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# Greendeer shows her best at nationally-televised dog show

## Westminster next in her sights



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Brittany Greendeer's love for dogs goes well beyond a hobby or an occupation.

It's her life.

Brittany appeared on the national television on Thanksgiving Day, showing Quill, a wirehaired Vizsla, on NBC's 16th annual edition of its popular holiday special "The National Dog Show Presented by Purina."

Although Brittany feels at home in the show ring, this time it was a little different.

"It was a little more stressful, mainly because they reminded us about 20 times that is was going to be on national TV," she said. "But once I got into the routine, I was fine."

Brittany is the daughter of Jon "Maasusga" Greendeer and Stacy Sieber.

Multi Group Placing CH Zoldmali Fanni CA, better known as "Quill," is owned by Megan and Eric Wal-

lental of Pivot Kennels in Grand Marsh, Wisconsin, and Brittany has been hired to train him, make him presentable, and take him into the show rings.

Brittany is now living in North Carolina, having moved from Wisconsin Rapids a year ago. Now she makes a living by training, handling and showing dogs for other people.

By living on the East Coast, she has better access to national dog shows, but that's not the only reason. She likes to explore new areas, and she's been to North Carolina before, so this was the perfect opportunity to accomplish both her objectives.

She started showing dogs about five years ago while working fulltime as a dog groomer at a dog grooming in Wisconsin Rapids.

Her love for the show ring propelled her to get even more involved, to the point where she has made handling and showing dogs her livelihood.

Her main show dogs have always been her own, in particular Multi Group Winning Bronze GCH Impact's Golden Ray CA CGCA Rhea, her Australian shepherd. But now she has Zilean, the son of Rhea, who is beginning to shine in the spotlight.

"I'll show every weekend, if possible," she said. And she is very dedicated to the profession, making personal sacrifices along the way.

She's handling dogs full-time now, making a career out of something she loves, and accepts show dogs owned by other people.

"It's a lot of work, but a lot of fun," she said.

When she got Quill, his coat was in rough shape and needed a lot of work. It took three weeks of proper daily care to get it into proper condition for showing.

CH Riot's Chronokeeper

Zilean will be Grand Champion in a week or two, she said. Zilean is the son of her main dog, Rhea.

In February, she plans to show at the Westminster Kennel Club Show, which is the most popular dog show in the country. She'll be showing Zilean and Rhea. This will be Rhea's last show before going into retirement and also to produce another litter of puppies this year.

"I'm starting to screen homes for her next litter," Brittany said.

The National Dog Show, shown on Thanksgiving, actually took place the weekend before and recorded for later viewing.

"What made it really great is that Quill's owners drove all the way from Wisconsin



Brittany and Zilean pose for a photo after Zilean's first major win when he was only 6 months old. It was Zilean's first time in the ring, about a year ago in Belleville, Ill.

to see him perform," she said. He placed second out of 35 wirehaired Vizslas entered at a recent national show.

What's really unique about Quill is his uncommon breed: a wirehaired Vizsla.

"A lot of people are surprised because they never heard of a wirehaired variety



Brittany Greendeer shows Quill, a wirehaired Vizsla, during "The National Dog Show," which was televised on Thanksgiving Day.

of Vizsla, even other people in the dog shows," she said.

The dogs are judged on their conformity to the standards of what the particular breed should look like, including the body standards.

And each judge has a preference for a different aspect, such as one judge will look at gait more heavily and another has a preference for a certain physical trait. That's why it's important for people to know what person will be the judge and what he or she likes.

"If you don't know what the judge likes, you don't know what to emphasize," she said. "The first impression is the most important. The judge will see a dog that he or she likes when they first enter the ring, then the judge will go over each dog individually."

She also plans to compete in the Royal Canin Show in Orlando Fla., in a couple weeks.

"He has a shot of being best of breed. It's time to introduce a new generation to the show ring," Brittany said.

Brittany also is preparing for the annual Westminster Dog Show in February. She plans to show Quill in the

wirehaired Vizsla group and both Rhea and Zilean in Australian shepherd.

"They split up the males and females for different showings, so I will be able to show both," she said.

This will be Rhea's last competition in a dog show.

She said Rhea is her "heart dog" and she will always stay with her, even after she has retired from showing.

The televised appearances help her and her dogs advance because it increases their exposure and notoriety.

"They'll see Quill and Zilean in a positive light," she said.

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# The return of the General Council Agency

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Editor

Show me the most up to date copy of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation that doesn't state that the "General Council Branch delegates authority to General Council Agency to select, hire manage and supervise General Council personnel to accomplish the tasks mandated by General Council."

If one doesn't exist, the 2016 General Council Resolution to Dissolve the General Council Agency is unconstitutional, and the General Council Agency (GCA) should be returned.

At the 2016 annual meeting, Parr Decorah of the GCA said, "The agency is in the Constitution."

General Council Chairman Gerald Cleveland Sr. pointed out that the GCA was accountable to the people at last year's meeting when he said, "It is not GCA's money. It is the people's money."

Let's also point out that it's not the Legislature's money. It's the people's money. More cheers.

General Council Agency Advocate Joy Thompson added the GCA's opinion.

"It's not the General Council Agency's budget, but the General Council's budget," Thompson said.

The General Council is all eligible voters.

The originator of the 2014 Christmas bonus resolution, Hazel Guerrero, wanted the General Council to scrutinize the Legislative Branch more stringently, just as the GCA received back in 2016.

"It's the legislative body that needs to be questioned," said Hazel Guerrero. "If we get rid of anyone, get rid of the legislative body. There are 156 General Council resolutions that haven't been acted upon."

The Ho-Chunk Nation legislature has been cherry picking which General Council resolutions to move forward or not, such as not holding a secretarial election, the four-year degree requirement, and the selling of the Southland property.

In the Attorney General's opinion, it outlined how to

properly dissolve the GCA.

"If the General Council wishes to dissolve the General Council Agency in its entirety, then it will require a constitutional amendment to do so," Attorney General Amanda WhiteEagle said.

Furthermore, the attorney general guided the Legislature to name any new office of the General Council branch similarly to GCA, because GCA is the name that appears in the constitution.

