Samantha, Whitney, Joseph, and Jade.

Viewing and Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 11:00AM till 7:00PM at the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be held at the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 1:00PM with, Pastor Steve Morris officiating. Interment will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery of Walla Walla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jason Alexander Stott Memorial fund through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W Alder St. Walla Walla, WA. 99362

Family and Friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.herringgroseclose.net



**Reuben Allen Hall
 Rac-hire**

Date of Birth
 July 1, 1921

Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Date of Death

December 18, 2016

Black River Falls, Wisconsin
 Age 95 years

Reuben Hall died after a brief illness at the Black River Memorial Hospital. Reuben served as a P.F.C. in the U.S.

Army during World War II. After the military service, he lived with his family in Albert Lea, Minnesota. He was employed as a general laborer, mainly construction. He lived in Winnebago, Nebraska then he returned to Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

While he resided in Winnebago, Nebraska he took pride in being the Commander of the Le Mere/ Greencrow/Rice American Legion Post #363 for a four year period.

He enjoyed traveling especially to pow-wows in the various states surrounding Minnesota. Reuben was a hunter and he liked to play bingo.

The family of the late Reuben Hall is thankful to Andrew Rave, Sr. for being the Native American Church road man during the four days leading up to burial of our family elder. Shannon Rave, Joshua Dick and Eliot Kolner were good helpers to Andrew. We are grateful to Gary Hall and his son, Patrick, for dressing our loved one. We appreciate all our friends and relatives who came to support the family with their prayers and encouraging words. We are thankful for the gifts that you brought to us. All of this was uplifting physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The Bear Trail drum group sang four songs in honor of our elder who served in World War II and as the Commander of the Le Mere/Greencrow/Rice American Legion Post #363, Winnebago, Nebraska.

We want to express our thanks to all of the cooks especially to Laura Snake and all the ones who helped her prepare the tasty meals we had. All those efforts were much appreciated by our family.

The family of the late Reuben Hall is very thankful for the military funeral honors presented by the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post #129. We extend our sincere appreciation for the honor guards and the pallbearers.

Much appreciation goes to Mr. Randy Bjerke for playing the taps for our deceased World War II veteran.

The Reuben Hall family is sincerely thankful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for all the help they gave to us during this time when we had to leave him at his final resting place. We thank everyone who helped us and prayed for us. We in return pray that God will bless you too. Rac-hire, rest in peace forever.

Sincerely,
 The Family of Reuben Hall

In loving memory

Iris Jean

Thundercloud Cleveland

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

Mauston Area Community Building

Lunch Served at 1:00 pm

Devotional Services to follow lunch

Supper will be served after
 devotional service

Devotional Services conducted by
 Stuart "KT" Lonetree and his helpers

All are invited to eat and pray in
 memorialization of her life



Hocak Worak wins 14 National Native Media Awards

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The Hocak Worak staff made a trip to Anaheim, California to attend the Excellence in Journalism and Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) annual convention to learn the newest journalism trends and tricks of the trade. The convention serves as a time to recognize excellence in reporting by native and non-native journalists from the U.S. and Canada.

The convention was held at the Anaheim Marriot, next door to the Anaheim Convention Center and Disneyland, on September 7 to 10.

The convention brought together journalist working in print, television, and radio among the ranks for various organizations, such as the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA), Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ), and NAJA.

The annual gathering offers a time to recharge and refocus by networking with journalism peers and discuss

Schools in Indian Country, hot topic issue coverage of Trump's rescinding of Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA), how Immigration falls into many areas of journalism, and sensitivity of Violence against Native Women and Children.

CNN was the host of the Opening Night Reception at Bowlmor Lanes, which was walking distance from the convention hotel. Journalist were greeted and received a pair of CNN socks prior to enjoying a night of snacks, drinks, and unlimited bowling.

Continued breakout sessions addressed Native Truth by dispelling myths and overcoming invisibility and reporting on Health and Nutrition in Indian Country, before a NAJA luncheon to honor one of its own.

NAJA founder Tim Giago was awarded the 2017 NAJA-Medill Milestone Achievement award. Giago, founder of the Lakota Times, which became Indian Country Today, was presented the award by Northwestern University's



The Hocak Worak staff, Editor Marlon WhiteEagle, Reporter Tim Wohlers, Administrative Assistant Anna Reichenbach, and Reporter Ken Luchterhand attend the National Native Media Award Banquet.



