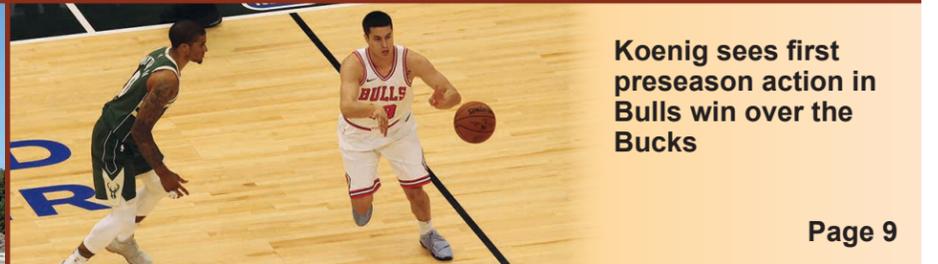




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Ho-Chunk Nation voices its support for Assembly Bill 118



Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation attended a public hearing in Madison earlier this month, to let legislators know that their tribe supports a bill to be introduced in the Assembly.

The hearing took place on Oct. 3, before the Assembly Committee on Environment and Forestry.

The group spent the afternoon listening to testimony, from legislators and members of the public, on Assembly Bill 118 (AB118) – which would strengthen protection of burial sites in Wisconsin, including the state’s thousands of effigy mounds.

First to speak was Rep. Amy Loudenberg (R-Clinton), who chaired the study committee that helped draft AB118. She highlighted the bill’s seven, key provisions.

The first would require sellers to disclose the existence of a burial site on their property if they are aware of it. The measure would increase transparency in the home-buying process, and ensure that prospective buyers know about any sites located on the land.

“There isn’t anything in current

law that would require knowledge of a burial mound on your property to be disclosed,” Loudenberg said. “So we folded that into the existing real-estate disclosure form.”

The second provision would spell out the types of evidence that the Wisconsin Historical Society must consider when deciding whether or not to enter a site into its catalog, and outline the procedure for a landowner to contest that decision.

“This evidentiary list of requirements is a little bit more specific in nature,” Loudenberg said, “where current law is not as clear.”

The third change would set forth a procedure for removing sites from the Historical Society’s catalog, in the instance that it becomes too damaged or destroyed. According to Loudenberg, state statutes have not been written in a way that currently addresses the issue.

“Current law didn’t really contemplate the de-cataloging – or removal of sites from the catalog,” Loudenberg said. “So this actually provides clarity in that area.”

The fourth provision would increase the amount of land surrounding a burial site that cannot be disturbed. The area would be doubled, so that it includes all land within ten feet from the site. The previous standard was five.

“This is what’s called the ‘buffer,’” Loudenberg said, “so you’re not disturbing the land over the site or around site. In current law, it’s basically five feet – or more, if the site conditions warrant. This would be ten feet – or less, if the site conditions warrant. So it’s just a different kind of balance that we thought would be appropriate.”

The fifth change would make members of any federally-recognized tribe eligible to sit on the state’s Burial Sites Preservation Board. Previously, only members of select tribes were eligible to do so.

“For a while there,” Loudenberg said, “it depended on which tribes were recognized by the state. This would allow for greater consideration of all the federally-recognized tribes.”

The sixth provision would allow the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriations Committee to make decisions regarding the repatriation of tribal objects and remains recovered from a burial site. Until now, such decisions have usually been left up to the Burial Sites Preservation Board – which consists of many nontribal members.

“The Burial Sites Preservation Board is made up of multiple members,” Loudenberg said. “And sometimes the decision of what to do with repatriated tribal remains would go to them. But the tribes have asked that, if the remains are strictly tribal, the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriations Committee or their designee be allowed to make those decisions.”

The final provision would include various changes to the current statute, to clarify discrepancies. Such changes would be the addition of definitions, and clarification of any ambiguous language.

“These are all the technical changes that the committee came up with,” Loudenberg said, “through the course of comparing administrative roles to the statutes.”

After spelling out the provisions, Loudenberg expressed satisfaction with the final product and all the work that had been accomplished by her study committee.

Vice Chair Rep. Scott Krug (R-Nekoosa) agreed. “I really like this Legislative Council bill,” Krug said. “It takes the politics out of discussion, and talks about the policy...So it’s great stuff.”

Other legislators shared the same opinion, including Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie). He said that utilizing the study committee was



Rep. Amy Loudenberg (R-Clinton) testifies in support of Assembly Bill 118.

a great way to go about writing the bill.

“I think some of the best legislation comes from these study groups,” Hebl said. “You get some really good insights. So I appreciate you working with members of the committee.”

Next to speak in favor of AB118 was a representative from the Wisconsin Historical Society, who read a written testimony by Director Ellsworth Brown.

“The final product represents input from multiple groups and individuals from across the state,” Brown wrote, “and has certainly offered and identified areas of improvement. We feel that 118 will improve the program and processes in continuing to protect human burials, while balancing the needs of all interested parties.”

Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation took the floor next. First to talk was Rep. Kathy DeCamp, who spoke on behalf of all tribes in the state.

“The recommended changes in this legislation do not just address Ho-Chunk concerns,” DeCamp said, “but issues that are relevant to all Indian tribes.”

The legislator said that she was pleased with the bill because it aligns with her people’s values. She thanked committee members for considering the proposal and listening to her testimony, before handing things off to Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Jon Greendeer.

The director began speaking in the Ho-Chunk lan-

guage, impressing many of those in attendance. He then gave an overview of the intergenerational trauma tribes have endured, and announced the Nation’s support of the bill so that future pain and anguish could be prevented.

“The Ho-Chunk Nation supports AB118,” Greendeer said, “because it supports burial sites.”

Others to speak in favor were past and present members of the Wisconsin Archeological Society – including former president Kurt Sampson, board member Rob Nurre, and study committee member William Green.

After hearing everyone’s testimony, Chairman Jeffrey Mursau (R-Crivitz) noted that no party had appeared to testify against AB118.

Having made its way through the preliminary stages of the legislative process, the bill could be introduced on the Assembly floor within the next few months.

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Hocak Worak works towards transparency and accountability

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The Hocak Worak recently attended the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) annual conference, in conjunction with the Excellence in Journalism conference in Anaheim, California.

Hocak Worak staff attended trainings on journalism and networked with other tribal and mainstream journalists.

When I spoke with NAJA president Bryan Pollard, I mentioned that I read about his dealings with tribal government and how he introduced a tribal free press law with the Cherokee Nation.

As a point of interest, the Cherokee Phoenix is the oldest tribal newspaper, started in 1828.

Pollard shared a copy of the law he introduced with me. One of the great things I liked about it was that it showed the votes of the lawmakers who passed the law. That's something our Ho-Chunk Nation legislature could add to the passage of our laws.

At the 2016 NAJA confer-

ence in New Orleans, I sat with Steve Russell, who wrote for Indian Country Today Media Network before they recently closed their doors. Russell wrote a piece titled, "A Free Press needs more than the First Amendment."

In the article, Russell wrote the Cherokee Nation's constitutional crisis when a tribal leader disregarded the tribal judiciary and targeted the reporters telling the story.

Russell also wrote about how Oklahoma tribal newspapers faced problems with tribal government demanding control over what they funded.

"I have always thought that a way to avoid that superficial nonsense would be to write an abstract entity, 'the press,' into the tribal constitution as a co-equal branch of government with the stated function of informing the voters," Russell wrote.

Russell concluded that tribal reporters almost always have to risk their livelihood to "bring home the bacon for the people they serve," while

tribal governments tend to circumvent information sharing by threatening to cut budgets for tribal news media and limit access to information.

That is the very situation faced by the Hocak Worak reporters and editor.

Our reporters can go to open meetings and find interesting stories to share with tribal members, but getting information via phone call, interview, or email is not guaranteed.

I've wrote about how our Establishment Acts require information sharing, but most of our laws have no penalties. We need our law makers interested in upholding our laws and implementing penalty sections to our existing law.

Often times, reporters get their story ideas from tribal members. It'd great if the same tribal members who offered the story ideas would be able to attend interviews and ask some of their own questions. Hearken does this new model of journalism to answer the community's questions, as we learned about at the NAJA

conference.

What is great about our tribal newsletter, is that it records our tribal history as we move into our future. We'll have a written record of our history.

Some argue that a newsletter isn't a newspaper, but our tribal media is a newsletter based on the number of times we publish our paper. Newsletter and newspapers all offer the same type of content. Increasing to a weekly or daily paper would certainly cause our budget to more than double.

Our need to information sharing is written into our laws of government. Every tribal employee is working to serve the tribal membership, and is accountable to them.

If the Hocak Worak has an agenda, that would be to promote transparency and accountability of tribal dollars to the tribal population. It seems the only reason not to work towards that is because there's something to hide.

We all should want to know how are dollars are being spent. We should know what

affects the people.

We are called "the media" for a reason. By the very definition of the term, we are a "go between" of what is happening and the people.

We gather the information that is happening and provide it to the people. If the sources of our information are being uncooperative, we can't do our job. We don't have that information to share.

That's why it's important that the government shares the information so that it can be given to the people and we can do our job.

In the federal, state, and local governments, the media is known as the fourth estate. The press is the part of societal structure and has influence, but not recognized in the political structure or in the branches of government.

In tribal government, the press could be considered the fifth estate, as we generally have four branches of government.

Elder abuse happening in Reedsburg area

Respect elders. That is what I was taught and that is what Ho-Chunks teach their children. I have recently experienced elder abuse. It is interesting to me that the abuser and his family look at me and say I am losing it. They say there is something wrong with me. Is that right? Is it OK for someone to abuse an elder and then say there is something wrong with that elder when he or she objects??

I hope not. I hope we as Ho-Chunk people are not letting this happen with nothing being done about it?

I was cheated out of things that I paid rent for. I was also kicked out two days before

the end of the month. I had paid rent for the entire month and I was kicked out. While moving out, I couldn't lift my mattress so I had to ask for help. Then the perpetrator pushed the mattress at me and I fell against the doorway. Then he tossed my bed on the lawn and spoke very disrespectfully to me.

In addition, while I lived there, this Ho-Chunk bully would scold me when I turned on a light in the stairway. I fell three times because of that but didn't get hurt, thankfully. I needed a place to live, so I put up with it.

He and his son did and said other abusive things, but

cheating me, throwing me out and pushing me was the last straw.

The Nation has a telephone number for situations like this. I contacted the Elder Abuse Hotline, which is at the Social Services "Intake". A message was left with them on Tuesday this week. It is Saturday and I have not had a call back from them. I wonder why we have staff to take

care of this and it is not being taken care of? I would call that wasted money and a very poor use of tribal funds. May as well cancel this program if it is not doing its job.

While I know what I experienced with this BULLY tribal member, I am also concerned about any other elders who are experiencing abuse. You need to speak out, even if people make fun of you or

threaten you. Elders need to be respected at **all times**. If not, next time it might be an elder in YOUR family that is abused. This needs to stop!

The answer: **Bullys who abuse tribal elders should be removed from tribal membership. No second chances. We as a Nation should have zero tolerance for those who abuse elders.**

Francis Steindorf

Letter to editor:

You can get your teeth into this one!

There was a time not that long ago when HoChunks did not recognize diseases of the mind. Those with alcohol problems were left untreated. When I was a young person, tribal drunks who caused damage to property or to others were not blamed the next day when they sobered up. We blamed bad spirits, even though the 12 Step Program was available decades before tribal members started using it.

Today, the tribe has counselors, therapists and psychologists who help those of us who are bi-polar or depressed or those with other diseases like alcoholism and other addictions. Although some of us still hesitate to use the services, we are starting to see that these professionals can help us.

