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# General Council addresses 18 resolution at annual meeting



Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

The General Council branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government held its annual meeting in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center's Exhibition Hall on Saturday, September 16. The General Council addressed 18 resolutions during the nearly six hour meeting.

Roll call was established through registration at 10:12 am.

Tribal elder Dennis Funmaker was appointed as Sergeant-at-arms.

Quorum is set at 20 percent of the voting population of 5,930 eligible voters, so 1,186 registered tribal members were needed to start the meeting. This year's meeting had 2,192 registered General Council members.

This year's annual meeting reached quorum at 11:14 am.

Matt Mann served as emcee to get announcements and the meeting running. Mann opened the nominations to elect the chairperson to conduct the annual meeting.

Chairperson nominations included Gary Funmaker, Gerald Cleveland, Charles Hindsley, and Forrest Funmaker. Cleveland won with 797

votes.

As the chairperson, Cleveland appointed Pamela Wilber as the recording secretary, and Tina Brown to assist her.

Chairperson Cleveland called the annual meeting to order at 11:48 am.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the opening prayer.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the previous year's annual meeting. The minutes were approved with 1,351 yes votes, 113 no votes, and 140 abstentions.

There was no report given from the legislative report.

Next, tribal members were able to propose resolutions from the General Council branch for the Legislative branch to make into laws.

There were a total of 18 resolutions presented, they were resolutions 9-16-17A through 9-16-17R.

The agenda was set and voted upon, with 1,593 yes votes, 73 no votes, and 64 abstentions.

Joy Thompson introduced resolution 9-16-17A, which requires Legislature and Executive branches to fulfill their constitutional duty in compliance with the policy set forth in 2015 and 2016 General Council resolutions.

James Krause seconded the resolution.

"Those resolutions get thrown in a filing cabinet," Krause said.

The resolution passed with 1,032 approving the measure.

Resolution 9-16-17B was introduced by Bill Winneshiek, and seconded by Jeremy Rockman. The resolution was a request for a secretarial election to amend the constitution.

The General Council voted to approve the resolution.

"The further we slip away from our constitution, the closer we get to totalitarianism," Rockman said.

Resolution 9-16-17C was the first resolution to be defeated at the annual meeting.

The resolution was for the authorization and approval for General Council work group and financial resources for pre- and post- General Council meeting activities.

There were 809 yes votes, but 971 no votes.

Teala Edwards introduced a resolution to establish Tribal Aging Unit as a separate and independent department to be named the Department of Tribal Aging under the executive branch.

This was the second resolution to be defeated, with 626 yes votes, 1,167 no votes, and 105 abstentions.

James Krause presented the resolution to approve the fiscal year 2019 General Council budget at \$1.38 million, seconded by Joy Thompson.

"The legislature appropriates \$30 million more for themselves, and told the other branches to reduce their own budgets," Thompson said.

The general council budget was approved with 1,056 yes votes, 678 no votes, and 176 abstentions.

Hazel Guerrero made the motion to approve resolution 9-16-17F to assign willing Ho-Chunk homesteads to grow non-GMO, non-herbicide produce with compensation at growing rate. The resolution was seconded by Joyce Warner.

The resolution was approved by 876 yes votes, 613 no votes, and 281 abstaining.



Joy Thompson introduces Resolution 9-16-17A, the first resolution voted on during the annual meeting.

Michelle Greendeer-Rave presented a resolution in support of a full time drug and alcohol enforcement officer of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Cari Fay seconded the motion.

The motion carried 1,270, 584, and 103.

Joyce Warner presented 9-16-17H, a resolution requiring that resolutions by the General Council be acted upon by the legislative branch and not referred to another department, with a second by Hazel Guerrero.

The resolution passed by a vote of 1,053 yes, 544 no, and 290 abstain.

Next, came a motion to adjourn by Darrell Waukau, seconded by Michelle DeCora.

Chairperson Cleveland

put the motion to vote with no discussion. The motion passed with 1,093 in favor, 706 rejecting, and 85 abstaining.

Discussion and disapproval followed. A point was made that Waukau's enrollment number was not recorded when making his motion. Hattie Walker also pointed out that the General Council did not adopt Robert's Rules of Order, so the chairperson can continue the meeting.

Furthermore, Chairperson Cleveland also gave the floor to the next presenters, Gary Funmaker and Bill Winneshiek.

Chairperson Cleveland

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Nearly 2,200 tribal members attended the annual General Council meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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# I came, I saw, I voted

I attended the General Council on September 16 and I would like to share my observations and make some suggestions. The meeting was a fiasco, a circus and can I say somewhat a waste of time. That is not just my opinion, I heard it from many of my fellow Ho-Chunk members. We should leave that meeting with a feeling of accomplishment but instead I felt drained, frustrated, and ill-informed of what exactly is going to happen to all those rushed resolutions we just spent an entire day voting on.

I plan meetings for a living for both big and small organizations and I say, we can do better my Ho-Chunk people. We have to do better and we need to be better for our future generations. I am going to list some suggestions to have a better more efficient meeting for next year.

The first suggestion is to get rid of the kids! I don't mean anything mean or cruel, I love kids, had three of my own but I would never subject them to sitting in a cement box all day listening to boring jibber jabber. The kids need to be left with relatives for the day where they can play freely and be kids. Too many times the announcer had to shush everyone up because it was too loud in there. People in the back could not hear what was going on.

Only people eighteen or older should be allowed in

the meeting and there should be no exceptions. That is not family reunion time or social hour, general council should be taken seriously and we should be able to hear everything that is going on. We should have as few interruptions as possible. Kids safety should be taken into account and that is just an accident waiting to happen, we have been lucky so far that no child has been hurt or injured in that building. Let's leave the kids at home.

My second suggestion is that people need to submit their resolutions thirty days in advance in order so we can write them out send them to tribal advisors so they can assess if these resolutions are realistic. And we don't need all the legalese garbage, that just confuses us and weighs them down, we don't need that "whereas, let it be resolved" garbage in there. We shouldn't have to go to law school to understand what is going on in our own general council meetings. Write those resolutions so we can all understand them. We shouldn't have to rely on lawyers to write or to communicate with the general council. It's bad enough our constitution is written that way let's not believe that we have to write our resolutions that way. Here is what I need to hear when I vote on these resolutions:

1. What are you proposing, exactly?
2. Who is going to be impacted or who will benefit from this resolution?
3. What is the financial impact on the people? Budget needs to be considered at all times.
4. Is this a new proposal or is this a change to one that already exists and if so we need to hear the old way of doing things.
5. How can this resolution be enforced?
6. Is this realistic?
7. Will it better the nation and help us move forward as a people? You should have information or examples to back up any claims in the resolution.

Now these are things we the people need to hear if we are to make good use out of these meetings. There may be more things that need to be considered and that all can be added in, these suggestions are the ones that stick out to me.

Having the resolutions early allows us to organize them, and write them so everyone can understand exactly what they are voting on. We can then have them in the agenda before the meeting begins! Then we know what is going to be brought up when and who needs to be at the podium to speak on their resolutions and everyone would have a copy. And even better, we would not have to pay law-

yers and their assistants (nice people though they were) to write in a rush ten minutes before the meeting starts. That is called chaos and we need organization!

The other things that need to be cut out of this meeting so that it is more like a meeting and not a family circus are the raffles, giveaways and selling of things. This is not a powwow, we have two of them a year and that is where all these things should be done. Once again too many interruptions to our business with the announcer calling names and numbers of the winners. Nice to win but this is not the time or place for that.

To adjourn or not to adjourn that is the question! This wasted so much time and here is what needs to be done, said, written and enforced. No one should be able to adjourn the meeting until after five o'clock or until after all the resolutions have been voted on. PERIOD. If you do not want to be there don't come, and if you want to leave early, leave but don't subject all of us who came to do some serious business to have to leave early.

The last suggestion and then I will shut up and get on with my Ho-Chunk life. The money distribution takes way too much time. I waited in line for two hours and no one should have to wait in line that long when they have to drive four

hours back home. First, I am sure the fire marshal would not have allowed the doors to be blocked by people and cashiers. That was unsafe and when I tried to get out to talk to someone I had to maneuver through people and elders to get in and out. I should not have been blocked to get to the lobby.

The money needs to be distributed by last name in alphabetical order and there should be six tables with four or more letters attached to it. The tables need to be in the back and sides of the room so that we can make lines in the room and not in the doorways. There should be six monitors to make sure people are in the right lines according to the last names. We should hire as many cashiers as needed to make this go as fast as possible. (You can use that money you saved from not having to hire a legal team to be there to hire more cashiers!) Just a suggestion. The lunch boxes we get can be done in the lobby.

If we follow even one of these suggestions, we could save ourselves some time and money. I heard too many of our people that these meetings are disorganized and a waste of time. I am sorry to say that I agreed with those statements. We can do better my Ho-Chunk people, we can do better.

*Ruth Denny*

# Dear Fellow General Council Members,

Another General Council Meeting in the books. Once again we met to perform our civic duty as proud tribal members of the Ho-Chunk Nation, to let the people of the big voice be heard, and to make resolutions for the betterment of our people. Or at least, that is what we had hoped to accomplish with this GC meeting and many before it. Sadly, we missed our mark yet again.