"In order to comply with both the Constitution as well as the General Council, the Legislature should structure a law, similar to the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Committee Establishment Act, i.e., the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency Office Establishment Act," WhiteEagle said.

Legislature ignored the advice of the nation's "top cop" and created the Office of the General Council Establishment and Organization Act in January 2017. The legislature woefully left out the word "Agency."

Not only that, the newly

created Establishment and Organization Act has the General Council branch reporting to Legislature.

Where's the separation of powers?

Remember Legislature did not show up to make its report to the General Council at the Sept. 16 General Council meeting. What an irony.

The new Act states, "the Office of General Council shall report to the Legislature and/or any delegated Legislative Committee, on a quarterly basis as to its activities and planning."

The new Act also has the Executive Branch overseeing the General Council Branch.

The Act also states, "the Office of the President may administratively oversee time and attendance approval relative to the General Council Advocate."

That's overreaching their powers.

Meanwhile, the legislature continually gives themselves pay raises and nearly unlimited travel, per diem, and mileage each year in its budget.

It's time to have the General

Council branch approve each branch of the government's budget. That would insure we'd get a report from each branch, at least annually. It would increase transparency and knowledge of the nation's plans and goals.

Our lawmaking body should dedicate its focus on updating and making laws.

The GCA should have selected and hired its attorney, Dan Finerty, not the Legislature doing so. The GCA should oversee time and attendance of General Council personnel, not the Office of the President doing so.

At least that's how I read our Constitution.

The legislature continually acts against the Constitution.

It's time to follow our Constitution and the return of the General Council Agency.

One good change to the GCA would be to make representative seats elected, not just voted in at area meetings, to make them more accountable than they've been in the past.

# Native American culture is not a costume

As part of Black River Falls Middle School's recognition of November being Native American Heritage Month

**To the Editor:**

"Looking at myself in the mirror in full costume, I felt shameful for mock-ing my spirituality." (Young 1).

That quote was used by an actor that is a Native American, and after that, he wouldn't dress like that again. There are many reasons out there that say that Native American costumes are appropriate to wear. For an example, many costumes are sold because they are what is making the business. Wearing a Native American costume for Halloween is called cultural appropriation which isn't okay. If you are taking something from another culture that has a deep meaning,

and you are doing it for fun or to be "exotic," that's not right.

Many Native American cultures have sacred ceremonies, but we are all different. There are so many other costumes that cross the line of cultural appropriation. Native American culture is not a costume. Native Americans have a culture and religion just like everyone else. Their culture shouldn't be something that you can find in a Halloween store or even on a website.

However, there are so many other different costumes for Halloween than a culture that you might not know anything about or how sacred it is to a Native American.

Native American costumes aren't the only ones that are offensive. Other cultures are being used as a costume too. "Many of the costumes are stereotypical and offensive."

(Young 1).

These costumes are basically saying that we are dirty and "savages." Also many Native Americans find it offensive when their culture is used as a costume. Every Native American culture isn't the same. They didn't all live in teepees, not everyone had long black hair, and headdresses aren't used in every culture. Everything they wear they earn. "If they're allowed to use all of the things white people use, why can't we do this? It's like saying no one can use electricity or something because white people invented it." (Schilling 1). The feathers on a headdress are earned; every single one of them has a meaning. Those feathers are sacred to many cultures. The regalia that they wear has a meaning. When people wear it like it's nothing, and mock

them, it's disrespectful.

Native Americans wouldn't dress like an Australian for Halloween, so why dress like a Native American? It's called cultural appropriation when a person uses someone else's culture for your own benefit like the mascots for sports teams such as the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Blackhawks, Kansas City Chiefs and Washington Redskins. These aren't the only offensive logos and names; these are just some. There are many other cultural appropriation logos and names. The Washington Redskins is one of the most controversial names. "The Indian you see most often in Washington, D.C. is at a football game - at the expense of real Indians, real history, real culture. The petty stereotype has become expected." (Moni Basu 1)

Stereotypes are an issue because of the racial slurs that are used against the Native American people. There are many reasons the Native American people argue to rid the stereotypical mascots and costumes. They are cultural appropriation, stereotypical and offensive. The Native American people are the people of the United States of America. The racial names that are used to describe them, like red-skins, need to be changed. Their cultures are important to the history of the U.S.A. The wars can't be changed, but the mascots and costumes can. Native American culture is not a costume.

*Adrian Bible  
Black River Falls  
Middle School student*

# Trump owes Native America an apology

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President Donald Trump should be apologizing to Native Americans for the things he did during a nationally televised event at the White House last month.

While speaking at a ceremony meant to honor the Navajo code talkers, the president shamelessly exploited the media's coverage of the event. Instead of dedicating it all to the military veterans, he

used the camera time to call out one of his political opponents.

"We have a representative in Congress who they say was here a long time ago," Trump said. "They call her Pocahontas."

The jab was aimed at congresswoman Elizabeth Warren, a vocal democratic senator who has long criticized Trump and the Republican platform. Because of her outspokenness, she has fallen

victim to verbal attacks by the president since the start of his campaign trail.

Given the history between the two politicians, no one seemed surprised that Trump would continue to call Warren his favorite nickname after being elected.

They did, however, when he used it during an event honoring hundreds of Native Americans. For the nickname has been condemned as a racial slur.

Warren responded to remark in a recent interview with CNN, where she expressed deep disappointment in the president's behavior. She said it was wrong of him to politicize such an event.

"I really couldn't believe it," Warren said. "(This was) a ceremony to honor Native Americans, men who had really put it all on the line to save American lives."

However, the commander in chief's comment quickly be-

came the center of attention - and all anyone wanted to talk about after the ceremony.

News networks and radio stations across the country focused solely on Trump's insensitivity, and the purpose of the day was all but forgotten. The contributions of the code talkers were overshadowed by a single man and his careless words.

For that, Trump owes Native Americans an apology.

# Supreme Court renders a verdict in *HCN Gaming Commission v. HCN Ethics Review Board*

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court recently reached a decision in one of the most publicized cases ever to be heard at the tribal court building in Black River Falls.