It seems when a new treatment comes along we hesitate to use it. For example, there is another way to treat those of us with teeth problems. Instead of getting a bridge or false teeth, they now make implants. Although implants have been around for 20 plus years, dental insurance companies haven't been willing to

insure them. NOW, they are starting to because they see how problem-free implants are. And implants can last a lifetime.

Those who are leaders in our tribe are not yet recognizing teeth implants as a better way to replace lost teeth. Bridges break. The teeth they are attached to also break or fall out, so more bridges or false teeth are needed. WHY NOT INSURE IMPLANTS? The reason insurance companies are starting to insure implants is because they are so successful.

Tribal health leaders should know this. They should be pushing to get implants covered by our insurance or we should switch to another insurance company. While all options are expensive, implants simply last longer and bridges don't.

Elders, in particular, will spend a lot less time in the dentist chair if they use implants rather than bridges. And they make our lives easier. And our smiles and ease of eating with implants would be much improved! Let's start insuring implants. They can improve our quality of life. Our elders deserve it!

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District 1 Community Center nearing completion

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The new District 1 Community Center in the Wazee development is nearly completed.

The final installation of fixtures and furnishings are being performed at this time, with an opening for the public set for the early part of December.

The almost 60,000-square foot facility will be home to Youth Services, plus numerous community events. The building has two gymnasiums with a walking track above, a fitness and exercise area, child daycare facilities, two kitchens, and numerous meeting rooms and offices.

The entryway is a southern-exposure tall glass atrium, with a semi-spiral staircase to the upper level.

Miron Construction is in

charge of the construction and is based in Neenah, Wi, with regional offices in Wausau, Madison, Milwaukee, Eau Claire, and Cedar Rapids,

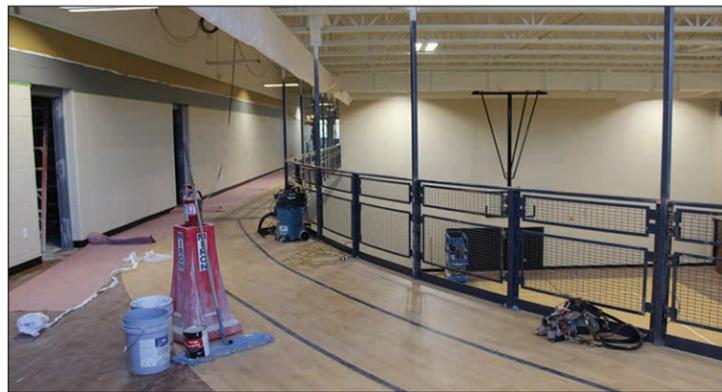
IA. Over the course of the construction, more than 300 people have worked on the District 1 Community Center project.



A large gymnasium is almost ready for play. Another gymnasium, slightly smaller, also is available for the Youth Center children.



The exterior of the glass entryway is being completed. It will provide a bright, open environment for anyone entering the facility.



A walking track above the smaller gymnasium will make it easy for everyone to get their exercise.



Locker rooms are ready for athletes of all ages.



In the entryway, a spiraling suspended staircase leads visitors to the upper level.



The view from the roadway shows that the new District 1 Community Center is a large facility with plenty of room for all activities.

Delay ribbon cutting ceremony at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

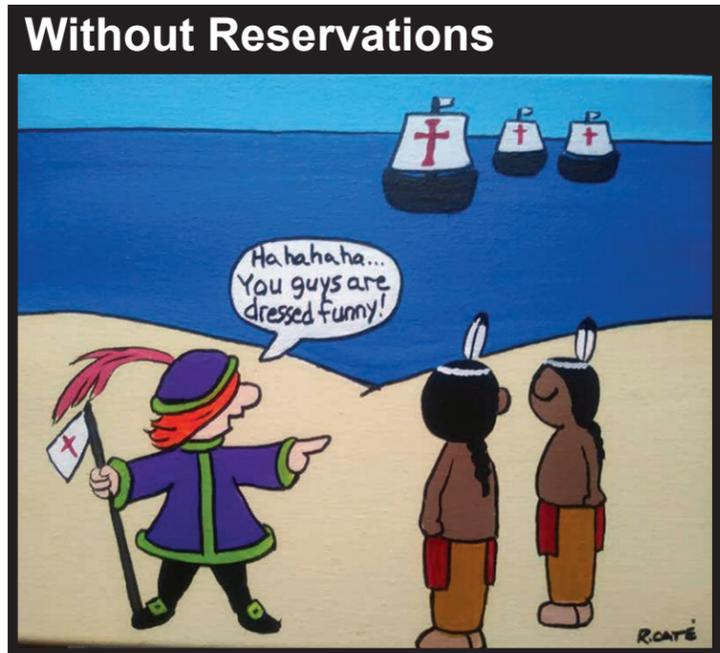
LeAnthony Pecore, Sr. Mgr of Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

In order to meet all necessary demands of the new Ho-Chunk Gaming Project Forward expansion project, the Ribbon Cutting ceremony scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 12, 2017 has been delayed and postponed to a later date.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg and local area representatives have patiently waited for this day to be a dream come true. "We are very excited to open our doors for all of our valued guests to enjoy the extended gaming floor and

added amenities," said Tracy Pecore, Director of Marketing. She also stated, "It has been many years in the planning stages to make the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg expansion a reality and we've come a long way since the doors first opened in 2008."

The Ho-Chunk Gaming Management team would like to extend an apology for any inconvenience this may have caused. The added Rewards Play offers are still valid until midnight so stop by and enjoy live entertainment for free as well from 8pm - midnight.



Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Oct. 20th which will be published on Oct. 27th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 1006 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Department of Health holds flu clinics for the Nation and its employees

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The Ho-Chunk Nation's Health Department will be holding flu clinics in six different cities over the next three weeks, to provide vaccinations against several common strands of the virus.

"You just go there and get your shot," said the department's assistant administrator Cari Fay. "And that's it."

The clinics will be open to tribal members, employees of the Nation and all family members covered under their health insurance. Those planning on attending have been asked to bring their insurance cards with them to the visit.

"Insurance covers it," Fay said. "But if you're Native American and don't have any insurance, it'll still be covered."

This year's clinics will take place in Black River Falls, Baraboo, Tomah, Nekoosa, Wittenberg, and La Crosse. The date and time of each can be found on the Department of Health website.

"I would encourage everyone to attend," Fay said, "so you don't get the flu – so you don't get it and transmit it to your other family members."

Getting a vaccination this time around may be even more important than it has been in the past, considering the number of confirmed cases Wisconsin has already had this season. According to the state's Department of Health Services, at least 22 people

have tested positive for the flu since Sept. 3.

"We've already had reports of flu cases and hospitalizations due to the flu," said State Health Officer Karen McKeown. "So we want to encourage people to get their flu shots as soon as possible."

Employees of the Health Department have been strongly encouraged to get a vaccination as well. The department has given them some extra incentive to do so.

"Health Department employees who fail to get the vaccine will have to wear a mask during the flu season," Fay said. "But if they get the shot, then they don't have to wear a mask while they're at work."

Visits won't take long, Fay said. Recipients will just need to sign a consent form before receiving their vaccinations.

"You go and they give you a form to sign," Fay said, "and it tells you what type of reactions you may or may not have."

The vaccine will only take full effect approximately two weeks after the shot is administered, however. Therefore, everyone has been encouraged to get their shots early in the season.

"Getting any strain of the flu is bad," Fay said. "So get the vaccine."

The department's last clinic will be held on Nov. 2, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells.

Medicine Review Services

Did you know that medicine errors cause at least one death every day in the United States? The House of Wellness Pharmacy has a new medicine review service to help make sure that person is not you.

Many people have life-long conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, a heart condition, etc. and take multiple medicines every day. As your health changes the amount or the times when you should take your medicines can also change. Sometimes, you go to see more than one doctor or you have to go to the hospital for a while where your medicines can change. Situations like this can lead to confusion and possible errors with medicines. As a safety measure, the pharmacy is now offering a medicine review service. You can schedule a time to sit down with a pharmacist at the House of Wellness to see if there are any possible issues. Simply bring in all of

your prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, inhalers, injectable, liquids, creams, vitamins, herbals, and supplements. It is important to call the pharmacy to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

During the visit a pharmacist will look over all of the medicine you are currently taking to see if they are the same as those listed on your medical record and pharmacy profile. They will look at your medicines to see if you are taking more medicine than necessary. They will check to make sure it is safe for you to be taking all of your medications together. Also, they will see if you are having side effects from your medicine and help come up with a way to make them better. Every patient will get an up-to-date medication list. You should come ready to ask any questions that you have. Do not be afraid to write them down beforehand so you do not forget!

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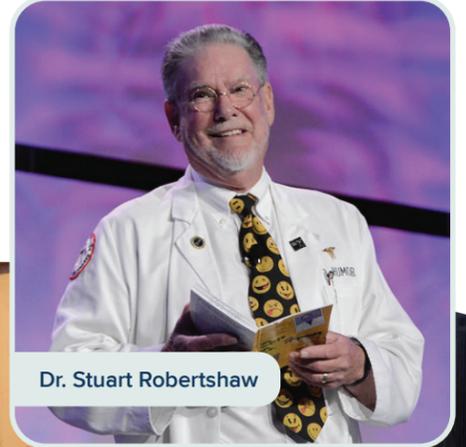
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Newly released study shows cancer trends within Ho-Chunk communities

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Almost everyone has had contact with cancer.

People either have had cancer themselves, or know of a family member or friend who has had cancer.

That's why getting a better understanding of it can help prevent or treat it.

"Disparities in Cancer within Ho-Chunk Contract Health Service Delivery Area 2003-2012," a study of cancer and how it affects the Ho-Chunk population has recently been released. The study was conducted by the Carbone Cancer Center at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

The study shows that the incident and mortality rates for lung cancer are lower in the Ho-Chunk region than other Native American regions, but much higher in colorectal cancer incidences and mortality. Also, prostate cancer among men is more prevalent, as well as breast cancer among women.

In this study, Native Americans are referred to as American Indians.

The Spirit of Eagles and the Cancer Health Disparities Initiative, which are programs of the Carbone Cancer Center, has a history of working with tribes concerning cancer trends and rates among American Indians in Wisconsin, according to Rick Strickland, program director at UW's Cancer Health Disparities Initiative (CHDI).

"We made a presentation to the Tribal Health Directors Association at one of their meetings," Strickland said. "We presented a summary of what were the rates for the latest period of time for the state as a whole. Then we showed them what were the rates for American Indians in CHSDA (Contract Health Service Delivery Area) counties of the state.

"When we presented,

through discussion it was asked if there was a way to provide each tribe with its own data," Strickland said. "I explained that the only way we would be able to do something, where we would be able to access any type of information through the state, would be if we looked at the CHSDA regions for each tribe. The consensus of the people attending was that we should do that. The idea would be that we would do that, but send the data only to the tribal health director of that individual tribe."

Department of Health Director Ona Garvin received Ho-Chunk data of this report and all the other directors received the data for their tribes. There was no comparison done between the individual tribes to honor the fact that each tribe is the owner of their own data, he said.

The report offers rates for new cancer cases and deaths to cancer for the Ho-Chunk CHSDA counties. In Wisconsin, there are 32 CHSDA counties, of the 72 counties in the state, including Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Monroe, Sauk, Shawano, Vernon, and Wood counties.

"American Indians in the state of Wisconsin have both overall a higher incidence and a higher mortality, or a higher number of new cases and a higher number of deaths due to cancer," Strickland said.

In the report, incidence and mortality bar graphs display rates for American Indians and Alaska Natives living in all CHSDA counties across the state.