Every year we meet, it is as if we have never had one of these meetings before. The event planning in itself has gotten better, it seems that we have settled on an exceptional venue in Madison that provides us the space, safety, and amenities needed to carry out our business. As much as I would love to have GC at a Ho-Chunk owned venue, we must first build or buy one big enough to accommodate us now and in the future. But I digress.

Ask yourself, when is the last time we had a productive and beneficial meeting where we made confident, informed decisions on all resolutions? The core of our problem lies in our meeting procedures. Like several aspects of our constitution, we've shot ourselves in the foot with vagueness. At GC, there is a general sense of confusion in the air each year. We get there the day of, haven't seen or heard any of the resolutions presented. We don't totally know what they mean nor do we get to look them over in their

entirety. We are given only the information the presenter wants us to hear and see, with little to no fact checking on the spot.

Then comes time to vote, we see a watered down version of the resolution that is at most, a one line summary. (Near the end of this last GC we didn't even have that. Motion for Motion? How did someone think that was good to put on the big screens?) Regardless of that, many resolutions go beyond the power of General Council and many others are flat out unconstitutional. Beyond those hurdles, without the proper wording for a resolution, even if it is passed by 100% of the vote, it could simply end up lost in the mess of hundreds of other passed sloppy resolutions that have gone nowhere. A change must be made to get us back on track towards progress.

My solution is simple, require that all resolutions be submitted to the Office of General Council 30 days before the annual GC meeting. There are more details to work into this proposed resolution, like how the submitted resolutions are to be handled, accounted for, and verified for GC. These things I will be going into greater detail over the upcoming months. In the meantime, imagine attending GC knowing what you are going to vote on it. Imagine the members with clear and concise arguments for or against something based on

research and proven facts. And once everything is said and done and the meeting is over, you know those resolutions are actionable because they were properly prepared ahead of time and found to be constitutional, before they were even physically presented.

As it stands now, any enrolled voting member can get a resolution on the agenda as long as they present it there, the day of, with another enrolled voting member to second it. That is it. As a voting member of GC, all you know about that resolution is what they tell you and what people opposed to those people tell you. You have no time to objectively think for yourself and find unbiased facts. In the past, you have seen proposed resolutions in those nice agenda books or in the Worak. That is because those resolutions were voluntarily submitted ahead of time. Often though, no one shows up to present those resolutions in person the day of, and they never get heard of again. The physical presentation of the resolution on the day of the meeting (with a second) will remain a requirement.

Now I know, there will be many that are opposed to this change but as I lay the groundwork for my resolution I plan on keeping you in touch along the way as I work with the Office of General Council to draft this. Not only will I have it posted here in the Worak, but also on the Office

of General Council Facebook page along with other Ho-Chunk Facebook pages that will allow it. There I look forward to seeing your comments, concerns, and criti-

cisms in real time. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
*Nathan Dall, #6009*

# An apology

Hello Tribal Members,

I would like to sincerely apologize to all the tribal members that were not able to view the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Report at this year's General Council. We did have a video of the VP Report that was shown after General Council concluded but it was intended to be shown earlier in the day at the event. The video is now available to view on the Ho-Chunk Nation Website and the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch Social Media

Facebook and Twitter sites. You can Like us on Facebook at Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch or Follow us on Twitter at HCN\_Legislature@HCN\_Legislature. The video has links on both the Twitter and Facebook Page.

Thank you for your time and attention. I again apologize for this unfortunate occurrence. Have a great week!

Sincerely,  
*Ho-Chunk Nation  
Vice President  
Douglas Greengrass*

# Correction

On the "Decorah begins new life with Family Wellness Court's Support" on page 2 of the Sept. 15, 2017, issue of the Hocak Worak, the photo caption was wrong. There was a typographical error on the name Associate Judge Mary Jo Hunter and one person's name, Curtis Tindall, was accidentally omitted.

The caption should have read:

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; Curtis Tindall - Behavioral Health Wellness Court Clinician; Associate Judge Mary Jo 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.

# Funmaker proposes that the Nation invest in Pike Island's hydroelectric power plant

Tim Wohlers  
Staff Writer

For more than a year, tribal member Gary Funmaker has been asking the Ho-Chunk Nation to invest in a hydroelectric power plant that would be built on the Ohio River.

"It can be as little as \$500K," Funmaker said, "just to get a foot in the door."

The plant would be located on the main stem of the Ohio River between Wheeling, WV and Yorkville, OH. Although the project could cost as much as \$206 million, Funmaker is asking for no more than an \$8 million investment.



The side of the river where Pike Island's hydroelectric power plant would be situated.

"Over 24,000 households would benefit from this," Funmaker said. "And they have two tribes on board already."

Funmaker presented a resolution to have the Nation invest in the project at this year's General Council. The resolution was defeated by a margin of about 2-1, however 560 tribal members voted in favor of the proposal.

"Many members...saw the light," Funmaker said. "Clean energy (is) a hedge to our revenue stream for the future."

He presented the idea to legislators in August of 2016, and it was referred to Twelve Clans. The board has yet to

act upon it, though.

"Twelve Clans has it," Funmaker said. "And Jason, the guy that's in charge of it said they were going to take a strong look at it."

Funmaker said he's glad someone will finally be considering the proposal. However, he expressed frustration with legislators for not acting upon the resolution themselves.

"We got a bunch of light-weights," Funmaker said. "You don't automatically gain any kind of acumen because your family put you in a position."

He said that the people making decisions on behalf of the Nation aren't quite qualified enough, and that more expertise is needed when it comes to dealing with its investments.

"Major corporations have like 12 members dealing with (their investments)," Funmaker said. "We're worth \$850 million in assets. Companies like that have guys graduating from Wharton and Harvard Business School sitting on the board, dealing with the latest in technology and software, to tell them what decision to make."

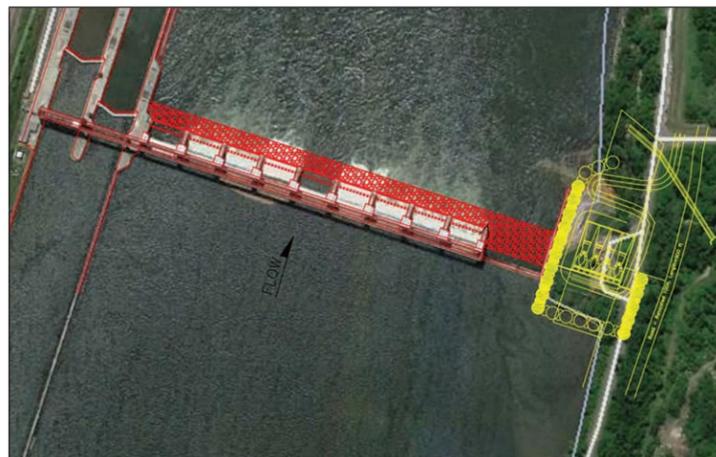
He cited the current casino-expansion project as an example of poor investing, and said that the Nation could be making much better decisions with its money.

"This \$150 million expansion is nuts," Funmaker said. "There's no return there."

Funmaker thought that investing the money in renewable energy would've been a much smarter decision.

"Picture the \$150 million going toward Pike Island," Funmaker said. "We would've controlled the whole thing."

He has been working with Pike's project managers to coordinate a meeting in Wisconsin Dells, where tribal members would be provided and meal and a detailed presentation of their proposal. They would also be able to ask any questions they have concerning the project. That presentation could take place as soon as November, Funmaker said.



A conceptual model shows the location of the Pike Island power plant in relation to the dam.

## Enjoy the Fall Weather AND Get Some Physical Activity!

### Types of Physical Activity:

- Hike
- Fly a kite
- Jump rope
- Bike
- Run
- Lift weights
- Tennis
- Walk

Anything that gets you moving that you enjoy!



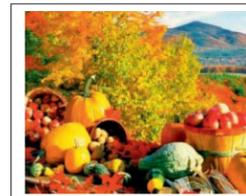
### Amount of Physical Activity:

Adults should aim for at least **150 minutes** of physical activity a week.

Children should get at least **60 minutes** of physical activity a day.

### What's In-Season This Month?

- Too (Potatoes)
- Parsnip
- Hooçąke (Cranberries)
- Nąą apxete (Cabbage)
- Sgixete & sgiitakac (Peppers)
- Ziizike Zii (Carrots)
- Kšee (Apples)
- Melon
- Eggplant



### Spaghetti Squash

- 1.) Wash the outside of the squash.
- 2.) Cut the squash lengthwise and remove pulp and seeds with a spoon.
- 3.) Arrange the squash in an oven-safe pan, cut sides down, with about 1/4 c. water in the bottom of the pan.
- 4.) Bake until tender, about 30-40 minutes, depending on size of squash.
- 5.) Use a fork to rake the squash back and forth to remove the flesh in strands like spaghetti! Be extra careful when doing this as the squash will be hot from the oven.
- 6.) Top with your favorite spaghetti sauce!

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An aerial view of the dam located on the Ohio River, where the hydroelectric power plant would be built.

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# Twelve Clans, Inc. holds annual meeting

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Twelve Clans, Inc., the Ho-Chunk Nation's federally chartered corporation, held its annual shareholder meeting. This is the second annual meeting held by Twelve Clans, Inc.