It would mark the end of a long legal dispute between two bodies within the Ho-Chunk Nation. Formally known as *HCN Gaming Commission v. HCN Ethics Review Board*, the case has called public attention to the Nation's appointed officials and their exertion of power.

"It's a compelling story," stated Executive Manager of HCG-Madison Dan Brown. "It's an issue that directly affects the Nation's lifeblood."

The dispute began in August 2015, when the gaming commission suddenly revoked the licenses of the top two financial officers at HCG-Black River Falls. Since regulations prohibited the two from operating without a gaming license, their company was forced to terminate them.

A complaint was filed against the gaming commission with the Ethics Review Board (ERB), which found that the regulatory body's actions were in violation of the Nation's Code of Ethics.

To penalize them, the board assessed a fine against each of the commissioners and recommended that they be removed from the gaming commission entirely. Unsatisfied with such a decision, the commission filed a lawsuit against the ERB in trial court, arguing that the board overstepped its authority as part of the legislative branch.

"This sub entity is engaging in executive-branch functions," said attorney Erik Shircel. "It is engaging in investigations, as well as issuing citations and ethical viola-

tions. That would be like the legislature writing the traffic code, and then going out and issuing speeding tickets."

The trial court ultimately sided with the ERB, however, and upheld its decision. The gaming commission then filed an appeal with the Supreme Court, seeking a different outcome.

Oral arguments were presented in October, at which point both parties restated their case.

"The legislature is engaging in both its legislative functions and executive-branch enforcement," Shircel said. "(But) the constitution doesn't allow the executive branch to delegate its enforcement ability back to the legislature."

The attorney representing the ERB pointed out that all of the board's decisions were reviewable, and was the reason the two parties found themselves in court.

"I would be sympathetic to the appellants' arguments if the final decisions of the Ethics Review Board were not reviewable," said attorney Andrew Adams. "But they're fully reviewable, in the same way that the Gaming Commission's decisions are reviewable by the trial court."

The Supreme Court took less than 50 days to issue its ruling, which is now publicly available.

"This Court affirms the Trial Court's decision," stated the Supreme Court justices.

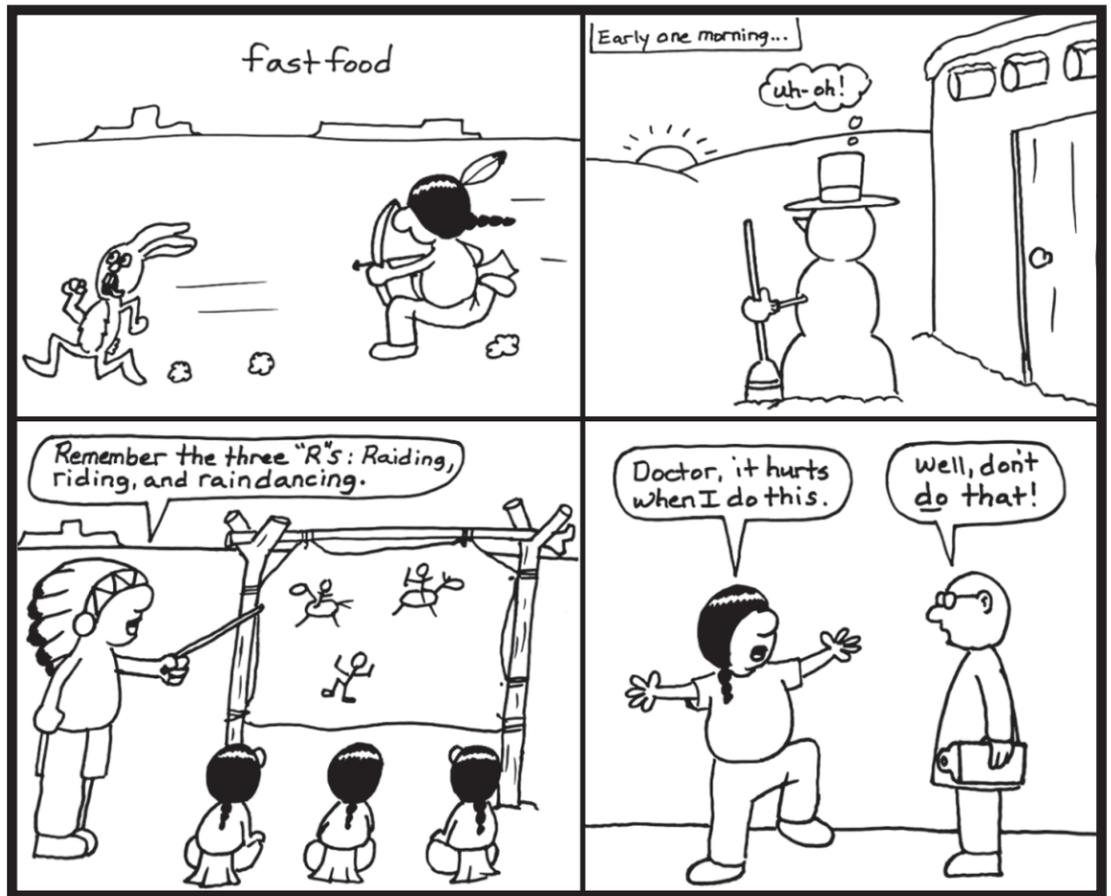
The three judges agreed that the lower court had taken appropriate action by upholding the ERB's decision. As a result of the ruling, both courts have now supported the recommendation to remove the Nation's gaming commissioners.

No statement has been released from the department yet.



Nearly two and a half years after the events that led to lawsuit, the Ho-Chunk Nation's Supreme Court has issued its decision in *HCN Gaming Commission v. HCN Ethics Review Board*.

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# HHCDA plans to equip 98 more houses with solar panels

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Neil Whitegull, executive director of Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) hopes every house owned by HHcda will be equipped with solar panels.

The organization has been working toward those ends and plans to equip another group of houses, this time houses from three communities in the Wisconsin Dells

HHcda has been awarded a \$600,000 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, which will be combined with the required investment of \$200,000 from HHcda, Whitegull said.

The organization had a

similar solar panel project for Sandpillow in Black River Falls about three or four years ago, Whitegull said. That project included 52 units.