The data was converted into rates because the number of people was such a small amount. The smaller the population, the less stable the rate, meaning it can be easily influenced by a few cases, Strickland said.

According to the data col-

lected, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have a 6 percent higher rate than white men and women in the same geographical area, however are 17 percent lower than other American Indians and Alaskan Natives across the state.

The Ho-Chunk mortality rates for men and women alone are lower than for the associated rates for AI/AN across the state.

All Ho-Chunk sites mortality rate is 43 percent higher than the rate of white men and women living in the same counties.

Ho-Chunk men have a cancer rate that is 70 percent higher than for white men living in the same counties and six percent higher than for other American Indians and Alaskan Natives across the state.

"The best thing about the cancer report is that it is current data on common types of cancer in Ho-Chunk people living in our CHSDA," said Amy DeLong, MD, MPH, medical director of the HCN Department of Health and family physician.

"The data tells us that our smoking cessation efforts are paying off, based on the evidence of lower lung cancer incidence and mortality. The data also tell us that we have more work to do with colon cancer screening. Ho-Chunk men in particular need to do the FIT test, stool sample card that is done in privacy of own home, or the colonoscopy, which is a procedure done with a general surgeon or GI specialist under anesthesia. Colon cancer screening is done for everyone age 50 years or older, or lower age in those with a family history of colorectal cancer."

For prevention of any cancer, or any chronic disease, people need to eat more vegetables, walk more, and quit smoking or not to start smoking, DeLong said.

Figure 1: Incidence Rate, All Sites

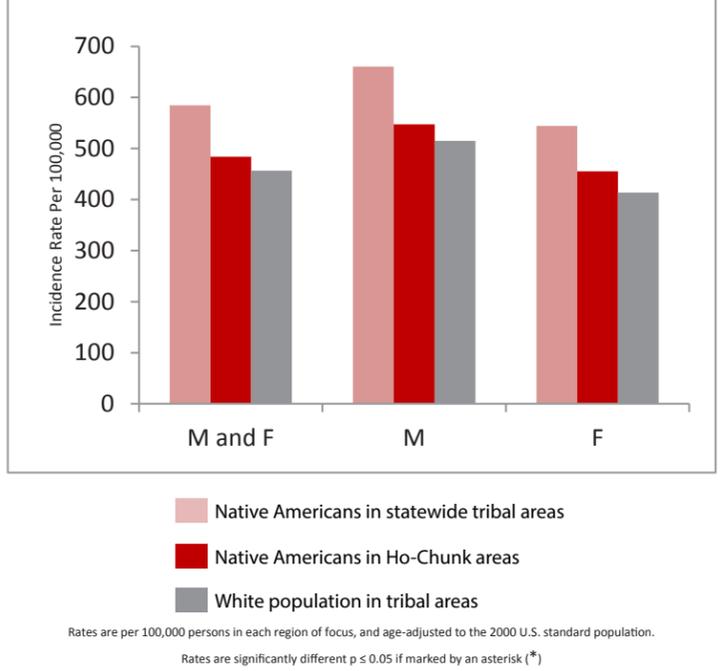


Figure 4: Mortality Rate, Colorectal Cancer

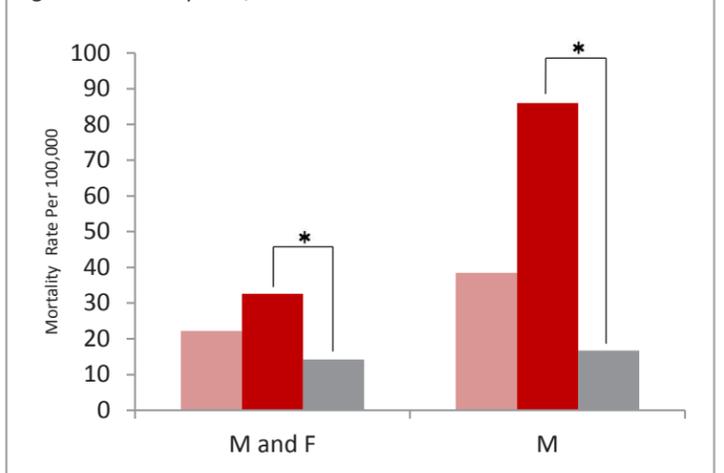
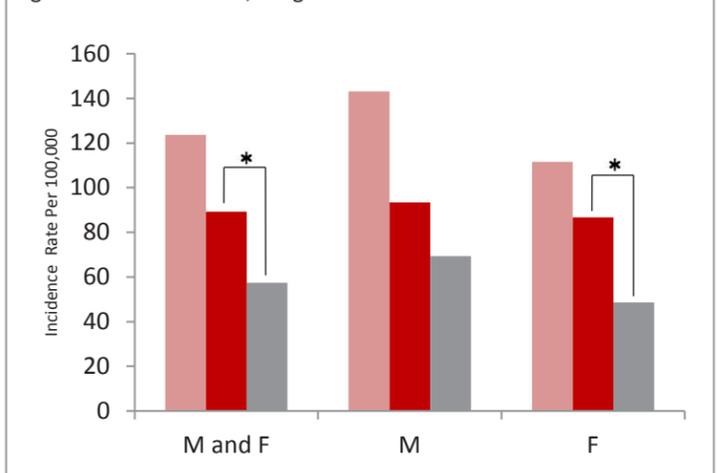


Figure 5: Incidence Rate, Lung Cancer



Lifestyle choices, rather than heredity, have a bigger influence on the chances of the development of cancer, Strickland said.

"There are a few cancers that have a tendency to run in families because they many involve a mutation of a particular gene. This is a few cancers, but not the majority," he said.

"There are more than 200 types of cancers that we know of. What is important to realize that there's some forms of cancers that there is a tendency to run in families, that's often due to an abnormality of a particular gene that's inherited in that family. But that is much less common than other kinds of things that both fall into the realm of behavior, and choices that people make in terms of their lifestyle, and also exposures they have to both environmental toxins

and/or sources of stress and trauma in their lives," Strickland said.

For example, inappropriate use of tobacco, abuse of tobacco, for any population, increases the risk of cancer, and not just lung cancer, but also it increases the risk for many cancers, he said. Diet that is low in vegetables and fruits and high in carbohydrates and fatty meats coupled with a lack of activity can also be a significant source to help increase the risk.

"There's no one thing that causes cancer, but what is important to understand is increasing one's risk or reducing one's risk. There are certain lifestyles that you can choose," he said. "What's important is to get regular screenings that is appropriate for the person's age and gender."

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Members of the Health and Wellness Division stand together in their effort to combat diabetes.

Health and Wellness Division makes Coordinated Care Calls to evaluate diabetes program

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

For the last month and a half, the Health and Wellness Division has been making phone calls to tribal members with diabetes to ensure that their needs are being met.

“We started making the calls in September,” said Health and Wellness Coordinator Sara Peterson. “And we’re still in the process of making them.”

The calls have helped the division gather information about its patients, Peterson said, as well as the care that they’ve been receiving to treat their diabetes. That information has enabled staff members to gauge the success of their program, and identify any areas in need of improvement.

“The reason behind these calls is to really ensure that the people we provide care for through our diabetes program are receiving all the care they need,” Peterson said. “And it’s a chance for us, as the Health and Wellness Division, to determine if there’s anything more we could be doing.”

The feedback has already provided insight into how the division can improve its Basics program, Peterson said. For several patients expressed concern over the time commitment that’s involved, and suggested that the number of classes be reduced.

“It’s a big time commitment,” Peterson said, “especially for somebody just looking to kick start their journey to better health.”

Based on the recommendations, the program manager said she’ll be changing the current format. So rather than facilitating the course over a period of eight weeks, the division would offer it as a two-day workshop instead.

“We feel like it’s going to be more beneficial,” Peterson said, “due to some of the feedback we’ve been receiving.”

Peterson expressed hope that such changes will help the division retain more of its participants. She said that doing so has always been one of its main goals.

“We’re constantly looking at things that will improve retention rates within our class-

es,” Peterson said, “so we can reach more people.”

According to Peterson, the phone calls have helped her division figure out ways to do just that. They have also afforded patients a chance to make their own suggestions, as far as things they’d like to see in the future.

“It’s just program betterment,” Peterson said, “seeing how we can make our program better and what tribal members would like to see from it.”

The division has already called more than two hundred of the people in its selected target group, and plans to call over four hundred others by the end of October. Peterson said that the goal is to contact all 660 patients in its diabetes registry by that time.

“We want to have them all done by the end of this month,” Peterson said. “So Oct. 31 is our deadline.”

All patients in the diabetes program who have not yet been contacted should expect a phone call, in the weeks to come.

Ho-Chunk Pharmacies become tech-savvy

Mobile App:

The mobile app is a great way to help you manage your medications around your schedule. When you download the app you can request to refill your medications even when the pharmacy is closed. It allows you to set reminders to help you remember to take your medications regularly. It shows how many refills are available, what date your medications were previously filled, and when your prescriptions expire. The app can be downloaded on the app store on android and apple phones under “Ho-chunk Nation Pharmacy”.

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Harvest of the Month

October

Zucchini

Pick

- ◆ Zucchini is grown year-round.
- ◆ Look for zucchini that are 6 to 8 inches in length.
- ◆ Select zucchini that is fairly firm and not too soft.

Prepare

- ◆ Zucchini can be eaten raw, boiled, steamed, fried, grilled, sautéed, or stir-fried.

Nutrition

- ◆ Zucchini contain vitamin A, magnesium, folate, potassium, copper, phosphorus, omega-3 fatty acids, zinc, niacin, manganese, and vitamin C.
- ◆ 1 cup of raw zucchini contains 20 calories.



Community Health Nutrition Program



Zucchini Tater Tots

Time: 45 min **Yield:** 16

Ingredients:

- cooking spray
- 1 large egg
- 1 packed cup grated zucchini
- 1/4 medium onion, minced
- 1/4 cup grated reduced fat sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup seasoned bread-crumbs
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt and black pepper to taste



Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. Grate the zucchini into a clean dish towel until you have 1 packed cup. Wring the excess water out of the zucchini (there will be a lot). In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon 1 tablespoon of mixture in your hands and roll into small ovals. Place on the cookie sheet and bake for 16 to 18 minutes, turning halfway through cooking until golden.

****You can use a muffin tin for a perfect shape****

For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian Nutritionist:

BRF, Tomah, and Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, EXT. 5335
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Adapted from Jackson County HOM program.

Revised 10/2017

Tribal members show their support at 3-point fundraiser for Chief Clayton Winneshiek

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Members of the Ho-Chunk tribe held a fundraiser in Baraboo last weekend to raise money for their chief, Clayton Winneshiek, who has been battling illness.

“Clayton used to help me when I was younger,” said event planner Julia White. “So I thought it would be nice to give back to him.”

The fundraiser took place on Oct. 6, at the House of Wellness Fitness and Aquatic Center. There, scores of community members showed their support by donating money toward the chief’s past and future medical expenses.

“He’s definitely a cared-about guy,” White said. “So people don’t shy away from helping him.”

White called it a ‘3-point’ fundraiser because of the three ways in which people could contribute. Options included purchasing food from a bake sale, getting a plate of home-cooked food for \$10, or bidding on an item at the silent auction.

According to a coordinator of the

event, at least one of the ideas came from watching what others had done to collect money during their fundraisers.

“My mom had a bake sale for her group and they ended up raising a lot of money,” White said. “So that’s one of the things we went with.”

The meal served that day was prepared by tribal member Marlene Cloud, who works as a head cook at the TAU in Wisconsin Dells. The organizers provided an easy explanation for the meal being chosen as a way to raise money.

“We decided to do a meal because everybody has to eat at least once in the day,” White said. “And everyone likes a good meal.”