This year's annual meeting met quorum, which is set at 60 shareholders.

The Twelve Clans, Inc. Board of Directors are Chairman Jason Lambert, Vice Chairman Jay Calhoun, Treasurer Joanne Whiterabbit, and Secretary Kelly Smith-Haley.

In its first year, Twelve Clans, Inc. held its first election, created bylaws, set up a tax identification number and bank account, and figured out its communication practices.

"Twelve Clans, Inc. was created to address the Ho-chunk Nation's overdependence on gaming revenue. Currently, 85 percent of gaming revenue funds the Nation," Lambert said.



**Chairman Jason Lambert speaks one on one with tribal member Crystal Herriage.**

"Separating business and government was the desire of the people, and that was completed through the General Council process. The separation is there, and is reinforced by a best in class investment office," Lambert said.

In October 2016, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed a resolution approving \$95 million in capital commitment to Twelve Clans, Inc. over a six year period.

In the first year, Legislature appropriated \$20 million from the Nation's long term reserves. In the next five year period, \$15 million in capital will be committed.

The board of directors discussed limiting a high overhead cost in investing. They cited Ho-Chunk Inc. as the successful business model in Indian Country. Ho-Chunk Inc. records nearly \$160 million in assets, but profits \$18 million.

"Twelve Clans, Inc. is thinking on a digital global basis to set our benchmark for sovereign wealth basis. We

are a part of the new global sovereign wealth funds. The Ho-chunk Nation is leading the way," Lambert said.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation's assets rely heavily on gaming and natural resources. Assets around gaming are limited to specific markets. We want to be prepared for crisis situations if gaming revenue is lost."

Vice Chairman Calhoun also spoke about the goals of Twelve Clans, Inc.

"Twelve Clans, Inc. grew from the concept of becoming the future driver of wealth for the Ho-chunk Nation. We are not a tribal holding company, but take some of the best practices from them," Calhoun said.

"We aren't just investing in 401ks, or stocks and bonds. We will take deliberate risks, and may have losses. But we'll compartmentalize those losses to avoid them in the future."

"We will offer the best in class investment office," Calhoun said.

Chairman Lambert discussed the inter-generational focus of Twelve Clans, Inc.

"Twelve Clans, Inc. will develop in phases, and those phases will evolve. Right now, we are looking at things from a startup perspective. We have to build our portfolio strategy and go through the frameworks to generate income," Lambert said.

Treasurer Whiterabbit also spoke about the focus of the board.

"We've had one small investment. We have to look at the initial opportunity and follow due diligence before making a commitment. We've had 45 looks at investment opportunities through our network," Whiterabbit said.

"We are not staffed to c-stores or manufacturing companies. We are interested in viable opportunities that fit the mechanics of investments."

Chairman Lambert said the board will probably say more no's than yes's.

"We want to keep our business risks low, and expenditures low. We are not operating company. We are not franchising other companies. We are interested in fund investment," Lambert said.

"We want investments to be diversified. We don't want to make two or three \$30 million investments. We want to make investments in the \$5 million range, as many as we can."

Twelve Clans, Inc. can distribute money in two ways.

One option is to give money back to the government, or they can pay dividends to the tribal members.

The investment policy statement breaks down options to pay dividends at one percent with \$250 million in assets, two percent with \$500 million, three percent with \$750 million, and four percent with \$1 billion in assets.

"It's difficult to look at," Lambert said.

"Our current assets are \$23.4 million and our goal is \$1 billion in assets. We have a high growth need, and we plan to multiply or grow our asset base," Lambert said.

Twelve Clans, Inc. also held its first election for a slate of candidates to until 2021. David Greendeer was on the ballot to fill the requirement of having at least two Ho-Chunks on the board. Lambert and Calhoun were also on the ballot for re-election.

There were 63 ballots were casted. 53 votes in favor. Seven no votes, and three abstentions. Jay Calhoun, David Greendeer, and Jason Lambert will serve a five year term on the board of directors.

Tribal members got a chance to ask questions of the board. Treasurer Whiterabbit answered the question, where's the money now.

"Everyone wants to know what's happening with the money. Twelve Clans, Inc. received \$2.7 million from the Ho-Chunk Nation for a three year period as startup funding. In April 2017, we received \$20 million in capital. Today,



**Twelve Clans, Inc. Board of Directors: Secretary Kelly Smith-Haley, Treasurer Joanne Whiterabbit, David Greendeer, Vice Chairman Jay Calhoun, Chairman Jason Lambert.**

our current assets are \$23, 943,478.50," Whiterabbit said.

Twelve Clans, Inc. shows a profit of \$1.24 million to date.

Whiterabbit also answered the question about what companies Twelve Clans, Inc. has invested in.

"We will compile a detailed report of investments. We will undergo an audit and release a financial statement of audited investments. Our bylaws give us 120 days from completion of the audit to provide the financial report," Whiterabbit said.

Chairman Lambert also answered the where's the money now question.

"Where is the money now? We've created investment accounts, where 80 percent of the capital is in an index fund,

while 20 percent is in a bond fund," Lambert said.

"We have investments in global markets, or emerging markets, with countries like India, Brazil, and Russia. There are publicly traded bond funds."

Public investments allow investors to get in and get out when they are not generating returns. Private market investing is where growth and returns happens. Twelve Clans, Inc. plans to focus on private market investing.

"We want no overhead costs. This will lead us direct to make more money," Lambert said.

"The Nation has set up a good structure. You've broken the mold in Indian Country. Future generations will be grateful," Lambert said.

**1 in 4 Women**

**ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**1 in 7 Men**



## OCTOBER EVENTS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Maple Leaf Parade - September 30<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30a - Walk with the NH Float! Wear all the PURPLE you have!
- Parade Lineup: Meet at Black River Beach
- Our float number is - TBD

### Whitehall Candlelight Vigil - October 4<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00p - City Park, Whitehall, WI  
Rain Site: Trempealeau Room in the Courthouse
- Lunch Provided - until food is gone

### Walk to End Abuse & Proclamation - October 4<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00p - Sign Making and Games at Cameron Park in La Crosse
- 5:00p - Walk from Cameron through Downtown with Signs  
OR stay at Cameron Park for a Peaceful Protest
- 5:30p - Arrive back at Cameron Park for Proclamation Reading
- 5:35p - Survivor Speaking
- 5:40p - Moment of Silence
- Wear PURPLE for DV Awareness/Rain or Shine

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**Newly elected to the Twelve Clans, Inc. Board of Directors, David Greendeer listens to tribal members concerns.**



# General Council

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continues the meeting at 3:25 pm.

“I guess we’ll just continue on. He didn’t give us his tribal id number. We had to call him back,” Cleveland said.

Mike Mullens made a motion to call a special meeting to continue the annual meeting, seconded by Bill Wineshiek. The motion carried 1,198, 470, and 86.

Resolution 9-16-17I was presented by Gary Funmaker. The resolution was regarding Pike Island LLC.

The motion was defeated with 560 yes votes, 1,077 no votes, and 228 abstentions.

Tena Quackenbush introduced resolution 9-16-17J to mandate treatment to tribal members addicted to drugs and alcohol if they request it from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Larry Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 1,434 yes votes, 337 no votes, and 86 abstaining.

Hazel Guerrero made the motion to pass resolution 9-16-17K to obtain AODA healing center with EDMR therapy.

The General Council voted approve.

Resolution 9-16-17L was a resolution for members to receive a \$200 payment for members’ mileage and expenses to attend future General Council meetings.

The resolution passed with 1,086 yes votes, 777 no votes, and 77 abstain votes.

Resolution 9-16-17M was rescinded by Toree Jones. The resolution was to set policy regarding driver’s license requirement in the Ho-Chunk Nation job description.

A vote was taken on a resolution made by Hazel Guerrero to opt out or accept lesser amount of the Christmas bonus.

The motion was defeated 670 in favor, 1,190 rejecting, and 94 abstaining.

Forrest Funmaker made the motion to approve resolution 9-16-17O to move the Hocak Worak from the executive branch to the general council branch. Marlon WhiteEagle seconded the motion.

General Council voted to approve the resolution. There were 932 yes votes, 591 no votes, and 357 abstain votes.

Joy Thompson made a motion to rescind the special meeting motion and move forward under the chairperson’s continuation of the meeting. No vote was recorded.

Wendy Huling made a motion to rescind the special meeting motion and adopt resolutions I through O. No vote was recorded.

Resolution 9-16-17P was for anyone turning 18 years old to receive their regular per cap, not Children’s Trust Fund monies. Hazel Guerrero made the motion, seconded by Miranda Roberts.

The motion was defeated 344 yes votes, 1,188 no votes, and 149 abstentions.

Hazel Guerrero rescinded her resolution 9-16-17Q to reaffirm the employee protections for Ho-Chunk members.

The final resolution was from Hazel Guerrero, seconded by Chanelle Roth, to complete Cannabis Research.

It was defeated. There were 518 in favor, 1,108 rejecting, and 99 abstaining.

Myrtle Long made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen Martin.

The motion carried, with 1,540 yes votes, 125 no votes, and 31 abstain votes.