2017 NAJA-Medill Milestone Achievement Award winner Tim Giago speaks during a recognition luncheon, as Dr. Loren Ghiglione, Dr. Patty Loew, and NAJA president Bryan Pollard look on.

hot topic issues while sharing coverage strategies.

The journalists also take time to mentor and encourage journalism students to become future leaders in the field. The Native American Journalists Association hosted 10 journalism students from throughout Indian Country within Native American Journalism Fellowship class of 2017.

Early breakout sessions featured information on Charter

Medill School of Journalism's new professor, Dr. Patty Loew.

Giago recalled founding Lakota Times as an independent newspaper to expose tribal government wrongdoings, and dealing with vandalism of his office and coming under gun fire during his commute back in the 1980s.

Giago sold Indian Country Today to the Oneida Nation of New York in 1998, and cur-

rently publishes the Native Sun News, South Dakota's largest weekly newspaper.

Giago and many other journalists discussed what's next for Indian Country Today Media Network as they ceased operation, calling it a hiatus.

RTDNA and EIJ also took time to honor two other journalists: Lester Holt of NBC Nightly News received the Paul White Award, and Jake Tapper of CNN received the John F. Hogan Distinguished Service Award.

Holt appeared via satellite due to covering Hurricane Irma in Florida.

Tapper appeared in person and encouraged young journalist to do their best.

The NAJA National Native Media Awards Banquet was when the annual awards were present to the 2017 award winners. The Hocak Worak competes in the Professional Division I category.

Editor Marlon WhiteEagle won second place in Best Editorial Print and Online for "Take some time to visit family and relatives" and in Best Sports Photo Print and Online for "Ho-Chunk Nation color run."

Reporter Ken Luchterhand won first place for Best

Environmental Coverage for "Winona 'No DAPL' Demonstration takes to the streets, Mississippi Bridge" and in Best Health Coverage for "Ho-Chunk Nation hosts 'Share the Care' Cancer Conference."

He won second place in Best Elder Coverage for "Ten Ho-Chunk elders trek to South America for fun, education and cultural understanding" and in Best Environmental Coverage for "Earth Day observance keys on nature, wildlife and preserving the cultural aspects."

Luchterhand also won third place in Best Elder Coverage for "World War II veterans honored for their service at ceremony."

Reporter Tim Wohlers won first and second place in Best Environmental Coverage for "Greendeer walks the line for environment" and "Milwaukee residents support the protest against DAPL."

He won second place in Best Health Coverage for "Journey of Hope Conference brings youth into the world of diabetes prevention" and in Best Feature Photo Print and Online for "Hands on wall."

He won third place in Best Health Coverage for "Ameri-

can Red Cross calls upon the House of Wellness for help" and in Best Sports Photo for "Hands raised in victory."

The Hocak Worak won third place in Best Layout. The newsletter won 14 awards total.

The Hocak Worak thanks Geryl Subra of The Print Shop for her continuous cooperation in the layout of the Hocak Worak.

The Hocak Worak also congratulates all the winners of the 2017 National Native Media Awards. Keep up the great work.



Geryl Subra of The Print Shop and Hocak Worak editor Marlon WhiteEagle pose with the Best Layout award.

Ho-Chunk Tree Planting Bonanza 2017 – Fall Edition

We have enough funds to buy some trees for fall planting.

All Ho-Chunk tribal members are eligible to receive one or two trees to plant in their yards. Priority is given to those who didn't get a tree this spring. We are especially hoping to get trees to people in the Dells/Baraboo area, since many there didn't get any. Please spread the word! Trees will be mostly shade trees like white oak, maple and honeylocust, it just depends on availability. Call to find out. Elite elders and others in need can get help planting.



Call or e-mail
Ho-Chunk Community Forester Greg Blick
Greg.blick@ho-Chunk.com

715-284-2852 x1120



**Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association
Year End Golf Tournament**
"It's The Final Round Of The Season
- Come On Out And Play!"
Saturday, September 30th, 2017
Glacier Wood Golf Club
608 Water Street - Iola
Entry Fee: \$46.00
Includes green fees, cart, skins, range balls and meal following golf.
Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 A.M ~ "Please Arrive Early"
Shot-gun Start: 10:00 A.M
4 Person Scramble - Luck-of-the-Draw
\$25.00 Membership Dues Required
HAGA Board of Directors
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