As for the silent auction, tribal members donated their works out of the goodness of their hearts. Thanks to that generosity, over a thousand dollars was raised from the auction alone.

“We knew we’d make money off the auction because some people do really nice beadwork,” White said. “And even if they just donate one piece, we know we can get a good price off it.”

All but two items were purchased at the auction. Those items will be sent to Black River Falls, White said, to be sold at another fundraising event for the chief.

“A hundred percent of it will go towards him,” White said. “None of it’s going anywhere else.”

At the end of the day, White said she was surprised with how much money had been raised in the fundraiser and that she had nearly doubled her goal of \$1000. For the bake sale brought in \$330, the meal another \$561, and the silent auction an impressive \$1096 – for a total of \$1,987.

She said the results have given her optimism.

“It lets me know that we did something right today,” White said. “And I’d love to do it again, because it really made me feel better. And I hope it made others feel better, too, knowing that they’re donating to a good cause.”



A tribal member loads up on cake as others admire her appetite.



One of the organizers collects money from the bake sale.



Visitors check out the items up for sale at the silent auction.

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Cultural art of beading promoted in area by Utah instructor

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Recently, the cultural art of beading got a boost within the Ho-Chunk community.

Cheryl Lone Bear, beading instructor and owner of Native Cloudz in Fort Duchesne, Utah, came to the area to teach the six-week beading workshop.

She provided an in-depth beading workshop two evenings a week for four weeks during September at the Mission Community Center in Black River Falls.

Angela Ward of the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department arranged the workshop.

"It was just an opportunity for anyone who wanted to learn but didn't know who to ask," Ward said. "It seems today many who have a skill do not teach it unless there is a monetary value added. I just wanted to provide an opportunity for the ones who can't afford to pay to learn something like beading."

During the class, the young women learned three different styles of beading. For their first assignment, they all had to make beaded earrings.

To teach her course, they all

followed a handout booklet, which she referred to as "The Beading Bible," something she wrote to provide a permanent guide for the craft.

The first lessons involve classroom work, understanding the concepts, paper patterns, and the color wheel before beginning the actual beading.

Moving past that stage, the students learn basic stitches of typing the string with bead and then apply them to their work.

As they advance, they learn designs that are more intricate



Cheryl Lone Bear speaks to the beading class at the Mission Community Center.

and even incorporate other media into the designs.

She sees the number of people working with beads on the decline.

"We have some beaders on our reservation, but it seems like the number of beaders here are very few," she said. "I like to promote our youth in the cultural forms of art."

Lone Bear works with the Painted Horse Diabetes Program at her home reservation, which provides the beads. She's a member of the Ute tribe, which has sponsored her efforts and provided a lot of the supplies.

She believes beading is a type of meditation that can benefit everyone, regardless of gender or age.

Sometimes working with beads requires a stable hand and good eyesight to see those tiny beads and needles. But even those people with not-so-great eyesight and unsteady hands can be good at beading, if the proper accommodations are provided, she said. Larger beads and larger needles are available, allowing people to do what they normally couldn't.

Because beading is relax-



Angela Ward (left) and Sondra Martinez proudly show the pairs of finely-crafted earrings they made at the beading class.



ing and therapeutic, it can help stabilize lives that are in turmoil.

"I come from a reservation where drugs, alcohol, suicide and grief are rampant. We battle it all the time," Lone Bear said. "We have lost a lot of kids to suicide. So, with beading, we are saying 'live to your culture.'"

She works a lot with alcohol and drug programs, also with schools and education

programs.

Lone Bear offers the beading classes with no personal compensation. The materials are provided by donations from tribes and native organizations.

"I do it selflessly to preserve our culture," she said.

Native Arts and Cultures Foundation calls for regional Mentor Artist Fellowship applications

Submitted by Rupert Ayton,
Native Arts and Cultures
Foundation

For a second consecutive year, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation has issued a call for applications for its Mentor Artist Fellowships. The fellowship is a regional artist award focused in the Pacific Northwest, Southwest and Upper Midwest areas of the United States. The Mentor Artist Fellowship is open to established American Indian and Alaska Native artists with at least ten years of experience who want to mentor an emerging American Indian or Alaska Native artist apprentice for a one-year period in either the Traditional Arts or Contemporary Visual Arts fields.

Eligible applicants must be at least a five-year resident of, and enrolled in an American Indian tribe or Alaska Native corporation located in, Alaska, Arizona, Minnesota,

New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Southern California (Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties), Washington or Wisconsin.

The Mentor Artist Fellowship is a monetary award of \$30,000 — \$20,000 to the mentor, \$5,000 for the joint art project and \$5,000 for the apprentice's participation expenses. The mentoring period is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. To demonstrate the experience and success of the mentoring, a completed joint mentor/apprentice art project is required at the Fellowship's end.

Fellowship awards will be announced Spring 2018. An interested American Indian or Alaska Native artist apprentice may not apply; however, he/she may ask an accomplished American Indian or

Alaska Native mentor artist to apply or assist that mentor artist in applying.

Native artists may find the application at www.nativeartsandcultures.org/programs/fundingopportunities.

The open call closes 5 p.m. Pacific Time on Monday, November 6, 2017.

First year Mentor Artist Fellow Lani Hotch (Chilkat Indian Village) said of receiving her award, "I've tried to work with groups of weavers, and I'm excited to work one on one with somebody so they know all the steps. In the last few months, we've lost two weavers (...). I'm feeling a real compulsion to teach somebody." And Mentor Artist Fellow Shirod Younker (Coquille, Coos) said in response to the mentor training, "[A] good way to build focus [on] what we are doing and think about the macro vision of the projects in conjunction with each other."

The Mentor Artist Fellowship's goal is to improve creative development, artistic rigor, and intergenerational cultural and traditional knowledge perpetuation by fostering the growth of

Native artist mentors and apprentices, and empowering them to play an integral role in their communities. To assist in developing lesson plans, each mentor and apprentice is required to attend up to two training days prior to commencing with the mentorship.

The Mentor Artist Fellowship Program is generously supported by individual donors and regional funders committed to preserving and perpetuating Native arts and cultures. NACF is grateful to

Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, and to the James F. and Marion L. Miller Founda-

tion for supporting an Oregon mentor fellow.

About the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation's mission is to promote the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts and cultures through grant making, convening and advocacy. To date, the foundation has supported more than 200 artists and arts organizations in 30 states and the District of Columbia. To learn more about the Mentor Artist Fellowship and the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation — nurturing the passion and power of creative expression, visit: www.nativeartsandcultures.org.

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Koenig sees first preseason action in Bulls win over the Bucks

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Ho-Chunk NBA player Bronson Koenig saw his first preseason action as a Chicago Bull point guard during the Bulls victory over the Milwaukee Bucks at the United Center in Chicago on Friday, October 6.

The Chicago Bulls won 114 to 101 over the Milwaukee Bucks, and improved to 2-1 in preseason play.

Koenig was signed by the Chicago Bulls on Sep. 28, just a week after being waived by the Milwaukee Bucks. Terms of the contract were not disclosed according to NBA policy.

However, ESPN's Jonathan Givony first reported that Koenig signed an Exhibit 9 training camp contract.

Koenig joined the Bulls amid training camp, and just two days before the start of the preseason schedule. He didn't appear in the first two preseason games.

The Bulls beat the New Orleans Pelicans by five points in their opening preseason game, 113 to 109.

Then they lost by 47 points to the Dallas Mavericks, 118 to 71.

Against the Bucks, the Bulls had five players in double figures, Justin Holiday leading the way with 21 points.

Nikola Mirotic, Bobby Portis, and Denzel Valentine all added 15 points for the Bulls. Bulls center Robin Lopez also add 12 points in the game.

The Milwaukee Bucks got 24 points from Giannis Antetokounmpo, who was voted Most Improved Player last

year by the NBA.

Khris Middleton added 14 points, while Greg Monroe had 10 points to round out the Bucks double digit scorers. Malcolm Brogdon recorded 7 points, and Tony Snell scored 6 points in the Bucks' losing effort.

The Bulls shot 50 percent from 3-point range against the Bucks, going 17 of 34. This is an area where the Bulls need the most improvement from last year's stats.

With only 1:01 remaining in the game, Bulls point guard Bronson Koenig entered the game.

Koenig played against his summer league teammates. He hustled for rebounds and looked for shots, but no opportunities came to him.

"I was waiting. It felt good to finally get out there. I wish I had a little more time out there, but that's how it goes. I just got to stay ready for my opportunity when it comes," Koenig said.

His practices with the Bulls are going good, he said. Koenig is working hard to break into the Bulls playing rotation and stay on the roster.

"That's the plan right now. I'm just trying to stay ready for my opportunity. And take full advantage of that," Koenig said.

The Bulls have two more preseason games, October 10 at the Cleveland Cavaliers and October 13 at home against the Toronto Raptors.

Koenig went undrafted in the 2017 NBA Draft, but was signed by the Milwaukee Bucks on July 6 to a two-way contract.

Milwaukee Bucks General Manager Jon Horst called Koenig a "virtual No. 61 pick," since they called him nearly immediately after the draft was done.

Koenig was signed to play with Milwaukee Bucks summer league team and to play with the Bucks G league team, the Wisconsin Herd in his two-way contract.

His deal with the Bucks was worth \$75,000 while playing for the Wisconsin Herd, and \$5,000/day for up to 45 days on the Bucks' NBA roster.

Two-way contracts are essentially the sixteenth and seventeenth spots on NBA rosters, where any player with three years or less of NBA experience can play on NBA teams' G league team.

During the summer league, Koenig averaged 5.2 points per game, shot 29.4 percent from the field, played 15.8 minutes per game, and averaged 1 rebound per game in the Bucks' five games.

Koenig's summer league play was highlighted by a 9 point performance, going 3 of 5 from 3-point range, in 22 minutes.

To remain on the Chicago Bulls roster, Koenig needs to outperform David Nwaba, Diamond Stone, Jaylen Johnson, and Jarrell Eddie.

The Bulls have signed Ryan Arcidiacono and Antonio Blakeney to their two two-way contract spots.

The Chicago Bulls are a young team, the average age of their current players is 24.7 years old, with some rebuilding to do. They lost three key players in the off season.

Dwayne Wade went to Cleveland, Jimmy Butler was traded to Minnesota for Zack LaVine, Kris Dunn, and the No. 7 overall NBA draft pick, Lauri Markkanen, and Rajon Rondo was waived by the Bulls and picked up by New Orleans.

The Bulls current 20 man roster include five rookies, five players with one year of NBA experience, five players with two years of NBA experience, two players with three years in the NBA, one player with four years' experience, one player with five years' ex-



Koenig plays point guard as the Bulls beat the Bucks.

perience, and one player with nine years' experience.

The Bulls signed guard Quincy Pondexter on Sep. 1, signed center Diamond Stone on Sep. 14, and signed forward Jarrell Eddie and forward Jaylen Johnson on Sep. 25. Koenig was signed on Sep. 28.

Zack LaVine is out with a torn ACL. Quincy Pondexter is out with a hamstring injury. Cameron Payne is out with a foot injury. Kris Dunn will be out two to four weeks with a dislocated finger, which occurred in the Bulls' win over the Bucks.

With Kris Dunn out, Jerian Grant has moved into the starting point guard position for the Bulls.

Last year the Bulls finished at .500, with a record of 41 wins and 41 losses.

Chicago Bulls head coach

Fred Hoiberg is in his third year, with a record of 83 wins and 81 losses. Hoiberg and Koenig have a little history, as Hoiberg recruited Koenig out of high school while he was head coach at Iowa State.