Chairperson Gerald Cleveland adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm.

As members were waiting to turn in their voting card and receive their payment, a video message from Vice President Doug Greengrass played on the screens throughout the Exhibition Hall.

According to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, Legislature has 45 days to make General Council resolution into law. Executive branch has 60 days to enforce the policy. The General Council can file suit in tribal court, against elected officials, within 15 days of the deadline dates.

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Where  
House of Wellness  
Alberta Day Room

When  
Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### Safe Sleep

with Allie Isaacson, CHN

Where  
Ho-Chunk Gaming-Dells  
Lower Dells F/G

When  
Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### Nutrition

with Jessica Jennings, RDN & Kyla Ripp, RDN

Where  
House of Wellness  
Alberta Day Room

When  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

#### Questions?

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#### Black River Falls-Day 1:

- Date/Time: 10/10/17 9:30am to 3pm
- Location: Classroom
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- Questions? Please call BRF CHNs at extension 5309/5034

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#### Black River Falls-Day 2:

- Date/Time: 10/24/17 9:30am to 3pm
- Location: Classroom
- Check in at front desk of Clinic
- Questions? Please call BRF CHNs at extension 5309/5034

#### Baraboo-Day 1:

- Date/Time: 10/31/17 0830-2pm
- Location: HOW-First Floor Conference Room
- Check in at front desk of Clinic
- Questions? Please call HOW CHNs at extension 5550, 5551 or 5503

#### Baraboo-Day 2:

- Date/Time: 11/2/17 7am to 4pm
- Location: HCN Gaming Wisconsin Dells
- Check in: Upper Dells Boardroom
- Questions? Please call HOW CHNs extension 5550, 5551 or 5503

#### Tomah:

- Date/Time: 10/17/17, 9:30am to 3pm
- Location: Tomah Health Office-430 Julie St, Tomah
- Check in: Conference room
- Questions? Please call Lindsey Schaub, CHN at 608-372-5816

#### Nekoosa:

- Date/time: 10/17/17, 9am to 3pm
- Location: Nekoosa Gaming
- Check in: Conference room behind restaurant.
- Questions? Please call Pam Reimer, CHN at extension 8760

#### Wittenberg:

- Date/Time: 10/18/17 9am to 3pm
- Location: Wittenberg Health/Community Building
- Check in: Conference Room
- Questions? Please call Ronelle McKernan, CHN at extension 3131

#### La Crosse:

- Date/Time: 10/24/17, 9:30am to 3pm
- Location: Three Rivers House-724 Main St, La Crosse, WI
- Check in: Conference Room
- Questions? Please contact Megan Marks, CHN at extension 5434

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# Mud runners lace up for 5K Ho-Chunk Hustle at House of Wellness

Tim Wohlers  
Staff Writer

The House of Wellness held the third annual Ho-Chunk Hustle at its outdoor course in Baraboo last month to promote physical activity among community members.

"We're encouraging people to be active," said the facility's fitness supervisor Lance Tallmadge. "It's one of our ways, in trying to come up with events that'll attract more of our tribal members, to encourage them to be active and live a healthy lifestyle."

The competition took place on Aug. 27, and was open to the public. Though anyone could participate in the event, coordinators chose to call it the "Ho-Chunk Hustle" so that it'd attract more members of their tribe.

"The main goal is to get our tribal members moving," said Fitness Specialist Paul Roberts. "Diabetes and obesity are tearing our people apart and I think the majority of that comes from being inactive."

The race was free for Ho-Chunk tribal members, and \$25 for members of other tribes. Non-native competitors paid an entrance fee of \$35. To take part in the competition, runners had to be at least 16 years old or have a waiver signed by their parents.



This year's winner, Billy Leonard leaves the competition far behind.



Participants make their way through one of the many mud crawls.

"If they're fully capable of participating, then we'll let them," Roberts said.

The three-mile course consisted of 17 obstacles that ranged from a series of mud pits participants had to crawl through to an 8-foot wooden wall they needed to climb. New to the course this year were an obstacle or two specifically designed to level the playing field.

"We tried to incorporate a couple things that would slow some of the faster competitors down – like the log carry," Tallmadge said. "That was placed at a point where we felt it would slow those fast guys down and burn their legs out a little bit ... about a third of the way into the race."

The log for the men weighed 30 to 40 pounds, while the women's weighed 15 to 25 pounds. Upon reaching it, racers had to pick up the piece of wood and carry it on their shoulders for a set distance.

"Carrying that on your shoulders while running is pretty taxing on your body," Roberts said. "So your body has to be ready for that."

Another new obstacle, called a spider web, consisted of several ropes tied together in such fashion that it forms a wall. The trainers thought the obstacle was a good way to make for a closer race.

"The feedback from years past was that the lead guys were too far out in front of everybody," Tallmadge said. "So we tried to come up with things to slow them down. Their strength was running, so we made them do some strength activities."

The runners were divided among three different divisions: Ho-Chunk tribal members, nonnatives and members of other tribes, and those under 18 years of age. Coming in first place for tribal men was Jake Johnson, who won last year's event. First for the nontribal men was Billy Leonard, who ran the course in record time.

"He's fast," Roberts said. "He's really fast."

The fastest female tribal member was Alycia Bear. Nontribal women's winner was Kari Heyn, whose

children won the under-18 division. Her daughter An-sley took first for under-18 females, and her son Adrian took first for the under-18 males.

"He's 10 years old," Roberts said. "The guys that were spotting out there on the wall said that he didn't even need help with that eight-foot wall, that he climbed over it himself. He's a wrestler, and just a tremendous athlete."

The winners were each awarded an embroidered jacket in addition to the free t-shirts everyone received. Snacks and refreshments were also made available to the competitors, before and after the race. According to Roberts, they were provided by the Health and Wellness Division.

"Health and Wellness has been backing up a lot of these different activities and programs," Roberts said. "If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be able to do this."

After the race came tug-of-war and a tire-flipping competition. Winners of the tug-of-war were The Barbarians – consisting of members Kevin Funmaker, Nelson Funmaker, and Gabe Falcon. Each team member took home a \$20-Walmart gift card.

"Everybody was cheering these people on and encouraging them," Roberts said. "That's why I really wanted to bring this type of event to the House of Wellness."

The winners of the tire-flip competition were husband-and-wife duo James and Kari Heyn, who was the top 5K finisher among nontribal women. They, too, took home \$20 gift cards.

"The tire-flip event was really awesome because the community was getting behind every single contestant," Roberts said. "It didn't mat-



One of the female competitors climbs over a wall with her race partner.



Runners take off from the starting line at this year's Ho-Chunk Hustle.



Contestants dive head-first into what trainers termed "the rez pool".

ter who it was. They were cheering them on. They were rooting for each other. It was awesome."

By the end of the day, 62 people had participated in either the adult or the children's run. Another 25 had taken part in the tire-flipping competition. Although the number was less than previ-

ous years', the trainers said they were still pleased with the turnout.

"I thought it went really well," Tallmadge said. "The turnout was decent. And I was glad to see more kids this year."

He said that the date of next year's event could be announced in February.



A racer climbs one of the new obstacles, a giant "spider web".

# Vinehout announces her candidacy for governor

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

State Sen. Kathleen Vinehout (D- Alma) announced her intentions to run for governor Monday night, Sept. 25, at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Black River Falls.

The event was originally scheduled at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building, but was changed in a few days prior to the event.

"Tonight, I want to talk about how we go about putting people first," Vinehout said. "These are practical steps that contribute to building our local communities and many of them, over the years, have been included in the alternative budgets that I have written in the last four budget cycles. These steps work and they can be achieved with the same dollars that the state is now spending."

Her five steps are investing in workers, making schools top priority, ensuring affordable healthcare is available to everyone, building and maintaining the infrastructure, and providing the support to give everyone opportunity.

Her main objects are to expand healthcare to all state residents, fix the state school aid formula, raise the minimum wage and make all two-year and technical colleges tuition free.

Ho-Chunk member Cecilia

Kraus spoke before Vinehout's announcement, telling about her struggles and her support of Vinehout.

"So far, I haven't been successful with the sand mines (problem), as you can tell. They're still here," Kraus said. "When my mother passed away, the pastor had a very interesting statement. He commented on the headstone, which included the date of birth, a little dash, and the date of passing. A lot happens in that little dash. It may give you something to think about also. To this day, it still stays with me - the dash. By the time I'm done, you'll understand how this all falls into place."

She said she met (Jackson County Democratic Party Chairman) Gaylord Oppgard



Cecilia Kraus offers her support for Vinehout before a packed audience on Monday evening.

with her initial meeting with the sand mine representatives, who offered to buy her property. Through Oppgard, Kraus met Senator Vinehout.

"How many young girls do we have, when they are young, they say, 'When I grow up, I'm going to be a senator'? It sure would be nice if we had a lot more. Kathleen is wonderful role model for our young ladies. After all, women are the mothers who take care of things," Kraus said.

"How she ended up being a senator, I don't know. But it required strong family support, a lot of hours, and hard work, of which she does with great diligence. When you meet her, you'll see how obvious it is. It has been a great pleasure knowing Kathleen and her innate ability to do a stupendous job as senator representing us," Kraus said. "You know her dash will surely be filled to the max. With that, I would like to say 'thank you, Kathleen.'"