While solar panels are available to complete a variety of tasks, the solar panels that HHcda plans to purchase and assemble on their houses are photovoltaic, meaning they will produce electricity from sunlight. That electricity will be tied into the electrical grid to reduce the amount needed from other sources, thereby reducing the electric bill each month.

The upcoming project will equip 98 single family and multifamily homes in the Wisconsin Dells Area, which includes the Indian Heights,

Ho-Chunk Village, and Winnebago Heights (also known as Christmas Mountain) communities.

They hope to complete the rest of the HHcda house inventory next year if a similar grant could be obtained. That project would cover the houses in Blue Wing in Tomah, Chak Ha Chee in Nekoosa, and Indian Mission in Black River Falls. The total of those houses is 49.

"We hope to have all of them finished by the end of July," Whitegull said. "That's the contract end date."

One obstacle is obtaining the power usage from current residents.

"What we need from tenants is a signed release form to collect electrical usage," said HHcda Development Director Terri Schilke. "The form will authorize us to obtain their 12-month kilowatt usage. No other information will be released, not the dollar amount, not anything personal, just their usage."

The data is important because it allows HHcda to obtain state dollars for the solar panels under a renewable energy rebate program. Without that information, they will not receive the money.

In addition, it helps the HHcda crew to match the appropriate size panels based on usage.

So far, the response to their request is dismal.

"We've sent out three notices with the forms, even included self-stamped addressed envelopes," Schilke said. "We've had two informational meetings. We've even gone door-to-door."

Only about a third of the people have responded. "It's to help them," she said. "We've had a good response in Jackson County, but not other places."

Of the communities set for solar panels this year, Ho-Chunk Village is the largest, with 56 units.

"The main emphasis is to reduce utility payments for low-income families," he said.



Installers place a solar panel on the roof of a house in Sandpillow. More solar panels are planned for HHcda homes in Ho-Chunk communities.

Other aspects are considered, too, such as a lower carbon footprint, meaning it reduces the consumption of nonrenewable energy and reduces pollution.

"We have to look at it as part of the sustainable movement for the Ho-Chunk people," Whitegull said.

In agreement with that effort, other avenues have been part of the overall effort of HHcda to lessen energy consumption, such as increasing insulation in the walls and ceiling, weatherproofing windows, and as simple as placing an insulating blanket on the water heater.

Through the years, about 25 solar hot water heaters have

been installed on HHcda houses.

Whitegull said each of their new structures HHcda constructs meets or exceeds the industry standard. The attention to details is so great, four years ago, HUD awarded HHcda with a Best Practices Recognition.

HHcda has an Energy Task Force that is involved with the strategic planning process. Suggestions from those planning sessions are then put into place, using those ideas as a road map, Whitegull said.



Each solar panel placement presents its own challenges. The solar panels need to be mounted at the correct angle to capture the most sunlight.



In order to qualify for state funds, HHcda asks each lease resident in the to allow them access to power usage.



Solar panels will help each resident to reduce energy bills. HHcda hopes to equip houses with solar panels in the Wisconsin Dells communities.

## Governor Scott Walker seeks applicants for non-traditional student representative on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

Submitted by Tom Evenson, Office of the Governor, State of Wisconsin

Governor Scott Walker announced today that he is seeking applicants for the non-traditional student representative on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents.

The undergraduate student representative must be at least 24 years of age and represent the views of non-traditional

students, such as those who are employed or who are parents; this regent will serve for two years. The representative must be enrolled at least half-time in a University of Wisconsin institution, be in good academic standing, be a Wisconsin resident, and be enrolled for their entire term.

Please note that due to students from UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire having recently served on the board, no

applications may be accepted from these institutions.

The Board of Regents is responsible for establishing policies and rules for governing the System, planning to meet future state needs for collegiate education, setting admission standards and policies, reviewing and approving university budgets, and establishing the regulatory framework within which the individual units are allowed

to operate with as great a degree of autonomy as possible. Board members attend eight regular meetings per year, serve on special committees, serve as liaisons with at least two UW institutions, and perform related duties.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please submit the following:

Application: Online application, cover letter, resume, and essay

The online application will require uploading a cover letter, resume, and essay found on Governor Walker's website: <https://walker.wi.gov/apply-to-serve>

The deadline for submitting application materials is noon on Friday, January 5, 2018. Potential applicants with questions about the appointments process may contact Dan Sievert at 608-266-1212.

# Koenig contributes more on the court after acquiring starting position

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Grand Rapids guard Bronson Koenig has been making a noticeable difference in games lately, averaging more points and more rebounds as a starter than he ever did as a backup.

The G-League rookie has averaged 15 points and 3.0 rebounds throughout the last three contests, helping his team to two wins and a narrow loss.

Those performances have brought Bronson's 14-game average to just under 10 points per game, twice as much as he had in his first two appearances with Grand Rapids.

Since becoming a starter last month, the rookie has also done a better job of crashing the boards. He has totaled nine rebounds over the past three games, which is three times the number of boards he had in his first three contests.

More importantly, he has become more confident shoot-

ing the ball. Over the past three games, Koenig has attempted 39 field goals – more shots than he has taken during any other three-game stretch of the season.

Over half of those attempts have come from beyond the arc, where Koenig appears to be most comfortable shooting the ball. The rookie guard has actually been doing better from long distance than from two-point range.

Since the start of the month, Koenig has shot 55 percent from behind the three-point line but less than 37 percent from inside of it.

He has been most effective from the corners, where he shoots at an impressive 50 percent.

Indeed, the most memorable moment of the 23-year-old's playing career came from the corner, in the final seconds of a 2016 NCAA tournament game against the Xavier Musketeers.

With just two seconds left on the clock, Koenig cut to

the right wing to receive an inbounds pass.

He took a single dribble and let loose an arcing fade-away. The shot went in with a swish, winning the game for his Badger team and sending them to a school-record third straight Sweet 16.

Koenig reminded fans of this shooting ability during Grand Rapids' last game, as he went five of eight from beyond the arc and finished with 17 points on the night.

If the rookie guard can continue to perform at this level throughout the remainder of the season, he would drastically improve his statistics – perhaps enough to grab an NBA coach's attention as he thinks about next season's roster.