The Bulls will need to focus on team and player development and understand that they are rebuilding while they face a lot of adversity in the 2017-2018 season.

If Koenig makes the cut, his contract with the Bulls will be worth \$816,615.

NBA experts believe he'll end up on the Bulls' G league team, the Windy City Bulls, out in Hoffman Heights. Koenig's former Wisconsin Badger teammate, Duje Dukan, will be a familiar face on the team.

Koenig is the first Ho-Chunk in history to sign an NBA contract.



Koenig defends a shot during warm ups.



Koenig brings up the ball against former summer league teammate Gary Payton II.

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 (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).

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

Theodore F. Yellowcloud, Petitioner, v. Renata L. Yellowcloud, Respondent.

Case : FM 17-11

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Renata L. Yellowcloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled action for divorce. This legal notice of the *Petition for Divorce With Minor Children* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ORDINANCE, Para. 3d. 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 result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

Cc: Legislative Counsel

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RE: 2017 General Council Actions

On September 16, 2017, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council held its annual meeting at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The Department of Justice, through the Attorney General, traditionally prepares an opinion for the President and Legislature about each General Council Resolution. The purpose of the opinion is to provide a preliminary legal review of the resolutions that passed and to assist the Legislature in determining what type of action, if any, can be taken on the resolutions. The official General Council minutes were provided by the General Council Secretary Pamela Wilber, and I received a copy of the meeting minutes on Thursday, September 21, 2017. On Monday, September 25, 2017, I received a copy of the certified resolutions.

Traditionally, opinions are not rendered on resolutions that failed to be adopted. Nonetheless, the defeat of a resolution does not mean that the General Council adopted the inverse of the resolution. Here is a detailed explanation of the power of the General Council, which was previously promulgated by the Department of Justice:

Power to Set Policy:

The General Council articulates policy through the voting process. A policy is not a law, and can only be carried out by enactment of law by the Legislature.

Power to Set General Council Procedures:

Procedures do not require an enactment of law, and it takes effect upon vote of the General Council.

Power Reserved Only to the General Council: The General Council retains distinct powers that cannot be accomplished by any other branch of government; those are General Council Removal of Elected Officials and enrollment issues regarding certain types of re-enrollment. The General Council might consider placing such business close to the front of the agenda to insure that those duties specifically assigned to General Council get addressed at every Annual General Council Meeting. Clearly, it is up to the General Council itself to set their own agenda and this was previously suggested for future meetings.

The table below summarizes the constitutional powers of the General Council, which was also previously promulgated by the Department of Justice.

Powers of the General Council	General Council does NOT have the following powers
Set Policy	To Enact Law (power of the Legislature)
Review and Reverse Legislative Action and Return to Legislature for Reconsideration	To Appropriate Funds (power of the Legislature)
Establish Procedures for the General Council	To Enforce Laws and Administer Funds (power of the President)
Call Special Elections	To Review Actions for Hiring/Firing Personnel (Power of the President)
Remove Legislators	To Set Salaries, Terms and Conditions of Employment for Government Personnel (power of the Legislature)
Remove the President	To Set Legislative Procedures, Officers, or Codes of Conduct (power of the Legislature)
Propose Amendments to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION by calling for a Secretarial Election	To Select and Hire Personnel (power of the President)
Remove Ineligible Tribal Members from the Membership Roll	

2017 GENERAL COUNCIL ANALYSIS REGARDING PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND VERBAL MOTIONS

The 2017 General Council had several procedural actions, albeit irregularities, that occurred, including adjourning the meeting, disregarding the adjournment based upon procedure, calling for a special General Council and proceeding, and failing to act on verbal motions. These matters must be examined to determine the validity of actions taken at the 2017 General Council.

The General Council has adopted procedures. See *General Council Resolution 10-20-07C*. The procedures were contained within the special edition of the HOCĄK WORĄK, as well as within the 2017 General Council handbook. HOCĄK WORĄK, Vol. XXXI, Issue 1 (Sept, 11, 2017) at 4; *2017 General Council Handout* (Sept. 16, 2017) at 5-8. Therefore, General Council members had access to the procedures.

The first procedural issue to consider is the verbal motion to adjourn made by Darrell Waukau. Michelle DeCora seconded the motion. The General Council voted to adjourn the meeting, and the vote occurred without any discussion. *2017 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* at 6. The General Council cast 1,884 votes, and the Resolution passed with 1,093 Affirming, 706 Opposing, and 85 Abstaining. *Id.* The minutes indicate that the meeting adjourns at 3:14 p.m. *Id.* After the vote occurred, the Chairperson determined that Mr. Waukau failed to provide his tribal enrollment number, even though Mr. Waukau returned to the podium and provided his tribal enrollment number upon request. *Id.* The Chairperson continued the meeting at 3:25 p.m. *Id.*

The *General Council Meeting Procedures* state:

- [t]he Ho-Chunk Nation member shall identify their membership to the Presiding Chair by name, and enrollment number. That person shall have 5 minutes to present motion/resolution, more time if deemed necessary by the Presiding Chair.
- There must be a second to every motion.
- When deemed appropriate the presiding chairperson will call for the question, end the discussion and voting will begin.

See *General Council Resolution 10-20-07C*, § 11. The Chairperson continued the meeting, and the meeting maintained quorum. The *General Council Meeting Procedures* are silent as to whether the Chair has the ability to set aside votes based upon procedural issues after voting occurs. Generally speaking, technical procedural issues are waived, if not asserted. Failure to give his tribal ID number did not impact a substantive right of other members, only procedural rules in the *General Council Meeting Procedures*. Once the meeting was adjourned, notice is required by the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION (hereinafter CONSTITUTION) before any further meeting is held. However, the Chair proceeded as though it was the original meeting, and did not appear to hold a “new” meeting. The Court has minimal case law regarding any similar situation.

Nonetheless, the Supreme Court has previously ruled that it defers to the General Council for its actions as a co-equal branch of government. Specifically, the Court cannot presuppose such action nor intrude into the procedural rules of how a General Council is to be run. Moreover, this case has already uncovered and suggested that such actions can be challenged within the General Council by members of the General Council itself. . . consistent with the free flowing processes of previous General Councils the ruling of the Chair is subject to challenge from the floor.

Forest Funmaker et al. v. Alvin Cloud, et al., SU 07-06 (HCN S. Ct., Oct. 17, 2007) at 4.¹ The Court further opined,

[s]uch actions could have been avoided by the consultation of an expert in . . . Procedural Rules adopted at the beginning of a General Council Meeting and/or the Chair announcing what will be needed for a measure to pass prior to a vote. Such simple rules make the possibility of similar actions being repeated minimal.

Id.

Case law indicates that the General Council, if it disagrees with the Chair, must challenge the Chair. The affected General Council member must motion. The Chairperson routinely makes decisions regarding the vote and its viability. See *id.*; see also *George Lewis v. HCN Election Bd., et al.*, SU 06-07 (HCN S. Ct., Mar. 12, 2007) at 2.

The references to adjournment within the General Council Meeting Procedures are as follows: 1) the Recording Secretary must note the time of adjournment, 2) the Recording Secretary must submit the Official signed minutes of the General Council to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature no less than 5 days after the General Council has adjourned, and 3) the action of adjournment ratifies all binding actions of the General Council. See *General Council Resolution 10-20-07C*, §§ 8, 15.

In this instance, the minutes reflect two (2) adjournments. *2017 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* at 6, 9. The minutes indicate that the “MEETING ADJOURNS AT 3:14 p.m.” *Id.* At 6. Later in the minutes, it states “CHAIRMAN GERALD CLEVELAND ADJOURNS GENERAL COUNCIL AT 5:42 p.m.” The General Council relied upon the direction of the General Council Chairperson. For the past few years, the minutes reflect that the General Council is adjourned, and the Chairman adjourns the General Council. See *2016 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* at 5; *2015 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* at 4; *2014 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* at 6.

After the first adjournment, which the General Council Chairperson effectively set aside, the General Council continued with its original agenda. On average, the vote continued at a rate of 83% participation. Prior to the adjournment, the participation rate was 83%. Simply put, although 2,190 tribal members constituted the quorum, on average 83% voted both prior to and after the first adjournment.

The second procedural issue to consider is the verbal motion by Mike Mullen to call a Special Meeting to continue on. Bill Winneshiek seconded the motion. The General Council cast 1,754 votes, and the Resolution passed with 1,198 Affirming, 470 Opposing, and 86 Abstaining. *Id.* “Special Meetings of the General Council shall be called by the President upon petition by twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters. . . Notice shall be provided by the President for all Special Meetings of the General Council.” CONST. OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION, Art. IV, §6. If the meeting were deemed a *Special General Council*, then it was deficient. Whereas the vote may be deemed as a petition by twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters, the President did not notice the General Council. The notice provided by the President must be reasonable and must be provided to the entire General Council, not just the tribal members present at a General Council. At this juncture, the President must determine whether to call a Special General Council. It appears from the intent that the Special meeting “to continue on,” means to address the matters of the day.

The last procedural issue to consider is that the minutes reflect two verbal motions that have “NO VOTE RECORDED.” *2017 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* at 8. The General Council Meeting Procedures do not contemplate motions not being acted upon. See *General Council Resolution 10-20-07C*. Although, Joy Thompson, seconded by John Contreras, made a verbal motion to rescind the Special Meeting motion and to move forward under the Chairman’s continuation of the meeting, there was discussion about an outstanding motion by Wendi Huling and Nikki Withers. Whereas, the *2017 General Council Certified Meeting Minutes* indicates that there was “NO VOTE RECORDED,” a vote did in fact occur on “Motion To Rescind Sp. Meeting & Adopt Proceedings Res I to Res O.” The General Council cast 1,643 votes, and the Resolution passed with 1,045 Affirming, 398 Opposing, and 200 Abstaining.²

2017 GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

09-16-2017-A Requiring Legislature and Executive Branches to fulfill their constitutional duty in compliance with the policy set forth in 2015 and 2016 General Council Resolutions.

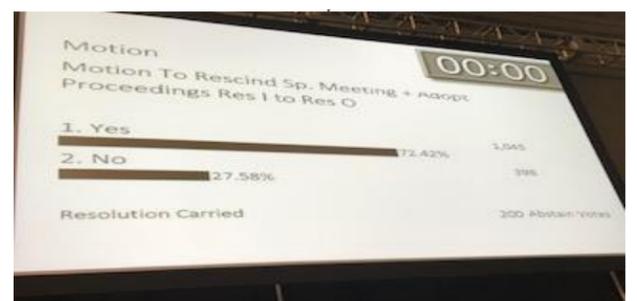
- ✓ **Summary:** This resolution adds requirements to the existing process under the CONSTITUTION. First, it requires the Legislative and Executive Branches designate officials to update the Office of General Council on any actions taken to implement or enforce the 2015 and 2016 resolutions. The updates are to be submitted within 60 days of the resolution’s passage. The resolution also requires that the Legislature and Executive appoint officials to work with the Office of General Council in a continuing effort to implement and enforce the 2015 and 2016 resolutions. These officials are to be appointed within 30 days of the written update provided to the Office of General Council. Lastly, the resolution requires Legislative and Executive Branch officials to appear before the General Council in 2018 if the deadlines established in the resolution are not met.
- ✓ **Authority:** “General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings . . . This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. . .” CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,833 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,032 Affirming, 465 Opposing, and 336 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** This resolution raises the nuanced question of what constitutes policy versus a law that seeks to implement policy. Analysis of this question is beyond the scope of this summation memo. The General Council has authority to set policy, but at some point, specific directives on how best to implement policy edge toward violating the separation of powers between co-equal branches of government. While the General Council sets policy, the Legislature is charged with adopting laws to implement that policy and the Executive’s job is to enforce those laws in service of that policy.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** Appoint individuals and task them as directed by the resolution.