Dr. Ben Boardman, a physician at Black River Memorial Hospital, formerly with the Ho-Chunk Clinic in Black River Falls, also spoke before her announcement and gave her his endorsement.



State Sen. Kathleen Vinehout explains her platform as she announces her intentions to run for governor.

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

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

**Roll Call:** President Wilfrid Cleveland-P  
Vice President Doug Greengrass-P  
Rep. Andrea Estebo-EX  
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-EX  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda with the additions under New Business I. TAU Concern, and J. Bids for Decorah Cemetery. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** **Regular Legislative Meeting – August 22, 2017**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the August 22, 2017 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:** **Development Committee- August 22, 2017**

**MOTION** by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to approve the August 29, 2017 Development Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Finance Committee- August 30, 2017** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the August 30, 2017 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 A**, Authorization to Place the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Claims Against Per Capita Ordinance Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 B**, Authorization to Place the Claims Against Per Capita Ordinance Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Recognition of Foreign Child Support Orders Ordinance Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 C**, Authorization to Place the Recognition of Foreign Child Support Orders Ordinance Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Tribal Enrollment & Membership Code Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 D**, Authorization to Place the Tribal Enrollment & Membership Code Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Probate Code for Non-Trust Property Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 E**, Authorization to Place the Probate Code for Non-Trust Property Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Funding of Restricted Account Elder Roof Repairs** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 F**, Authorization to Place Funding of Restricted Account Elder Roof Repairs. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Extension for Capital Project Retail Division-Point of Sale System, Inventory System, Fuel Dispensers & Concrete Work** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 G**, Approval of Extension for Capital Project Retail Division-Point of Sale System, Inventory System, Fuel Dispensers & Concrete Work. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Lynwood Restricted Account** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 H**, Transfer of Funds to the Lynwood Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Contribution to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Band and Authorization to Deduct Amounts from the Gaming Compact Payment in Fiscal Year 2017-18** **MOTION** by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 I**, Contribution to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Band and Authorization to Deduct Amounts from the Gaming Compact Payment in Fiscal Year 2017-18. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Hurricane Harvey Request** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the Hurricane Harvey Request due to lack of information not received for this session. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:** **Office of the General Council (Standing Agenda Item)** No update.

**Economic Diversification (Standing Agenda Item)** The next meeting will be on September 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Executive Offices, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. **NCAI Update (Standing Agenda Item)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the NCAI budget request for a Drum Honorium and Dancers until the next Legislative Meeting on September 19, 2017. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Safe House/Sober Living Housing Plan with Timeline and Budget Changes** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move the Safe House/Sober Living Housing Plan with Timeline and Budget Changes to Executive

Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:** **Resolution-Confirmation of Greg Blackdeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources** **MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 J**, Confirmation of Greg Blackdeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-1 (Rep. Kathy DeCamp) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Business Lease Modification on the Shaw Property #439 T 2122 for the Ho-Chunk Nation Environmental Health Division** **MOTION** by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 K**, Authorization of Business Lease Modification on the Shaw Property #439 T 2122 for the Ho-Chunk Nation Environmental Health Division. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #2378 on Lot #3 of Blue Wing East #439 T 2163 and Rescinding Resolution 03-06-13 H** **MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 L**, Cancellation of Lease #2378 on Lot #3 of Blue Wing East #439 T 2163 and Rescinding Resolution 03-06-13 H. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #3 of Blue Wing East #439 T 2163 for Courtney Funmaker-Dick & Chester Dick** **MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 M**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #3 of Blue Wing East #439 T 2163 for Courtney Funmaker-Dick & Chester Dick. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ho-Chunk Nation & Wood County Child Support Agency & The State of Wisconsin Bureau of Child Support** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 N**, Authorization of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ho-Chunk Nation & Wood County Child Support Agency & The State of Wisconsin Bureau of Child Support. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for the Potch Ha Chee Walking Trail Project** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 O**, Adoption of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for the Potch Ha Chee Walking Trail Project. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolutions for the Trust Parcels-Brown Eagle's Descendant Steve Abangan.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the resolutions for the Trust Parcels-Brown Eagle's Descendant Steve Abangan until the September 19, 2017 Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue an Indian Health Service Behavioral Health Integration Initiative Grant** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 P**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue an Indian Health Service Behavioral Health

Integration Initiative Grant. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **TAU Concern-General Council Resolution**

A resolution was presented to have TAU as a separate and independent department. Discussion on lack of representation at TAU meetings from the Executive Branch and concerns not being addressed at meetings. It was suggested to have a representative from the Legislature to attend meetings. Representatives from the TAU will be presenting a resolution at General Council. A copy was provided of the draft resolution to the Legislature.

**Bids for Upkeep of Decorah Cemetery** **MOTION** by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to approve the Seal a Drive bid for Decorah Cemetery in the amount of \$12,500 out of the District 1 Community Development Restricted Fund. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:** 11:10 a.m. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break for Lunch:** 12:20 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit 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-EX  
Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P  
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**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:36 p.m. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Release to Open Session** **Rep. Hinu Smith is out of the room.**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code revisions to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. Hinu Smith returns. Rep. Kathy DeCamp is out of the room.**

**National Tribal Transportation Conference-Tucson, Arizona** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve Outside Counsel, any interested Legislators and professional staff to attend the National Tribal Transportation Conference in Tucson, Arizona on September 25-29, 2017 and to release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. Kathy DeCamp returns. Resolution-Approval of Agreement with SM+RT Homes, LLP and Authorization for Payment from District 5 Housing Restricted Account.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-05-17 R**, Approval

of Agreement with SM+RT Homes, LLP and Authorization for Payment from District 5 Housing Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **Rep. Hinu Smith out of the room** **National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Resolution-Request to Restore the Department of Interior Land Buy Back Program to Pre-2017 Schedule.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the submittal of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Resolution-Request to Restore the Department of Interior Land Buy Back Program to Pre-2017 Schedule and to release to Open Session. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**Rep. Hinu Smith returns. Adjournment:** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on September 19, 2017 at the Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin per the invitation from Barry Alvarez. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
BARABOO, WI  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

**Call To Order:** President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

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

\* Conference Call  
**Determination Of Quorum:** Quorum is established.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:21 p.m.** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:31 p.m.** **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adjourn the meeting. The next Legislative Session will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in Madison, WI. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.** Respectfully submitted by, Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

# Documentary and photography artist captures Ho-Chunk life with 'Project 562'

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

It's been a long, difficult task. Although it may be a lot of work, it's one she is doing from the heart.

Matika Wilbur, a member of the Swinomish and Tulalip tribes of Washington, is working to capture the images, the voices and stories from each of the Native American tribes in the United States.

She's working on her fifth documentary, this one named "Project 562," with the number 562 referring to the number of Native American tribes in the United States.

She intends to visit and record comment of respected leaders of each of the tribes.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, Ho-Chunk Chief Clayton Winneshiek was the subject of her investigation. She arrived in her Winnebago motor home that afternoon at Winneshiek's home, where they gathered on lawn chairs in the back yard.

"I planned to approach it from a matter of identity, such as 'What it means to be Ho-Chunk,' or whatever tribe. I soon got tired of that. Now I'm approaching it as a 'Natural Wonderment' – a connection of each tribe with the land," Wilbur said.

Many of her film works can be viewed on her website, [www.project562.com](http://www.project562.com).

She went through 100 tribes the first year and she averages two tribes each week.

Starting the project figuring to interview members from each of the 562 tribes, she soon found that her job was going to be bigger than expected. The number of tribes to exist in the U.S. is actually more than 700, she said, mainly because the government does not recognize some tribes.

Besides Chief Winneshiek, Wilbur also spoke to Ona Garvin, Rosalie Brownt-hunder, and JoAnn Jones as

subjects in her documentary project.

"She asked me about my background, the history of the Ho-Chunk people, cultural things and early government history," former Ho-Chunk Nation President and tribal leader JoAnn Jones said. "Her goal was to gather information and preserve the knowledge of the elders and to give an accurate picture of life as a Ho-Chunk."

Jones told what the Nation went through when she was chairperson and how the Nation has grown, struggles and all, through the years. Wilbur took pictures of JoAnn and some video, in which she talked about how she was raised and the development of the tribal government.

The inspiration for this proj-



**Matika Wilbur shakes a rattle and dons a hat from her tribes, the Swinomish and Tulalip, as she shares some of her culture with Chief Clayton Winneshiek and JoAnn Jones.**

ect came a decade ago when Wilbur was a teacher with her tribe and soon found out there was no accurate information on the Native American tribes in this country. She set out to change that.

With that inspiration, Wilbur began to develop the idea of Project 562 to counteract the stereotypes of Native Americans in mainstream media and textbooks. She wanted to produce an accurate image of the diversity and experiences in Indian Country.

Wilbur sold everything in her Seattle apartment and began her new project. She set out to engage and photograph all 562 plus Native American sovereign territories in the United States.

This project has driven her to travel hundreds of thousands of miles throughout the country, many in her recreational vehicle "Big Girl," but also by horseback, by train, plane, and boat and on foot across all 50 states.