Lucky for Koenig, he has been getting a good amount of playing time to do so.

Grand Rapids' next game would be on Dec. 13, against the Canton Charge.



# Kildee, 37 members of Congress urge Republicans to support Indian Country in tax plan

Current Versions of Tax Bill Fail to Support Tribal Communities, Offer Parity in the Federal Tax Code for Tribal Governments

Submitted by  
Mitchell Rivard

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), along with 37 other Members of Congress, sent a letter today to U.S. Representatives and Senators serving on the conference committee concerning the Republican tax bill. In their letter, Kildee and other members seek changes to the final bill, since the current version being rushed through Congress negatively and unfairly affects Indian Country.

"We write to you today with disappointment in the failure of Republicans to include tribal governments in either the House or the Senate versions of their tax bill. As the conference process proceeds, we urge you to consider the needs of Indian Country in the

final bill. The federal tax code does not recognize the unique sovereignty of tribal governments and as a result, tribes do not enjoy the same benefits as state and local governments under the tax code," the lawmakers wrote.

"The Senate had several opportunities, both in committee markups and through proposed floor amendments, to fix the issue of tribal taxation in the tax bill. Yet it inexplicably failed to do so. And now tribes are told that yet again, they must wait for some future work on tax reform. This is completely unacceptable," the lawmakers continued.

"Republicans are leaving behind Indian Country," said Congressman Kildee. "Under our Constitution, tribal governments are recognized as

sovereign nations. They have an inherent right to govern themselves. Yet the Republican tax bill fails to include tribal governments. Under their tax scam, the unique tribal sovereignty is not recognized. As a result, tribes will be treated unfairly under the tax code."

A copy of the letter and full list of Members who signed is below:

Dear Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Neal:

We write to you today with disappointment in the failure of Republicans to include tribal governments in either the House or the Senate versions of their tax bill. As the conference process proceeds, we urge you to consider the

needs of Indian Country in the final bill.

The federal tax code does not recognize the unique sovereignty of tribal governments and as a result, tribes do not enjoy the same benefits as state and local governments under the tax code. To correct this mistreatment of tribal governments in the tax code, Indian Country spent almost two years educating the House and the Senate on the need for their equitable tax treatment.

The Senate had several opportunities, both in committee markups and through proposed floor amendments, to fix the issue of tribal taxation in the tax bill. Yet it inexplicably failed to do so. And now tribes are told that yet again, they must wait for some future work on tax reform. This is completely unacceptable.

Indian Country has some of the poorest communities in our country. Tribal communities have long endured high levels of poverty and substandard housing, reduced employment opportunities and economic development, and tremendous infrastructure demands. Not addressing these issues in the tax code is wrong and unjust.

We urge the Conference Committee include in its final bill the following provisions:

**Parity for Tax-Exempt Bonds:** As sovereign nations, tribal governments should possess the authority to use tax-exempt bonds the same as state and local governments. Right now, tribal governments are limited to using tax-exempt bond financing for "essential government functions." But by preventing

a tribe from utilizing tax-exempt bonds for economic development activities will only prevent much needed tribal infrastructure development and economic growth.

**Parity for Indian Adoption Tax Credit:** Under current tax law, tax credits for families that adopt special needs children are only available for adoptions in state courts, not in tribal courts. Tax credits should be available to families that adopt special needs children, regardless of the adoption venue.

**Parity for Excise Tax Exemptions:** Again, as sovereign nations, tribal governments should receive the same treatment as state and local governments for the various excise tax exemptions that exist in the tax code.

**Increase Deployment of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in Indian Country:** The reconciled bill should treat tribes as states for these credit allocations. It should also create a tribal set-aside and allow Indian areas to be eligible for enhanced credits as significant levels of substandard housing exist throughout Indian Country.

The undersigned Members request the conferees reconsider the failure to address the unique needs of Indian Country. It is vital that a tax bill that provides additional wealth to those that already have the most should also ensure that tribal governments can benefit from the supposed economic benefits that will result from its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Dan Kildee

# Whitetail Crossing's Big Buck Contest



# Ho-Chunk Optical focuses on Native design eyeglass frames

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A new pair of spectacles can be more than better eyesight.

It can be a fashion statement and give pride in Native heritage, as well.

The new frames available at Ho-Chunk Clinic Optometry, from the AYA line and the Native Vision line, according to said Ho-Chunk Health Care

Center Doctor of Optometry (OD) Rachel Lundberg.

Each have a distinct Native design on the bows, and each are produced by Native-owned companies.

The AYA frames, created by designer Claudia Allen, are rather abstract native designs.

The Native Designs frames have distinct cutouts in the form of animals, such as horses, bears, and other cultural connections.

“This might appeal to Ho-Chunk people who identify with a particular clan, such as a bear design for someone who is a member of the Bear Clan,” Lundberg said.