09-16-2017-B Untitled

- ✓ **Summary:** This resolution requires the Election Board to call a “secretarial election” within 90 calendar days. The election would consider amending the CONSTITUTION according to a ballot that has been previously submitted to the Legislative Branch and Election Board. The proposed amendment seeks to remove references to the General Council Agency, replace

1 In the *Funmaker* case, the General Council Chairperson made a determination that the recall of the Ho-Chunk Nation President was insufficient based upon the interpretation of voting tabulation. The Chair utilized Robert’s Rules of Order, which the General Council did not question; based upon those rules, the vote was insufficient to cause a recall election. However, a “simple majority rule” would have caused a recall election. The Trial Court determined that the General Council adopted the Chair’s procedural choice as its own by tacitly accepting the Chair’s system. *Forest Funmaker et al. v. Alvin Cloud, et al.*, CV 05-86 (HCN Tr. Ct., Feb. 16, 2007).

2 Unfortunately, I have not received the Transcripts to date. However, a picture was taken, which indicates that the vote occurred. I am unsure as to why it was denoted as “NO VOTE RECORDED.”



those references with "Office of General Council," reappportion the representation in the Legislature, and remove the requirement that constitutional amendments be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. A copy of the material allegedly provided to the Legislature and Executive was not presented, but rather referenced within the Resolution.

- ✓ **Authority:**
 - "General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation . . . CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
 - The General Council retains the power to call a Special Election. *Id.*, Art. IV, § 3e.
 - "The Legislature shall adopt Codes governing . . . Elections . . . and other Codes as deemed necessary." *Id.*, Art. V, § 3.
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,910 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,154 Affirming, 511 Opposing, and 245 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** The vote on the resolution was proper. The resolution appears to conform to existing law. Nonetheless, the "Secretarial Election" provision has been addressed. See CONST., Art. XIII, § 2 (adopted on January 26, 2016 which became effective on February 11, 2016 by operation of law). Although nominally the provision is still called, "Requests for Secretarial Election," the language proposed by the General Council passed. Any additional action may appear redundant and unnecessary.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** Although the General Council did not see or obtain the referenced electronic submissions, the Election Board should locate the materials previously presented to the Legislature and Executive, it may draft a ballot measure based on that material, and proceed with calling a secretarial election to consider the proposed amendment. This assumes that previously provided material is congruent with the language presented to the General Council. If not, the Election Board must follow the resolution presented to General Council.

09-16-2017-C Authorization and Approval for General Council Work Group and financial resources for pre- and post-General Council meeting activities.

- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,916 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 809 Affirming, 971 Opposing, and 136 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.

09-16-2017-D To establish the Tribal Aging Unit as separate and independent department named the Department of Tribal Aging under the Executive Branch of Government.

- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,898 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 626 Affirming, 1167 Opposing, and 105 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.

09-16-2017-E General Council FY 2019 Budget

- ✓ **Summary:** This resolution approves fiscal year 2019 General Council budget. The resolution states that "for the FY 2019 General Council Budget is approved in the amount of no less than \$1,381,523.00 . . ."
- ✓ **Authority:**
 - the Legislature "shall enact an annual budget. The budget shall include an appropriation of operating funds for each branch of the government. The Legislature shall not appropriate funds which have not been authorized by law. No item shall be included in the budget if it is not authorized by law." CONST., Art. V, § 13. *Id.*
 - The Ho-Chunk Nation APPROPRIATIONS & BUDGET PROCESS ACT, specifically indicates that the "General Council Agency shall submit the proposed annual budget for the General Council and General Council Agency to the Finance Committee . . ." APPROPRIATIONS & BUDGET PROCESS ACT, 2 HCC §4.5b(4).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,910 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,056 Affirming, 678 Opposing, and 176 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** This resolution contravenes the CONSTITUTION. According to the CONSTITUTION, the Legislature "shall enact an annual budget. The budget shall include an appropriation of operating funds for each branch of the government. The Legislature shall not appropriate funds which have not been authorized by law. No item shall be included in the budget if it is not authorized by law." CONST., Art. V, § 13. *Id.* The General Council previously delegated its authority to "the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V." CONST., Art. IV, §
- ✓ **Recommendation:** The Legislature may continue to exercise its constitutionally delegated duty, and is not required to approve the budget as proposed.

09-16-2017-F A Resolution to Assign Willing HC Homesteads to Grow Non-GMO, Non-Herbicidal Produce with Compensation at Growing Rate

- ✓ **Summary:** The resolution appears to call for the Nation to create a program whereby the Nation will purchase foodstuffs from Ho-Chunk land owners who produce non-GMO, organically grown food.
- ✓ **Authority:** The General Council retains the power to set binding policy. CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a), (f).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,770 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 876 Affirming, 613 Opposing, and 281 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** The vote on the resolution was proper. The resolution appears to conform to existing law.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** The Legislature should explore establishment of such a program.

09-16-2017-G Resolution in Support of a Full Time Drug and Alcohol Enforcement Officer of the Ho-Chunk Nation

- ✓ **Summary:** The resolution calls for the creation of a full-time Drug Enforcement Officer. The resolution was amended to add three such positions, for a total of four.
- ✓ **Authority:** "General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation . . . The policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances . . . CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,957 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,270 Affirming, 584 Opposing, and 103 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** This resolution is phrased in a way that suggests it seeks to force co-equal branches of government to exercise their authority and discretion at the direction of the General Council. The authority to set salaries, set terms of employment, and hire and fire lies with other branches of government.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** The Legislature should consider creating the proposed positions within the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and post the openings, although the authority to set salaries, set terms of employment, and hire and fire lies with other branches of government.

09-16-2017-H A Resolution requiring that Resolutions by General Council be acted upon by the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch and not referred to another department

- ✓ **Summary:** This resolution adds little to existing law. The resolution essentially commands the Legislature and Executive to fulfill their duties under prior law. The resolution states the General Council's opinion that the Legislature has not complied with its duty to make council resolutions into laws within 45 days of passage, and the Executive has not enforced that duty within 60 days of passage.
- ✓ **Authority:** "General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings . . . This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. . . ." CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,887 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,053 Affirming, 544 Opposing, and 290 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** This resolution is phrased in a way that suggests it wishes to intervene and criticize the manner in which the other branches implement the policy. Despite the language prohibiting referral to "another department," such a referral to a department may address the policy concern.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No additional action needed other than compliance with the existing laws mentioned.

09-16-2017-I Resolution Regarding Pike Island LLC

- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,865 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 560 Affirming, 1,077 Opposing, and 228 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.

09-16-2017-J Resolution to Mandate Treatment to Tribal Members Addicted to Drug and Alcohol if they Request it from the Ho-Chunk Nation

- ✓ **Summary:** This resolution requires the Nation to provide treatment to tribal members who are addicted to drugs or alcohol if the tribal member requests it, regardless of the number

of times the individual has relapsed.

- ✓ **Authority:** "General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation . . . The policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances . . . CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,857 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 1,434 Affirming, 337 Opposing, and 86 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** This resolution raises the nuanced question of what constitutes a policy as compared to a law that seeks to implement policy. Analysis of this question is beyond the scope of this summation memo. The General Council has authority to set policy, but at some point, specific directives on how best to implement policy goals, such as mandating treatment, edge toward violating the separation of powers between co-equal branches of government. While the General Council sets policy, the Legislature is charged with adopting laws to implement that policy and the Executive's job is to enforce those laws in service of that policy.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** More research should be done to make clear the distinction between policy and law in relation to this resolution. However, efforts can be made to increase services for tribal members suffering from addiction.

09-16-2017-K A Resolution to Obtain AODA Healing Center with EDMR Therapy

- ✓ **Summary:** The resolution calls for the Nation to open a "healing center" for tribal members that require AODA services. The center is to focus on Ho-Chunk cultural and spiritual ways. The resolution requires this to occur within thirty (30) days of the resolution being passed.
- ✓ **Authority:** "General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation . . . The policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances . . . CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,829 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 865 Affirming, 770 Opposing, and 194 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** This resolution raises the nuanced question of what constitutes a policy as compared to a law that seeks to implement policy. Analysis of this question is beyond the scope of this summation memo. The General Council has authority to set policy, but at some point, specific directives on how best to implement policy goals, such as mandating opening a medical treatment center, edge toward violating the separation of powers between co-equal branches of government. While the General Council sets policy, the Legislature is charged with adopting laws to implement that policy and the Executive's job is to enforce those laws in service of that policy.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** The Legislature and Executive should explore opening the center called for by the resolution, although they retain the discretion to decide whether or not opening such a center is feasible or prudent. Moreover, the timeframe is shorter than what is required by the CONSTITUTION.

09-16-2017-L Members receive a \$200 payout for members[sic] mileage and expenses to attend future General Council meetings

- ✓ **Summary:** The resolution references a previous increase in 2014. Nonetheless, the title references an increase; however, the body of the resolution does not address an increase.
- ✓ **Authority:** unknown
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,829 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 865 Affirming, 770 Opposing, and 194 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** In 2000, the General Council Planning Committee requested a budget, which would allow for a \$100.00 disbursement for registered tribal voting members at the annual General Council Meeting. *General Council Resolution 10-21-00A*. Then again in 2013 General Council passed a resolution in 2013, which increased disbursement from \$100 to \$150. *General Council Resolution 09-28-13-3*. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature adopted its resolution 11-05-13H, and appropriated the funds. The request was re-emphasized in 2014. *General Council Resolution 09-27-14-4*. Now, four years later, the General Council passed this resolution, which in title only, indicates that "[m]embers receive a \$200 payout for members[sic] mileage and expenses to attend future General Council meetings." *General Council Resolution 09-16-2017-E*.

A previous Attorney General Opinion stated:

[t]his resolution, although similar in nature to the other procedural resolutions presented in the past that effect [sic] how the GC meeting is conducted, actually requires an action that is delegated to the HCN Legislature and that is the power to "authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget." The GCA can present the Legislature with a line item for payouts that contain a request for \$150 disbursements but the Legislature is under no obligation to provide that amount. The Legislature must consider all the other expenditures necessary to keep the Ho-Chunk Nation government, all branches, running and they also should take the wishes of the GC into account when making the budget determinations.

2013 *General Council AG Opinion* (Sept. 28, 2013) at 3.

- ✓ **Recommendation:** For consistency purposes, the opinion remains unchanged. The budget must be submitted to the Legislature, and the Legislature must consider all the other expenditures necessary for the benefit of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

09-16-2017-M Setting policy regarding driver's license requirement in the Ho-Chunk Nation's Job Descriptions.

- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was rescinded.

09-16-2017-N A Resolution to Opt out or accept lesser amount of Christmas Bonus.

- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,954 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 670 Affirming, 1,190 Opposing, and 94 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.

09-16-2017-O Resolution to Move Ho-Chunk Hocak Worak from the Executive Branch to the General Council Branch

- ✓ **Summary:** This resolution seeks to have the HOCAK WORAK moved out from under the Executive Branch and placed under the supervision of the General Council.
- ✓ **Authority:** "The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation . . . CONST., Art. IV, § 3(a).
- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,880 votes, and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 932 Affirming, 591 Opposing, and 357 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Analysis:** The General Council has authority to set "policy" that is in turn implemented by the Legislature through the drafting and passage of laws. This defines the authority of each branch respectively, and one branch of government cannot exercise powers granted to another branch. Most recently, the General Council set policy and requested that the Legislature establish Departments, which the Legislature has done. In this instance, the General Council opted to move an Executive Department's division under it. Whereas the CONSTITUTION is clear that the Legislature establishes executive departments, it's silent when the General Council wishes to manage some of its own affairs, such as the Office of General Council, and now the newsletter.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** The Legislature should consider the policy resolution of moving the HOCAK WORAK from the Executive Branch to the General Council Branch.