To fund her venture, she enlisted the help of "Kickstarter," an online donation and funding source. Trying to keep costs to a minimum, Wilbur slept on sofas, being welcomed and hosted by strangers, often becoming friends with those people and sharing the muse of her project.

The photographs that Wilbur takes reflect her insight on Native American life and the beauty that often goes untold. She uses black and white photographs with color on selective subjects within.

She takes the time to understand the stories and histories of each tribe when performing her work. In her photographs, the creativity is unique with each tribe and individual. The setting and energy of each tribe or individual mold how the end artwork is produced.

She grew up in a small fishing community that introduce themselves by saying "I am Stahobes, I am Stahobes, I am Stahobes."

Wilbur said that her tribes, the Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes of Washington, are a culture of canoe travel. She said that different groups with her tribes who have a designed role, such as fishing, or whale hunting, or gathering of food, and all these roles together provided for their needs. Her tribes lived communally in "long houses."

That communal life came to an end when, decades ago, the canoes and long houses were burned by those people who wished to destroy their culture.

But recently, that old style of life is returning. Her tribes are building canoes and long houses again and returning to the culture that was taken away from them years ago.

Part of that return is a series of her videos on her website, [Project562.com](http://Project562.com).

The Tribal Canoe Journey video is a collection of films chronicling the 2017 Tribal Canoe Journey along Coast Salish ancestral highways from Nisqually to We Wai Kai and We Wai Kum Nations.

Other videos she has produced and on her website include "San Francisco Two Spirit Pow Wow," "Native



**Matika Wilbur, Chief Clayton Winneshiek and Emily Allen, a film student at University of Oklahoma, met on the lawn of Winneshiek's home to discuss Ho-Chunk culture and history of Wilbur's documentary.**

Americans Are Running 4000 Miles," and "Indigenous Women Rise in Eureka."

The San Francisco Two Spirit Pow Wow video is from the February 4, 2017 Annual #BAAITS Two-Spirit Powwow in San Francisco.

The Native Americans Are Running 4000 Miles video is about runners and walkers crossing 12 states, 18 mountain ranges and touch down in 54 tribal communities in an effort to end toxicity.

The Indigenous Women Rise in Eureka video is about indigenous women from Karuk, Hupa, Yurok, Wiyot, and Tolowa-Diné, who march in solidarity with all people from every corner of the earth.

During her visit to the Ho-Chunk Nation, Wilbur earned the respect of many tribal members and they were encouraged by her enthusiasm and drive to accurately portray every Native American tribe.

"No one has previously undertaken such a project because the scope is so huge," said Ho-Chunk Tribal Judge JoDeen Lowe. "She's preserving our past and present, something that our younger people may not otherwise understand. She's telling everyone 'This is us, what we went through' and gives us the inspiration of how to go forward."



**Taking photographs of Chief Winneshiek, Matika Wilbur attempts to capture some of the visual representations of the Ho-Chunk people.**



**Chief Winneshiek offers his wisdom of the Ho-Chunk people as he is video recorded for Wilbur's documentary "Project 562."**



**Wilbur's work has appeared in many books and publications. Her photographs were published in an Oprah magazine in August 2015.**

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. **This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

APPLICANT NAME	BLOOD QUANTUM	DOB	FATHER	MOTHER	ROLL	Roll #	ANCESTOR
Armendariz, Cody James	1/4	10/23/00	Armendariz, Raymond J.	Non-Indian	1901	199	Henry Mike Cha Shep Me Nunk Kah
Armendariz, Martina Renee	1/4	3/30/99	Armendariz, Raymond J.	Non-Indian	1901	199	Henry Mike Cha Shep Me Nunk Kah
Bird, Hudson Nathaniel	5/8	10/5/15	Bird, Leland G.	Bridges, Lisa k.	1881	582	Peter Pettibone Monk shootch kah
Blackdeer, Bella Jayda Lisa Lynn	1/4	12/27/13	Blackdeer, Waukon W.	Non-Indian	1881	174	Black Deer Chau zap kah
Blackdeer, Irie Jean	1/4	3/4/15	Blackdeer, Waukon W.	Non-Indian	1881	174	Black Deer Chau zap kah
Blackhawk, Genevieve Elizabeth	1/4	2/9/17	Blackhawk Jr., Harry D.	Non-Indian	1901	322	Russius Beverly Decorra Coo Noo Kah
Blackhawk, Roselynn Reiss Decorah	1/4	4/12/17	Blackhawk, Reiss M.	Non-Indian	1901	322	Russius Beverly Decorra Coo Noo Kah
Chojnacki, Gabriel Liam	1/4	12/6/15	Non-Indian	Decorah-Scheurich, Eden D.	1881	486	William Decorie Hay Nun Kah
Decorah, Angel Lily	1/2	5/16/14	Decorah, Gabriel V.	Grant, Starlene	1901	251	Sam Decorra Nau Ra Wah He Goo Kah
Decorah, Journey Winterstorm Marcel	185/256	10/20/13	Decorah, Donald L.	Non-Member	1901	254	Ed W. Decorah Na He Kah
Decorah, Nizhoni Lysandra	1/4	9/21/14	Decorah, Thunderhawk L.	Non-Indian	1901	396	Jim Louis Decorra Hoonch Ska Kah
Decorah, Sage Alexander	1/4	12/28/12	Non-Member	Non-Member	1901	581	Paul Spear Smith Ha Na Kah
Funmaker, Connor Allan	3/8	12/14/16	Funmaker, Derris D.	Non-Member	1881	328	George Funmaker Sr. Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah
Garvin, Kache Correne	1/4	7/18/00	Non-Indian	Garvin, Nicole E.	1881	174	Black Deer Chau zap kah
Garvin-Coaxum, Chahok Josef	1/4	5/15/07	Non-Indian	Garvin, Nicole E.	1881	174	Black Deer Chau zap kah
Hawk, Lezlee Von	1/4	1/30/17	Non-Member	Beale, Samantha D.	1901	808	George Lonetree Hoonch Ha Te Kah
Johnson, Garrison Bailey	1/4	7/27/98	Non-Indian	Nambo, Rebecca E.	1881	104	Luke Green Mon mar chaw naw gee car war ra kaw
Littlejohn, Tiffany Leah	27/64	6/19/97	Littlejohn, Jefferey P.	Non-Indian	1901	1203	Matt Littlejohn Nau Son E Kah Kah
Martinez, Xander Eli	1/4	9/16/16	Martinez, Steven A.	Non-Indian	1881	90	Young Thunder War con jar nick nickaw
Morgan, Nellie Mini	1/4	7/29/16	Non-Indian	Morgan, Amber R.	1881	328	George Funmaker Sr. Wojh tchaw he ray kah
Nahwahquaw Jr., Joseph Allen	3/8	1/27/17	Non-Member	Cleveland, Kayla C.	1901	80	Will Greendeer Cha Nauk He Cho Kah
Pierce, Makenzie Taylor	1/4	8/2/16	Greyowl, Cody A.	Non-Indian	1881	328	George Funmaker Wojh tchaw he ray kah
Quechol-Pierce, Jaime	1/4	3/3/11	Non-Indian	Non-Member	1901	581	Paul Spear Smith Ha Na Kah
Rabadon-Pierce, Angel Carlos	1/4	2/9/09	Non-Indian	Non-Member	1901	581	Paul Spear Smith Ha Na Kah
Rave, Danika Elaine	19/32	2/29/12	Rave, Winston A.	Whiteeagle, Jo Vanna S.	1881	149	Thundercloud Ma Zhee Wee Kah
Rave, Jeremiah Taytem	19/32	9/24/10	Rave, Winston A.	Whiteeagle, Jo Vanna S.	1881	149	Thundercloud Ma Zhee Wee Kah
Rave, Tavaris Jackson	19/32	8/3/08	Rave, Winston A.	Whiteeagle, Jo Vanna S.	1881	149	Thundercloud Ma Zhee Wee Kah
Reel Servant, Naiya Morning Star	1/4	5/4/17	Non-Indian	Reel, Sommer B.	1901	1137	Edward Smith Mau Shoo Cho Kah
Ryckman, Jaxon Kendrick	1/4	10/24/15	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	1881	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
Schmidt, Jaxon Robert	1/4	10/7/16	Non-Indian	Blackdeer, Kelsey J.	1881	174	Black Deer Chau zap kah
Selke, Bryson Charles Cruise	1/4	3/19/17	Non-Indian	Selke, Leila T.	1901	80	Will Greendeer Chau Nauk He Cho Kah
Snake, Girixmiinak	4/4	8/20/16	Snake, Jesse R.	Funmaker, Tena M.	1881	432	George Winneshiek Wau kon chaw neek kah
Stanley, Cheskay Macavie	3/8	12/6/97	Stanley, Cheskay L.	Sanford, Adria J.	1901	427	Frank Decorra Hay Na Kah
Stanley, Raziel Myron	3/8	3/1/00	Stanley, Cheskay L.	Sanford, Adria J.	1881	427	Frank Decorra Hay Na Kah
White Eagle, Evelyn Marie	5/16	2/17/12	Non-Indian	Winneshiek, Jessica J.	1881	395	Frank Winneshiek Wau kon chaw jcho noo kah
White Eagle, Lauren Love	3/4	7/1/00	White Eagle Jr., Deforest L.	Little Wolf, Kristina A.	1901	10	Charley Whiteeagle Coo Noo Nik Kah
White Eagle, Maverix Jionni	11/32	6/14/13	Whiteeagle Jr., Stanley G.	Non-Indian	1901	1085	Floyd Thomas Cloud-Whiteeagle
Whiteeagle, Talon James	13/16	2/21/08	Whiteeagle, Stanley G.	Winneshiek, Jessica J.	1901	1085	Hunk Nik Cha Kah Floyd Thomas Cloud-Whiteeagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah