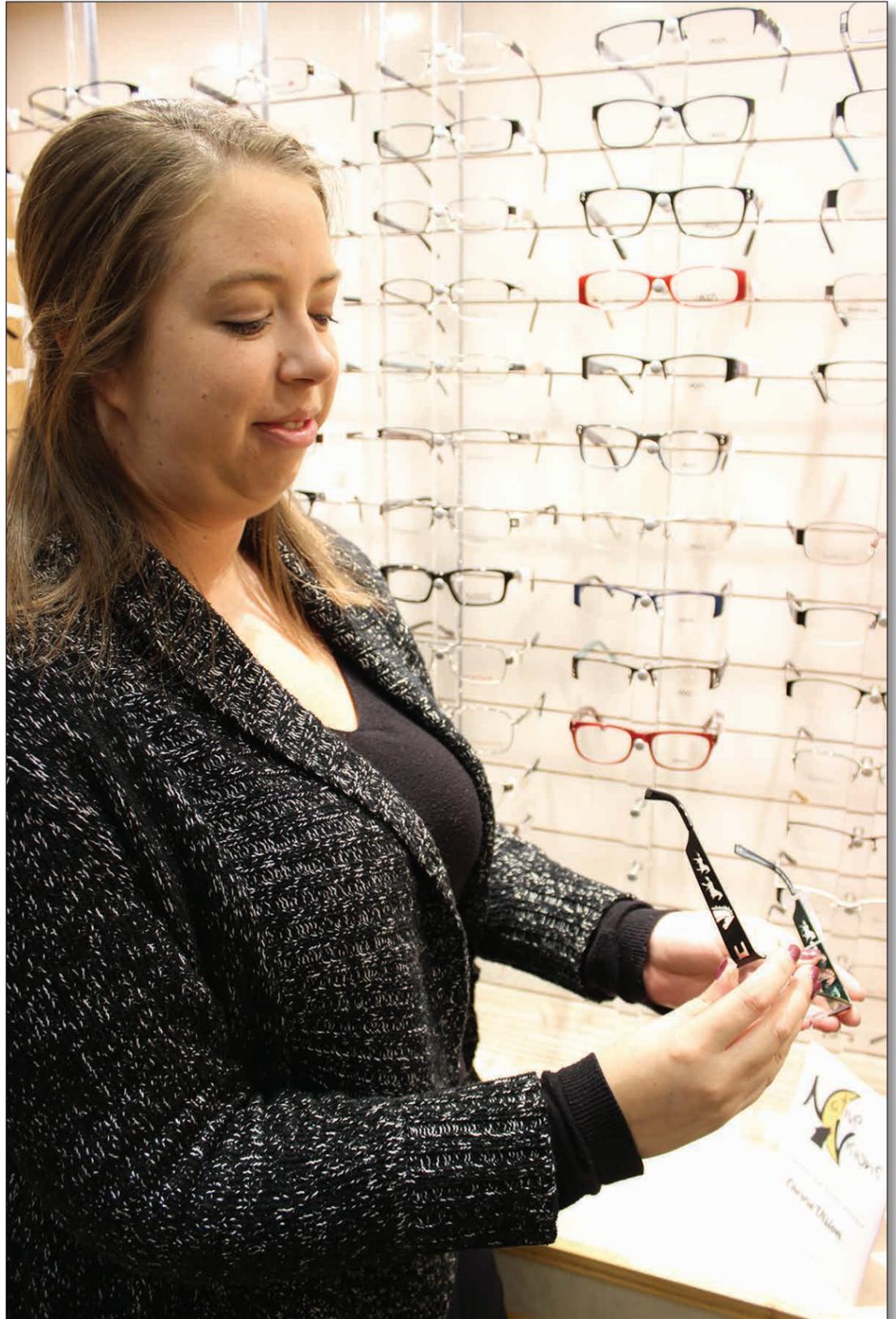
The frames have been in the optical shop for about a month and a fair number of them have been sold, she said.

Health Department Director Ona Garvin and Wally Apland, director of finance, suggested getting the frames, having heard of their availability through other native people, Lundberg said.

With each set of AYA frames sold, a portion of the sales are donated to children’s breakfast programs throughout the country.



Native Visions eyeglass frames have been available at the Ho-Chunk Vision Center for about a month.



Optometrist Rachel Lundberg displays a pair of Native Designs frames, which have distinct animal and symbolic cutouts.



Optometrist Rachel Lundberg holds a pair of AYA frames, which have rather abstract native designs.



The cutout designs can have special significance for Native Americans, especially when it comes to clan animals.

# BRMH donates to area organizations

Barbara Brower  
Community Relations  
Coordinator, Black River  
Memorial Hospital

In an effort to serve organizations in need, Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) provides donations through its weekly Dress Down Day Donation program. During the fourth quarter of 2017, BRMH provided \$250 each to three organizations. Receiving the donation for Kathy's Fund, a program that assists patients and families in the BRMH Hospice program with unmet needs or last wishes is (l-r) Sue Lindberg, BRMH Homecare-Hospice

Billie, Dena Graff, BRMH Homecare-Hospice Director and Dan Collins. Dan established Kathy's Fund in memory of his wife who received Hospice care. Representing Together for Jackson County Kids, a coalition that provides healthy lifestyle choices is Grant Supervisor, Monica Lobenstein and Project Director, Lisa Lisle. On behalf of Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Director Lori Chown accepted their donation. BRMH Registration and Switchboard Operator, Denise Cook presented checks to the recipients.



## Prevent T2 – Tomah

**Classes start January 4,  
2018 Tomah Health Office**

**Only 8 spots left!!**

Class will run from January to December on the following schedule:

- **Jan – April** classes will meet once a week from 5-6PM on Thursdays.
- **April-June** will meet twice a month First and third Thursday of each month.
- **July – December** will meet once a month first Thursday of each month.

**Contact Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851, Ext: 5039 to sign up. Pre-labs and a brief assessment are required to be completed prior to starting classes.**

**Hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Wellness Division**

# The Nation observes Pearl Harbor Day

Tim Wohlers  
Staff Writer

In observance of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the Ho-Chunk Nation held a ceremony at its tribal office building in Black River Falls on the 76th anniversary of the attack.

The event included a presentation by several former service members, as well as a performance of all four service songs by the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building Singers.

United States Marine Corps veteran Pierre Decorah provided the opening remarks, and offered a short word of prayer.

"We're here to remember this day and what took place with our veterans," Decorah said. "I ask that you could be with these people, dear Heavenly Father."

He then handed the floor over to Executive Director of Administration and United States Navy veteran John Steindorf, who called for a moment of silence to remember those who were lost in the attack.

Steindorf directed the audience's attention to a projection screen, where a video played over the unforgettable speech given by then-president Franklin Delano Roosevelt the day after the attack – when he declared Dec. 7, 1941 as "a date which will live in infamy."

"The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces," Roosevelt said. "And I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost."

After the video, Steindorf discussed the history of Pearl Harbor and the things that led up to the devastating attack.

"Pearl Harbor is a natural deep-water naval port on the Hawaiian island of Oahu," Steindorf said, "located just west of Honolulu. At the time of the attack, Hawaii was an American territory and the military base at Pearl Harbor was home to the US Navy's Pacific fleet."

He described the relationship between the United States and Japan, which had

been wearing thin due to the latter's aggressive military expansion. He said America's response ultimately pushed Japan over the edge.

"By the end of 1941 the US had cut off most trade with Japan to protest the nation's belligerence and diplomatic relations between the two nations were tense," Steindorf said. "And the Japanese military had begun laying plans to attack Pearl Harbor."