09-16-2017-P Anyone turning 18 receive their regular per cap not Children's Trust Fund monies

- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,681 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 344 Affirming, 1,188 Opposing, and 149 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.

09-16-2017-Q To Reaffirm the Employment Protections for Ho-Chunk Members.

- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was rescinded.

09-16-2017-R A Resolution to Complete Cannabis Research

- ✓ **Vote:** The General Council cast 1,725 votes, and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 518 Affirming, 1,108 Opposing, and 99 Abstaining.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** No action necessary; the resolution was defeated.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa celebrates 24 years

Submitted by Melanie McDonald, Sr. Manager of Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa will be celebrating its 24th anniversary on October 14, 2017. Reflecting upon our history; we've come a long way since the 1970's, when Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa first opened as a tribal headquarters and was later converted into a bingo hall, formerly known as Rainbow Bingo.

In the beginning of 1992 it temporarily closed for several months as the Ho-Chunk Nation negotiated a seven year compact with the state of Wisconsin and re-opened as a gaming facility and bingo hall in September of 1992. At this time, the casino offered 85 slot machines and employed approximately 90 people.

Roughly one year later, a new building was constructed adjacent to the bingo hall and when the doors opened for

business on October 14, 1993, Rainbow Casino & Bingo was born. However, some restructuring needed to occur in order for our site to continue thriving and Rainbow Bingo permanently closed its doors on November 30, 2004. During the fall of 2008, a minor facelift was made to the inside of our facility and the middle of the gaming floor was raised to create one level.

Today, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa employs approxi-

mately 300 people and offers Blackjack, Three Card Poker, Texas Hold'Em, Roulette, over 600 slot machines, two dining options, RV parking, banquet center, convenience store and gift shop. To keep our gaming floor fresh and exciting for our guests, we routinely rotate new state of the art slot machines onto our gaming floor on a quarterly basis.

Regardless of the multiple transitions our site went

through, we've been able to offer a variety of entertainment options continuously throughout the years and this is something we're proud to maintain for our guests.

Stop by anytime in the month of October to help us celebrate our anniversary with many enjoyable and thrilling promotions. We have food and drink specials as well, there really is something for everyone at HCG-Nekoosa. We hope to see you soon!

Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court gives a court update

Your Supreme Court continues to work towards continuous improvement of our judicial system. As of FY 16-17, we increased our bar membership by four (4) individuals for a total of 66 bar members. Since September 2016, and beyond judicial duties to preside over the seven (7) appellate cases filed, we have:

- Implemented the Ho-Chunk Professional Responsibility Exam as a requirement for Ho-Chunk Nation Bar membership - an ongoing initiative since 2013. This exam is in place to ensure a minimal competency of ethics for all attorneys and lay advocates who practice in our court system;

- Designed a law library system to be housed in tribal branch offices or community buildings and we are currently finalizing the printing of the library resources for fall 2017 delivery and setup - an ongoing initiative since 2013. This law library system will

help increase access to the courts for area tribal members by having cases readily accessible in each area;

- Met with the Wisconsin Supreme Court to discuss issues of the administration of justice among the jurisdictions on April 11, 2017;

- Enacted the Ho-Chunk Disciplinary Rules for Professional Conduct. These rules were posted for public comment in 2017. All comments were deliberated in open session. Prior to enactment of these rules, there was not a codified process to handle complaints of Ho-Chunk Bar members. These rules provide for standard and fair procedures for Professional Responsibility complaints;

- Conducted research and initiated numerous consultations with the Traditional Court to identify our unique traditions and customs in administering criminal justice in Ho-Chunk territory. We are continuing to revise the



Hon. Todd R. Matha Wanašip, Chief Justice



Hon. Tricia A. Zunker Hinųk pji, Associate Justice



Hon. Samantha C. Skenandore Ciina`kMaņani, Associate Justice

Criminal Procedural Interpretive and Supportive Principles that restores our traditions and customs in criminal proceedings and will interface with the newly adopted criminal procedures after additional necessary consultations with the Traditional Court in late summer and fall 2017 - an ongoing initiative since 2016;

- Issued an administrative order temporarily adopting new criminal procedures until such time the draft Criminal Procedural Interpretive and Supportive Principles is complete and appropriate for interfacing with the temporary rules; and

- Issued an administrative order to update the Rules of Civil Procedure to address changes in the law governing administrative quasi-judicial bodies within the Nation.

We are also focusing on a number of new initiatives to include: annotations to the Ho-Chunk Constitution, an improved website increasing access to resources and court updates, and launching youth outreach efforts to foster interest in the pursuit of legal studies and a career in the legal profession.

The Supreme Court judicial officers are pictured above.



NEW HORIZONS
WISCONSIN TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE
ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS AND CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES



Annual Tribal Transportation Conference November 7-8, 2017 Radisson Hotel and Convention Center Green Bay, WI

The 2017 Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference is set for Nov. 7-8 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay. The annual event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance, Tribal Affairs, along with the WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force.

This is a tremendous opportunity for state, tribal, federal and transportation construction professionals to enhance their knowledge of governmental and transportation initiatives impacting Wisconsin's 11 Native American tribes.

Sessions will include how to do business with WisDOT, transportation safety, cultural resources and preservation, and federal Indian law and tribal transportation projects.

To register, or for more information, go to the WisDOT website (www.wisdottribaltaskforce.org) or contact Agnes Fleming, WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force Coordinator, at (715) 558-7750 or agnes.fleming@lco-nsn.gov.

for more information go to: wisdottribaltaskforce.org

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory
Board Member (1 vacancy)

District 2: Madison Area (Teejop)

According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) Advisory

Board Establishment Act and Organization Act;

Terms: Board members shall serve for a three (3)
year term and may serve more than one (1) term.

Selection/Appointment: The members of the TAU
Board shall be selected by the Elders from each of
their respective Districts. Each District shall choose
its member selection process.

**ELECTION DATE:
DECEMBER 6TH
9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**



Contact Annette Crowder, TAU Community Elder
Representative at 608-576-1940 for further information



ENJOY OUR COSTUME CONTEST AND THE SPOOKY SPECIAL

\$1,500 IN CASH PRIZES

OCTOBER 28 | DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

Play Bingo in costume on October 28th and you could be voted as one of the top five costumes to win up to \$500 cash. Voting begins at 7pm and will be announced during intermission.

Must be playing Bingo in costume with a valid door receipt to be eligible to win.

(1st)- \$500 (2nd)- \$400 (3rd)- \$300 (4th)- \$200 (5th)- \$100

WINNER TAKES ALL

The Spooky Special Progressive Jackpot Game, collecting since September, will be given away during the October 28th session. The first winner gets \$1,000 while the full card winner will take the rest.

SEE BINGO REPRESENTATIVE FOR DETAILS.



\$20,000 GIVEAWAY

OCTOBER 29 | 6PM | 17 WINNERS

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

(1)- \$2,500 (1)- \$2,000 (2)- \$1,500 (5)- \$1,000 (2)- \$750 (4)- \$500

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

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

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

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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.

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

Meeting Notice

Health Accreditation Board of
Directors Meeting

Friday, October 20, 2017
9:00 am
Conference Classroom

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N 6520 Lumberjack Guy Rd
Black River Falls WI 54615

The Health Accreditation Board of Directors meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act.
Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Notice of HHCDA Monthly Meeting Oct. 26, 2017

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

HHCA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze, John Dall, and Lori Pettibone. Will meet on Thursday, Oct. 26th, 2017, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Oct. 18th, 2017 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

MONTHLY DUMPSTER SERVICE TO MISSION/SANDPILLOW RESIDENTS

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

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

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

Delivery dates for 2017:
October 27th – October 30th
November 24th – November 27th
December 29th – January 1st

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD CHAIRPERSON VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is seeking enrolled Tribal Members interested in serving as the Election Board Chairperson for the next two year term 2018 – 2020.

Individuals interested in serving in the capacity of Election Board Chairperson shall submit a letter of intent to the Election Board Office no later than December 22, 2017 by 12:00 pm.

Duties include:

- Shall preside over all meetings of the HCN Election Board
- Adhere to the duties and responsibilities set forth in the Amended and Restated Election Code
- Ensure all Tribal elections are carried out according to the applicable laws set forth in the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Amended and Restated Election Code.
- Must be available at a moment's notice to attend any matters pertaining to Election Board with the office Administrator.

Interested tribal members may submit a letter of interest with qualifying information **by December 22, 2017 by 12:00 pm to:**

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD)

Board Vacancy Notice for District 2 Commissioner Baraboo, Madison

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency
Located at: 1102 & 1106 Monowau Street, Tomah, WI 54660

Term of Office: 4 years.
Regular meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified
A Board member is nominated by the District, then confirmed by the Legislature.

Qualifications:

- (a) Possess housing, community development, and board experience
- (b) Expertise to carry out the duties of a Commissioner and collectively as a board
- (c) Ability to contribute to the Agency to achieve the goals established by the Agency's Charter
- (d) Possess the abilities to carry out duties as Commissioner of a Non-Profit Agency
- (e) Must be able to take Board & NAHASDA Essential Training within 1 year

Eligibility:

- (a) Must have proof of a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance
- (b) Board Member(s) shall not be an immediate relative of a Legislator, the President, or appointed staff of the President,
- (c) Board Member(s) may not participate or be counted in matters of personal interest
- (d) Shall not be a member of more than one other Board (2 maximum)
- (e) Tenant(s) of HHCDA are eligible to be a Board Member
- (f) Members and non-members of the Ho-Chunk Nation are eligible to be a Board Member

Responsibilities:

- (a) Board is responsible for following HUD (government) Regulations
- (b) Board is responsible for long range planning of the agency
- (c) Board is responsible for policy making
- (d) Board Member is responsible to act as a whole and to serve the community as a whole
- (e) Board Member is responsible to follow policies established by the Board
- (f) Board Member is responsible to know and follow Non-Profit Status of the Agency
- (g) Board Member is responsible to act in good faith and in the interest of the Agency
- (h) Board Member is responsible to report to their area quarterly
- (i) Board Member is responsible to attend board meetings

**Contact Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency at (608) 374-1245
Applications available at HHCDA ext. 222**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF WWI VETERANS

The DORA organization is sponsoring the **40th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY POW WOW** this year which is also the **100th ANNIVERSARY** of the 128th Infantry, Company D 32nd Red Arrow Division on **NOVEMBER 11, 2017 AT 10:00 AM** Volk Field – Camp Douglas, WI.

The following list of veterans that volunteered for WWI will be honored in addition to veterans of all conflicts:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert <u>Bighunder</u> 2. Andrew <u>Blackhawk</u> 3. James <u>Brown</u> 4. Allen <u>Decorah</u> 5. Arthur <u>DeCorah</u> 6. Foster <u>DeCorah</u> 7. Henry <u>DeCorah</u> 8. Robert <u>DeCorah</u> 9. <u>Russius DeCorah</u> 10. William <u>DeCorah</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Nelson B. <u>DeLaRonde</u> 12. Andrew <u>Funmaker</u> 13. James <u>Greengrass</u> 14. James <u>Haynka</u> 15. Sam <u>Little Soldier</u> 16. <u>Nett LongTail</u> 17. <u>George Miner</u> 18. John <u>Miner</u> 19. William <u>Miner</u> 20. Mike <u>standing Water</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Jesse <u>Thompson</u> 22. Sam <u>Thunder Cloud</u> 23. Archie <u>White Eagle</u> 24. John <u>White Eagle</u> 25. Martin <u>White Bear</u> 26. Lyall <u>Wright</u>
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We are asking that the descendants of the 26 Veterans please contact Muggs Garvin at the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs office: [715-284-4563](tel:715-284-4563) for more information about this event, as we'd like to honor you and your family.