**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

**DEADLINE FOR BIDS OF THESE VEHICLES OCTOBER 13TH 2017**

**SEALED BID RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Property Sale October 13, 2017 Bid Deadline

Used Vehicles -Transportation Division

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

1. The information provided represents the extent of the information available from Seller. Bidder understands the Offering Memorandum contains selected information pertaining to the vehicles and does not purport to contain all of the data a prospective purchaser may desire. Bidder agrees to conduct their own independent investigation of the vehicles to verify the accuracy and completeness of any and all information obtained from the Offering Memorandum. Bidder hereby acknowledges that neither Seller, nor any person acting on their behalf, have made any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information or their contents or the suitability of the information contained therein for any purpose. At any time, this information is subject to among other things, correction of errors and omissions, addition or deletion of terms, change of price or terms, withdrawal of Property from market without notice, and prior sale.
2. Seller's intent is to obtain the highest value for the Property.
3. **ONLY ONE VEHICLE ONE BID PER TRIBAL MEMBER** will be accepted.
4. All bids will be date and time stamped.
5. All vehicle maintenance questions will be directed to Tomah Transportation Shop mechanics
6. **SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE.** Bids for all vehicles will be due in Transportation office, at the address below, by no later than 4:00 p.m., October 13th, 2017, Attn: October Auction Bids
7. Bids for the vehicles shall be submitted on the Sealed Bid Submittal Form. Make additional copies as necessary. Handwritten bids, if legible, are acceptable.
8. Seller reserves the right to select the best bid, or counter any bids, or remove the item from the market in its sole and absolute discretion.
9. The successful bid may or may not be the highest bid submitted and may be dependent on financial stability of bidder. Payment will be expected in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of bid in the form of a cashier's check prior to removing the vehicle from Ho-Chunk Nation Property.
10. All bids shall be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked "Vehicle# ". Bids may be hand-delivered to Tomah Transportation Shop or TOB Transportation Office or mailed to HoChunk Nation Division of Transportation, Attention: August Action, PO Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615.
11. The successful Bidder must be able to remove the vehicle from the current site no later than Oct. 25, 2017. All expenses for moving vehicle will be that of the Bidder
12. The vehicles are being sold as-is with all faults. **It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to inspect the Property prior to submitting their bid to satisfy itself as to their physical and environmental condition, value and extent of needed repairs, if any.** Bidder shall waive any claim for allowance, adjustment or rescission based upon failure of the vehicle to correspond to any expectation or standard.
13. Vehicles can be viewed by appointment only by contacting Transportation at 1-608-374-1216 or 715-284-9443 Ext 1039.
14. There will be no test driving, cars will be as is with maintenance records available for viewing.
15. There will be no required minimum bid.
16. In the event of identical high bids, names will be dropped in a hat and chosen by luck of the draw.
17. Once you win and accept a vehicle through the Division of Transportation surplus vehicle auctions you are no longer eligible to bid on future Division of Transportation surplus vehicle auctions.
18. The Nations has the right to cancel auctions at anytime if determined it is not in the best interest of the Nation.

**VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS**

#	Year	Make	Model Car	Approximate Mileage	
4	2010	Ford	Fusion S 4D Sedan	119,598	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
23	2009	Dodge	Caravan SE	164,249	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
100	2007	Ford	Free Star SE	166,699	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
111	2011	Ford	Fusion SE 4D Sedan	148,402	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
70	2003	Ford	Windstar Van	113,153	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
204	2012	Ford	F250 Parts Only	198K +	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED

**USED TIRES – No Minimum Bid**

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation  
**NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED**



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

**BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER 10/13/2017 4:30pm WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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

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

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Faxed or Emailed bids will not be accepted**

Bid Submitted By: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRIBAL ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Offer Price: \_\_\_\_\_ (NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED)

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE**

Time and Date RECEIVED IN OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

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

**NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED**

# GAP Awards recognizes the best employees at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Nekoosa

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The annual Guest Appreciation Program (GAP) awards were held at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa on Tuesday, Sept. 19, to recognize the employees who perform outstanding service.

All employees were selected, based on employee nominations or Guest comment cards. The criteria for nominations is based on one of the four GAP Principles:

1. Name and Greet
2. Smile and Meet
3. Listen and Act
4. Ask, Ask, Ask

The comment cards are submitted by both external (players and vendors) and internal (co-workers and other



**Rep. Kathy DeCamp talks to the employees about the importance of their jobs and how their work is appreciated throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation.**

employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation).

Quarterly winners include Betty Granger- Food and Beverage; Rebecca Segovia-Slots; Ronette Fuller- Cage; Victoria Elliot-Food and Beverage; Evelyn Arendt-Marketing; Kimberly Woiak- Slots; Heather Redcloud- Security; Jesse Saidman-Slots; Timothy Karbowski –Table Games; Thomas Weigel-Slots; Jason Paasch-Table Games; Shelby Wellnitz- Slots; Keith Hetzel-Training and Development; Carol Endries- Table Games; Darryl Reany-Slots; Patrice Maier-Food and Beverage; Chad Gilbertson-Maintenance; Phillip Underwood-Food and Beverage; Lance Meronek – Table Games; Joseph Stannis- Food and Beverage; James Campbell- Table Games; Jacob Rheinschmidt-Food and Beverage; and George Merritt-Table Games.

Annual winners include Carol Endries-Table Games; Betty Granger-Food and Beverage; Timothy Karbowski-Table Games; James Campbell-Table Games; Lance Meronek-Table Games; Rhonda Fink-Environmental Service; and Kenneth Jardine-Table Games.

“With this awards ceremony, employees get to see that what they do means a great deal to the Ho-Chunk Nation,” said Table Games Operations Manager Adam Estes at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa.



**Employees earning the Annual Award and other Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa officials are (front row, from left) Tia Bagnowski, GAP Vice-Chairperson; Carol Endries-Table Games; Betty Granger-Food and Beverage; Kathy DeCamp, District 3 Representative; Amber Camacho, GAP Chairperson; (back row) James Webster, Executive Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa; Timothy Karbowski-Table Games; James Campbell-Table Games; Lance Meronek-Table Games; and Adam Estes, Table Games Operations Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa. Annual winners not in attendance are Rhonda Fink-Environmental Service; and Kenneth Jardine-Table Games.**

sa. “Our employees here at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa are our greatest asset. It is their hard work and outstanding service skills that keep our guests coming back.”

Before the awards were given, District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp offered words of appreciation to all the employees. She shared her journey in life and told what

the employees do has positive effects on a larger scale than just simply a company trying to make money.



**Employees recognized with the Quarterly Award for their hard work at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa and other dignitaries in attendance are (front row, from left) Kathy DeCamp, District 3 Representative; Betty Granger- Food and Beverage; Rebecca Segovia- Slots; (middle row) Ronette Fuller- Cage; Victoria Elliot-Food and Beverage; Evelyn Arendt-Marketing; Kimberly Woiak- Slots; Heather Redcloud- Security; Jesse Saidman-Slots; (back row) Timothy Karbowski –Table Games; Thomas Weigel-Slots; Jason Paasch-Table Games; Shelby Wellnitz- Slots; Keith Hetzel-Training & Development; Carol Endries- Table Games; Darryl Reany-Slots; Patrice Maier-Food and Beverage; Chad Gilbertson-Maintenance; Phillip Underwood- Food and Beverage; Lance Meronek – Table Games; Joseph Stannis- Food and Beverage; James Campbell- Table Games; Jacob Rheinschmidt-Food and Beverage; and George Merritt-Table Games.**



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Enter today for the chance to win one of two snow blowers from Wood Sales and Service or a share of \$16,000 to be given away on October 29th at 6pm. There will be seventeen winners in all. Earn additional entries everyday you play slots or table games using your Rewards Club Card.

### 15 CASH WINNERS

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### GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

(2)- \$2,000 GIFT CARD TO WOOD SALES AND SERVICE

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All applicants will be subject to the Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy.  
**DRUG TEST REQUIRED SAME DAY OF CAREER FAIR.**



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NUTRITION BOARD MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2017 • 10:00 AM  
SITE: WISCONSIN DELLS TAU

We have a vacancy for the Wisconsin Dells Area.  
Please Contact Frances for details.

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Please contact: Frances Littlewolf, Nutrition Board  
Chairperson for information. 715-297-4239 or  
Nekoosa TAU 715-886-5199 and  
Wisconsin Dells 608-253-2185

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

NOTICE  
RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act Ho-Chunk Member, Daniel E. Funmaker, has submitted a Request for Title for permanent improvements located at:

**W8867 Decorah Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615**

And more particularly described as: Lot 31 of Indian Mission within the NW¼ of the NW¼ Section 33, Township 22 North, Range 3 West, 4th P.M., Town of Komensky, Jackson County, Wisconsin.