The Navy veteran then broke down exactly what happened that fateful day.

"Japan's military planners specifically chose to attack on a Sunday because they believed the Americans would be more relaxed and less alert on a weekend," Steindorf said. "In the hours before the attack, the Japanese attack force stationed itself approximately 230 miles north of Oahu. The Japanese strike came at 7:55 a.m."

He talked about how Japanese pilots initially planned to attack American aircraft carriers, but had to settle for battleships as their target instead.

"The Japanese had two major objectives," Steindorf said, "sink America's aircraft carriers and destroy its fleet of fighter planes. By chance, all three US aircraft carriers were out to sea. Instead the Japanese focused on the Navy's eight battleships at Pearl Harbor."



Director of Administration and US Navy veteran John Steindorf hosts the Ho-Chunk Nation's remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day at the tribal office building on Dec. 7.



Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 retires the colors after a ceremony held by the Ho-Chunk Nation in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.

He gave a graphic description of the Japanese attack, and recounted the number of lives that were lost as a result.

"In a little under two hours, 2335 US servicemen were killed and 1143 were wounded," Steindorf said. "Sixty-eight civilians were also killed. Thirty-five were wounded."

The executive director of administration then introduced Jessika Greendeer, a United States Army veteran who was stationed at Pearl Harbor during her time in the service. She recounted the various visits she made to the memorial with her family, before sharing some closing remarks.

At the end of the ceremony, the Ho-Chunk Executive

Building Singers performed each of the four service songs. Members of the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 retired the colors.



US Army veteran Jessika Greendeer shares her experiences at Pearl Harbor.

## Unmet Needs '17

Submitted by Tris Harris, Senior Manager-Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls/Tomah

On December 7th 2017, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented Burger King Franchise owner Mike DeRosa and members of the Black River Falls VFW Post 1959 a check for \$3000 to go towards the VFW Unmet Needs Program.

This is the ninth year that Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has supported the Unmet Needs Program which provides immediate financial help to the local families of deployed military service members of up to \$5000.

Since the inception of this program, over \$8 Million dollars has been raised and that has helped over 6000 military families with car payments, electric bills, vehicle repairs, home repairs, but most of their funds go towards rent and mortgage payments.

10 years ago, Mike DeRosa, who owns 12 Burger King Locations in Wisconsin, saw an opportunity to raise funds for the VFW Unmet Needs program, he teamed up with WWIS 99.7 and WEAU Channel 13 to get the word out. Since then, Wisconsin Burger King Locations have raised over \$4 Million dollars and Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls is proud to be a

partner with their fundraising venture. Please stop in to your local Burger King and make a donation, there are over 1000 locations around the United States that support the VFW Unmet Needs program.

This program gives our American soldiers a little piece of mind that their families back home are getting the help they need. To learn more about this program, to donate online, or if you are in need of help paying your bills while your spouse is deployed, go to <http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/> for all the information you need.



Back L-R: Ron Lafferty, VFW Post 1959 Commander; Floyd Pratt, WWII Veteran; Randy Bjerke, JC-VSO; Mario Garcia, VFW Post 1959 Chaplain; Junior Lindow, Friends & Families of Hometown Heroes. Front L-R: Tris Harris, Ho-Chunk Gaming-BRF; Barb Simonis, Friends & Families of Hometown Heroes; Mike DeRosa, Burger King Restaurants, Dan Wilke, VFW Post 1959 QuarterMaster

## Indian Baptist Church of Wisconsin Dells

(Member of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin)

N460 Hwy 12/16, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Matthew 18:20 – For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

**Come and join us – every first Sunday of the month for Worship and Communion Service 10:00 a.m.**

In the near future, discussion is to be made about having Sunday School for our young.



*Serving the Wisconsin Dells Ho-Chunk Community since 1933*

# Ho-Chunk Supreme Court hosts inaugural Youth Law Day

Submitted by Hon. Tricia A. Zunker, Hinuk pij, Associate Justice, Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court

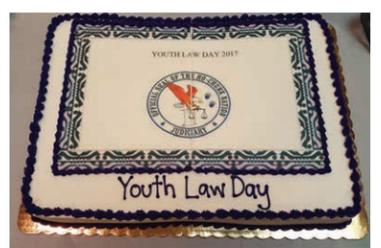
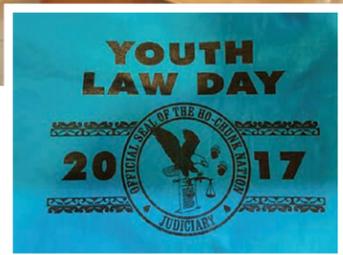
The Ho-Chunk Supreme Court hosted the inaugural Youth Law Day on December 2, 2017. Approximately twenty (20) youth attended. The youth and accompanying adults attended oral arguments. After oral arguments, a lunch sponsored by Youth Services was served. The afternoon session commenced with a tour of the building. Presentations were held in the main court room. Students learned about various topics as they relate to the law, the courts and the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Presentations included:

- a language lesson provided by Cecil Garvin; and
- a presentation from Higher Education by Brittany La-Mere.

The day concluded with photos and youth completed surveys. The anonymous surveys indicated that some of the youth found oral arguments boring, but most enjoyed lunch, the court tour and afternoon presentations. Nearly all who completed the surveys indicated they would attend a future Youth Law Day. Two members of the Legislature, Rep. Hinu Helgeson Smith and Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr., also attended and participated. The Supreme Court would like to thank Youth Services for sponsoring the lunch and for their collaboration on this event, OOP for their donations, and Clerk Lisa Peters for her organizational efforts. Youth Law Day 2018 is tentatively planned for fall 2018, pending the schedule of Youth Services and the Supreme Court calendar. Any questions, comments or concerns may be directed to Clerk Lisa Peters by e-mailing [lisa.peters@ho-chunk.com](mailto:lisa.peters@ho-chunk.com) or by calling (715) 284-2722.



Youth participants poses for a photo with the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court (back row) Justice Samantha Skenadore, Chief Justice Todd Matha, Justice Tricia Zunker. District 1 Rep. Hinu Helgeson Smith (standing- third from left) is also pictured with the youth.