**Notice of Vacancy and Deadlines:
One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate
2018-2020
For the following Districts:**

<u>District 2:</u>	<u>Number of EB Delegates</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Tomah	1	1
Lacrosse	1	1
Baraboo	1	1
Madison	1	1
<u>District 4:</u>		
Milwaukee	1	1

The terms will end December 2020.

TERMS: All Election Board Members shall serve Two (2) year terms and may serve more than one (1) term.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for One (1) Election Board Delegate Member and One (1) Alternate to represent each District must be voted upon during your District monthly meeting in November 2017. This posting needs to be posted 30 days prior to nominating any board member.

Pending a Background, and Legislature confirmation.

12:00 PM – Friday, December 22, 2017

The following is the job description for
Election Board Members:

The Election Board shall conduct all General and Special Elections in a fair and impartial manner.

Shall notify the voters of the polling places not less than 15 days before the elections.

Shall ensure that all candidates meet the qualifications for office.

No member of the Election Board may actively campaign for the nomination, election, recall or removal of any elected official.

The Election Board shall seek to uphold to the terms of the HCN Election Code.

Two consecutive unexcused absences for duly called Board meetings shall result in automatic removal from the board unless the absent Board Member establishes to the satisfaction of the Board good cause for his/her absence.

Must be an adult enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member.

All Election Board members shall serve two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board Members may serve more than one (1) term.

Election Board Office
206 South Roosevelt Road
Black River Falls, WI. 54615

(715)284.8900 (715)284-8600 FAX (800)890.0583

Posted 10/2/2017

Ho-Chunk Nation

Tribal Aging Unit Elder Advisory Board
District 2 (Wisconsin Dells Area) has one position open on the TAU Elder Advisory Board

- Applications and more information can be obtained/ completed at any TAU location.
- Once the candidates are nominated each district will choose its member(s) as required by the written and approved election procedures.
- The member of the TAU Board will be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts and/or Feeding Sites.

Elections will be held at the Wisconsin Dells TAU Monday November 13, 2017 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.

TAU Wisconsin Dells
E8863 Winneshiek Lane
WI Dells, WI 53965
(608)253-2185



Madison/ Dane County (Teejop) Ho-Chunk Elders are invited to attend the monthly local area elder meeting at the:

Madison Branch Office (Teejop Hocira)
4724 Tradewinds Parkway, Madison, WI 53718.

This is an opportunity to work on creative initiatives in our community and/or the elder community. You're always welcome to express concerns and needs to your Tribal Aging Unit Community Elder Representative. This is also a chance to socialize with your peers, fundraise, and plan fun outings. RSVPing to the meeting is appreciated but not /required.

UPCOMING ELDER MEETING DATES & ELECTION:

OCTOBER 25TH @ 11 A.M.

DECEMBER 6TH (HOLIDAY MEETING) @ 11 A.M.

and @ 9 A.M - 2 P.M. (TAU ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION)

Contact Annette Crowder, TAU Community Elder Representative at
608-576-1940 for further information or questions



HCN Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board has a vacancy for a position in the Tomah area. The members of the TAU Board will be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts and/or Meal Sites.

The voting for the Tomah area position will be held at the Tomah Tribal Aging Unit feeding site at 358 Eos Road, Tomah, WI 54660 on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017** from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Please contact Carole Lastrup at 800/294-9343, X5930 or the TAU Meal site, 358 Eos Road, for an application if you are a HCN Tribal Elder living in the Tomah area who is interested in the position on the HCN Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board. Applications will be closed one week before the voting date, November 7, 2017.

Additionally, eligible voters may write in candidate names. Names must be legible and eligible to become a TAU Advisory Board Member.

One (1) absentee ballot will be permitted per elder unable to vote at the polling site. Submission of an absentee ballot will be by US postal service. Absentee ballot submission deadline is one (1) week prior to the election. Absentee ballot envelopes must be sealed and opened only in the presence of the election staff after polling closes.

Notice to creditors

Notice to creditors of the estate of Reuben Allen Hall: you have 90 days from the date of this first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Roberta Hall, P.O. Box 765, Black River Falls, WI. 54615

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



Ho-Chunk author Chandler creates new book, 'Running to Never'

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

When Larinna Chandler was a child, growing up in the Black River Falls area, she would fill her creative cravings by writing on paper plates.

By the time she was 8, her teachers in school would lecture her about plagiarism because her writings were so advanced beyond what other children were writing, they concluded there was no way she actually wrote those words, sentences and paragraphs.

"I was writing way over my age," Larinna said. "At that time, I was reading adult-level books, like Louis L'Amour."

Now that she is an adult, she uses that creative writing energy to craft books for publication. Larinna is a proud Ho-Chunk tribal member and she works for the Ho-Chunk Food Distribution Program in Black River Falls.

"Running to Never," her third work, has just been released on ebook and soon will be available in paperback. She is working to get the book made into a movie.

It is the story of a little girl, Eva, and a Nazi officer, Josef Roehm, during World War II.

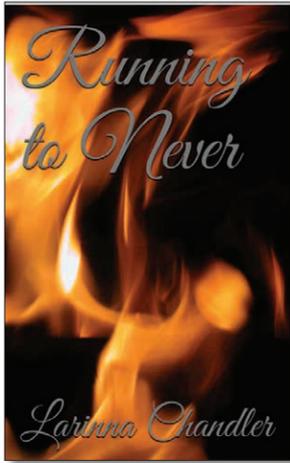
The setting is 1943, Poland, when Eva and her mother, Hanna, are placed as prisoners into the Majdanek Concentration Camp in Lublin, Poland.

Through bravery and a lot of luck, Hanna and Eva have survived the ordeal, that is, with the help of a very selfish officer. Yet, Eva grows weaker by the day and rumors swirl that Allied forces are still years away. Hanna doesn't have years to wait for rescue, she has weeks at best to escape and save her daughter's life.

Josef Roehm is appointed second in

command at Majdanek. He had heard of the concentration camps before, of course, but now he was to run one. Josef is forced to hide his shame at his country behind a mantle of arrogance and indifference. When he is called to issue a punishment to a young woman for trying to escape, he simply can't do it.

To show his weakness however, would be treason. In an act of compassion, Josef hides the small child in his home. With the help of the most unlikely ally, he has a plan to escape with the small child, but first he must gain the mother's trust without letting anyone, including her, know of Eva's fate. He made a promise to a solemn little girl.



The ebook has been selling on sites such as Amazon.com. So far, the response has been astounding, Larinna said. Positive reviews have been posted and people have been contacting Larinna with praise.

However, when she was in elementary school, her writings were not always accepted. Her teachers often discouraged her from writing, except for a few teachers who gave their full support, such as the encouragement from Mrs. Windsor and Mrs. Bishop.

"They believed in me," she said.

While Larinna was going through struggles of adolescence, she turned to writing poetry as a means of expressing herself.

She became discouraged about writing for a few years, but returned to the craft stronger than ever when she became an adult. Dabbling in poetry, she found the art form a release of her emotions.

In 2001, she attended two poetry conventions, in Los Angeles and

Washington D.C., but then received the inspiration to begin writing a book.

"I finally figured out how to put it together. It was a constant struggle," she said. "I received my biggest support from my husband, Curtis."

Larinna was published in many poetry anthologies and has won the Poet of the year several times from poetry.com. She also has many editorials, articles and random bits of fiction spread across the internet.

Larinna spent several years working as a reporter for the Blair Press. She has been a first responder and a security guard. She worked as a valet attendant and as a gas station cashier.

She has written "Murray and Angel: Unfenced," and "Fairelle and the Palace of the Gods."

Her first book, "Murray and Angel Unfenced: The secret of life," was released on May 25, 2016. The story about a goat who is a standard run-of-the-mill dairy goat. No fancy pedigrees. After watching humans go about their daily lives, Murray realizes that goats are superior creatures and really do know how to be happy.

His loyal wife, Angel, attempts to keep Murray from his wandering attention span and on the straight and narrow. Murray escapes the confines of his pen and writes his first book of three.

Larinna's second book, Her second book, "Fairelle and the Palace of the Gods," is a short story. The main characters, Fairelle and Razari, have survived the beasts that roam the world of the Gods. They have even escaped being noticed by the Gods themselves. They are set to live happily ever after, that is, until they find out who they really are.

Having completed and published those two works, Larinna began thinking about her next writing. Her husband tried to calm her fears.

"Your next book is going to pick you, you aren't going to pick it," he told me," Larinna said.

Then, it did. Curtis was watching Youtube videos and Larinna was eating in the kitchen when a thought suddenly struck her.

"I got it," I yelled. I ran over to the computer and wrote down the basic idea for the story. Later, I wrote the first chapter for the book on my phone while I was working at the cranberry marsh," she said.

"I did a huge amount of research: people, places, dates, and actions – what causes a Nazi to be torn between duty and his own conscience," she said. In here story, the main character is conflicted between the Nazi soldier he is supposed to be and the compassionate person he really is.

He had to present a stern and nasty front so that other Nazi officers wouldn't see the tenderness inside



Larinna Chandler displays the cover to her new book, "Running to Never." The book is available now in electronic format and will be released in paperback in a few weeks.

him.

The story is an example of what Larinna likes to develop, which is human interaction and how people can change for the better.

She researched how, during World War II, real Nazi soldiers and officers risked their lives by going against policy and orders to help people in distress.

"I spent hundreds of hours looking into witness accounts," she said. "It's a horrible time in history and people did so much, but couldn't tell anyone. I like to deal more of the human aspects."

Now that Larinna has finished and published "Running to Never," she has already started to write her next book, which is story involving time travel.

"A faction of the government transports a family from 1851 to modern-day Jackson County. It's fictional, but it involves traits of present-day people," she said.

For her inspiration, she attributes a lot of her creativity to her friends. She hangs out with a diverse group of people from all types of backgrounds and viewpoints, who also support her works.

"They're a wonderful crew of people – a very eclectic group," she said. "I couldn't ask for anything more."

Her writing is the essence of her life and she uses it to fulfill her creative needs. Besides her book crafting and Facebook posts, and her website, she maintains a blog online to express her daily thoughts and expressions of wordiness. She has 1,083 followers on her blog.

"It's a good, creative outlet and a way for people to find my work," she said.

Larinna does receive fan mail and she makes every attempt to respond to every message she receives.

"It affects me so much and it makes me feel good, but, yes, I try to be humble," she said, then laughed. "Curt is pretty quick to remind me if I get too full of myself."

She owes a lot of her success to a higher being.

"I'm thankful the Creator has given me gifts I can share."

October is Domestic Violence

AWARENESS Month

Silence Hides the Violence

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division

2nd Annual COLOR Fun Run

Saturday October 14th, 2017

FREE TO PARTICIPATE! Fun for the whole family!



- Registration @ 9:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Rd in Black River Falls, WI
- Run/Walk starts @ 10:00 a.m.
- Wear White! Free Sunglasses, water bottles & bandanas for the first 150 participants
- Great door prizes! Grand prize for adults: tickets to Packers/Buccaneers 12/3/17 @ 12:00 p.m. game.
Grand prize for kids: Ipad mini 4!

For more information contact:

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division

(715) 284-2622 Ext. 5135



This is a drug and alcohol free event. Ho-Chunk Nation and the Domestic Abuse Division are not responsible for any personal injuries or damage to property.