**WORAK Postings: September 29, 2017 and October 11, 2017**

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division  
Register of Deeds  
P. O. Box 310  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: 715-284-2531

By or before **November 24, 2017.**

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for the above described Permanent Improvements to the named individual(s) within 10 days following the deadline.

SUMMONS  
(Second 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).*

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 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

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

**Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Minnesota and Cheri K. West (n/k/a/Kowitz), Petitioner, v. Carson E. West, Respondent.**

Case : CSFJ 17-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Carson E. West

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

**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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The Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for their \$5,000.00 sponsorship towards Gladstone Park Throwback Music Fest which supports scholarships and other community programs. We would also like to say thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation Marketing Department for providing marketing representatives Beth Anacker and Denise Smith during our 3 day event. The raffle for a 2 day stay at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells was a big hit. We had over 40,000 in attendance over the 3 day event. Debbie Neer Pow Wow Promotions, Ho-Chunk Tribal Member & Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce Secretary.

*Happy 17th Birthday*  
*Hinukmani*

*Love,*  
*Nani Fawn,*  
*Toto Troy, & Bugg*



*October*  
**Elders Birthdays**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Rachel Haas           | 14 Timothy Whiteagle   |
| Eleanore Johnson        | Evelyn Shepard         |
| Frank Johnson Jr.       | Decorah, Lona          |
| Vanverd Dick Jr.        | 15 William Greendeer   |
| Serena Yellowthunder    | 16 Wayne Decorah       |
| 2 Dolli Bigjohn         | Frances Little Wolf    |
| Joseph Keller           | Duane Prescott         |
| 3 Joseph White          | Harry Holst Jr.        |
| Kay Decorah             | 17 Ellen Stenseth      |
| Sanford Conant          | Parmenton Decorah      |
| Sandra Martin           | Robert Johnson         |
| Maynard Funmaker        | Linda Greendeer        |
| Alice Wood              | 18 Rose Saylor         |
| 4 Bebe Lee              | Gary Funmaker Sr.      |
| 5 Iris Laes             | Sophie Paremski        |
| William Hindsley        | 19 John Funmaker       |
| 7 Gene Whitewater       | Joyce Williams         |
| Andrew Thundercloud Jr. | 20 Peter Oknewski Sr.  |
| Patricia Eagleman       | Daryl Thundercloud     |
| Deborah Modjeska        | 21 Alan Monegar        |
| 8 Irene Keenan          | Patricia Thunder Hawk  |
| Roxanne Metoxen         | 26 David Esau Sr.      |
| 9 Edward Littlejohn Jr. | Bradley Smith          |
| 10 Valentina Bedford    | Crystal Young          |
| Carson Funmaker         | Peter Camacho          |
| 11 Ramona Godsby        | Tina Hindsley          |
| Harry Whitehorse        | 27 Paulina Brandes     |
| Reta Littlegeorge       | Lawrence Geyer         |
| Linda Hopinkah          | 28 Cynthia Yellowcloud |
| 12 Cleland Goodbear     | George Kearnes         |
| Theresa Hartman         | Jon Pettibone          |
| Sherry White            | 29 Colin Carrimon      |
| Donald St Cyr           | Benjamin Decorah       |
| Loa Porter              | 30 Florine Johnson     |
| Cynthia Decorah         | Bonnie Smith           |
| Ronald Kirkwood         | 31 Judith Buffalo      |
| 13 Anthony Oknewski     | Dennis Funmaker        |
| 14 Edward Mc Cabe       | Michael Day            |
| John Tudahl             |                        |



The Gladstone Park Chamber's Throwback Music Fest attracted large crowds last weekend. It included a 9/11 memorial ceremony with Saint Tarcissus Boy Scout Troop 969, local veterans groups and bugler Larry Zimmerman. There also was a Miss Throwback Pin Up contest, a mechanical bull, bouncy houses and art activities. Proceeds benefit the chamber's scholarship and other community programs.

**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.

# Deputy makes a hoop dream come true for children

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The children at the Nekoosa Youth Center had a surprise visit on Saturday, Sept. 2 from Wood County Deputy Nathan Dean.

The surprise wasn't so much that Deputy Dean showed up, it was what he brought with him.

He presented the Youth Center with a present: a brand new basketball stand, backboard and hoop.

He had been there before and saw what kind of back-

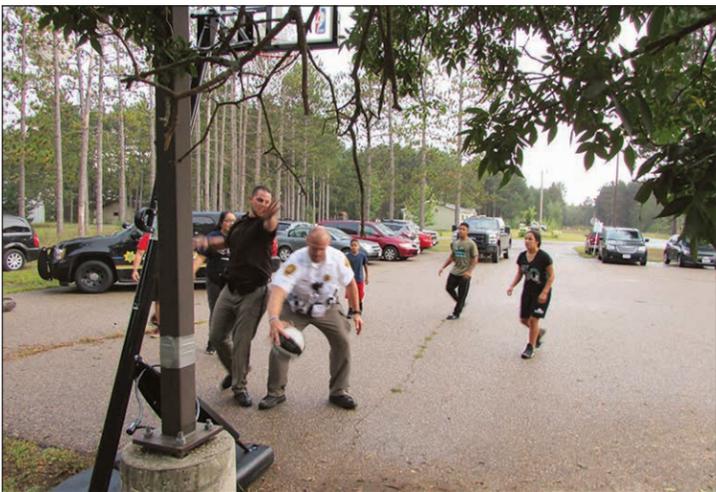
board they were using and he had to do something about it.

"On May 26 of this year, I was on patrol down by the casino and when I had driven by the Youth Center," Dean said. "I saw a group of kids playing basketball, so I felt like it was a good time to pull on in there and shoot some hoops with them. I pulled in and we actually ended up playing a couple games of basketball in the parking lot of the youth center. We had a great time."

He noticed that the backboard was complete shattered,



Before the fun could begin, the backboard and hoop needed to be assembled to be put on the stand. Deputy Dean and Lt. Hoogesteger work on the structure as the children watch and wait.



Dean and Hoogesteger take to the court to help the children break in their new hoop and backboard.



Part of the experience of playing basketball with the children was sharing time and laughs to create a friendly, trusting relationship between them.



Deputy Nathan Dean (back row, left) and Lt. Charlie Hoogesteger pose with the children of the Nekoosa Youth Center and the new basketball stand, backboard and hoop.

with three or four holes and very little of the backboard actually left, he said. Either it was vandalized or it was broken throughout the years of use.

It made it tough to play basketball, Dean said.

"I left that night and when I got home, I immediately I told my wife about it. I said, 'Hey, I played basketball with a group of kids and the backboard was literally shattered.' I showed her a picture of it on my phone. I took the photo with a group of kids and I told her 'I got to find a way to get them a new basketball hoop.'"

He thought maybe the Sheriff's Department could help him with the project, or maybe he could raise the couple hundred dollars and he'd buy one for them, he said.

"It was my next work shift and I sent an email right away to our patrol captain and my lieutenant," Dean said. "I pretty much laid it out, saying that I played basketball with a group of kids at the Ho-Chunk Youth Center and their backboard was shattered and definitely in need of replacement. I wanted to see if we could do anything here at the Sheriff's Department, whether it was through a fundraiser, or if we had some extra money set aside, so we could purchase a basketball hoop."

His patrol captain said he would check into it and talk with the sheriff.

"If there was nothing we

could do at the Sheriff's Department, my patrol captain said he would be fully on-board with putting together some sort of fundraiser," he said.

About a week went by and Dean was told that the Sheriff's Department will fund it. He should find the basketball hoop that I want to buy and let them know how much it would cost.

"I was super excited," he said. "I found a basketball hoop and we got it ordered."

The basketball stand, backboard and hoop arrived so, on Sept. 2, Dean and Lt. Charlie Hoogesteger came in early that day and put together the hoop and backboard at the sheriff's department. It was more of a job than they ever expected. They read the directions and tried a couple different times to make it work, but finally got the right combination.

They loaded the basketball stand, backboard and hoop onto the county's maintenance truck and headed for the youth center.

"As soon as pulled into the place, the kids were playing basketball, that's one of their favorite things to do down there," he said. "The children are a large range of ages at the youth center, but they all enjoy playing basketball, it's something that brings them together, you can clearly tell that they enjoy playing that sport together. It's really

neat."

Dean and Hoogesteger got them all circled up around them.

"I said 'Hey, how about we get you something new for a basketball hoop? They yelled, 'Yeah, yeah!' I walked them back to the truck – and that's when I presented the basketball hoop to them. They were all excited and couldn't wait to play a game with it," he said.

"There were lots of smiles. Once they saw it they were definitely anxious to get it up. Right away, a group of the kids rolled away the old one. We put the new one right in place of the old one."

They assembled the equipment, putting the backboard on the post, and filled up the base with water so that it was weighted down.

"Then me and the lieutenant ended up playing a basketball game with the kids to break in the new basketball hoop and backboard," he said.

Not only was it heartwarming to be able to give the children what they needed so badly, but also it was a way to relationships between him and the kids, he said.

"It was great," he said. "I'd do it all over again, if I could."