# Mauston High Schools celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

November is Native American Heritage Month. November 25 is Native American Heritage Day.

Mauston High School celebrated with a dance performance by the Bear Clan singers and dancers. Many of the dancers are students or former students of Mauston High School.

Student watched as Bear Clan performed a Grand Entry, Exhibition, Swan, Shield, Eagle, and Two-Step dances. Students joined the dancers for the two-step.

Students were also invited to ask questions once the dance performance was complete.



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

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

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

CC: conference call

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the agenda with the addition under New Business. O. Resolution-Charitable Contributions, and P. December 2017 Calendar, and to move up Executive Session up on the agenda. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**1<sup>st</sup> Executive Session:** MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:29 a.m. MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

11:24 a.m. MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Legislative Meeting – November 7, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the November 7, 2017 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration Committee- November 9, 2017**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the November 9, 2017 Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Housing Committee-November 20, 2017**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the November 20, 2017 Housing Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Office of General Council (Standing Agenda Item)**

No update.

**Economic Diversification (Standing Agenda Item)**

Rep. Matt Mullen will provide an update on economic diversification later in today's meeting.

**Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Prescription Plans**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 A**. Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Prescription Plans, Amendment 8, Number 2 and Amendment

9, Number 1. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. MOTION AMENDED, Amendment 9, Number 2. SECOND WITHDRAWN. MOTION AMENDED, TO INCLUDE OPTION 3 TO INCREASE CO-PAYS TO HIGHER AMOUNTS FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION PHARMACIES, BUT NOT MANDATE OTHERS TO USE THE HO-CHUNK NATION FACILITIES. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 4-7 (Rep. Carly Lincoln, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 MOTION DEFEATED.

**Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Prescription Plans** MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 B**, Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Prescription Plans. Recommendation changes 1 thru 7 of the resolution. MOTION AMENDED, TO INCLUDE IN THE EVENT THAT NOTICE CAN NOT BE PROVIDED IN TIME, MARCH 1, 2018 AS THE EFFECTIVE DATE. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 6-5 (Rep. Carly Lincoln, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**District 2 La Crosse Health Advisory Board Member**

Rep. Andrea Estebo requested the language needed to approve Paul Krause to the board. Carolyn Garnett, Legislative Attorney mentions the language would be to confirm.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentions the discussion on Paul Krause who was approved at the D2 La Crosse District Meeting as the D2 La Crosse member, for the Health Advisory Board. It was further discussed that this must go to the other D2 areas and the areas must vote on a representative before any action can be taken. It was discussed that nominations are needed from Madison, Baraboo and the Tomah District Meetings.

**New Business:**

Rep. Carly Lincoln was out of the room.

**Resolution-Support for the Nation's Health Department to Apply for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change Mini-Grant**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 C**, Support for the Nation's Health Department to Apply for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change Mini-Grant. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Carly Lincoln returns.

**Resolution-Support and Authorization for the Nation's Education Department, Head Start Division to Pursue and Apply for the Head Start Federal Continuation Grant for Fiscal Year(s) 2018-2019**

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 D**, Support and Authorization for the Nation's Education Department, Head Start Division to Pursue and Apply for the Head Start Federal Continuation Grant for Fiscal Year(s) 2018-2019. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo and Rep. Shelby Visintin were off the phone.

**Break for Lunch**

12:44 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to break for a half hour for lunch. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Call to Order:** President Wil-

frid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

CC: Conference Call

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 1:24 p.m.

**Resolution-2018-2021 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 E**, 2018-2021 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Jackson County and the Ho-Chunk Nation**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 F**, Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-between Jackson County and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Monroe County and the Ho-Chunk Nation**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 G**, Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Monroe County and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Shawano County and the Ho-Chunk Nation**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 H**, Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Shawano County and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Wood County and the Ho-Chunk Nation**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 I**, Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Wood County and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Sauk County and the Ho-Chunk Nation**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 J**, Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Sauk County and the Ho-Chunk Nation, pending approval from the area. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Authorization**

**and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Juneau County and the Ho-Chunk Nation**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 K**, Authorization and Approval of Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for CY2018-Between Juneau County and the Ho-Chunk Nation, pending approval. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code-Quick Passage/45 Day Public Comment**

Rep. Matt Mullen will not be presenting any information at this time. Discussion took place on the best way to move forward on addressing constitutional amendments that once went through the process of the BIA. The process is with the Attorney General and how this is to be handled.

**Resolution-Appointment of Justices Pro Tempore for Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Case PR 17-02**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 L**, Appointment of Justices Pro Tempore for Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Case PR 17-02. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Granting A Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-011**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 M**, Granting A Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV17-011. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 8-0-3 (Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Shelby Visintin.) MOTION CARRIED.

**Legislative Branch Web-Site Issue**

Lynette LeGarde, Legislative Communications Officer, provided three bids on the Legislative Branch website. Legislators would like further time to review the bids.

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to TABLE the Legislative Branch Website Issue. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Approval of Formula for Determining Employee Pay Grades and Levels**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to REFER the resolution for Approval of Formula for Determining Employee Pay Grades and Levels to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation Charitable Request Act Out for Forty-Five Day Public Review and Comment**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 N**, Ho-Chunk Nation Charitable Request Act Out for Forty-Five Day Public Review and Comment. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Legislative Branch December 2017 Calendar**

For the month of December 2017, there will only be one Legislative Meeting. It was recommended to re-schedule the meetings for Development and Health, Insurance and Social Services Committees due to the holidays. December 8, 2017 will be the Redistricting Work Group Meeting, December 15, 2017 will be the Twelve Clans, Inc., Board Meeting in Chicago, IL.

The Finance Committee Meeting date will be discussed at the next Finance Meeting on November 29, 2017.

**Revisit- Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Prescription Benefit Plan**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to re-visit Amendments to the

Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Prescription Benefit Plan. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution-Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Prescription Benefit Plan**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 O**, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Prescription Benefit Plan. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 6-5 (Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Andrea Estebo)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**District Meetings:**

**District 1 Black River Falls Area Meeting:**

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Committee the Motion by Sandy Blackdeer to refer to the Finance Committee the community's request to sponsor Ann Marie's registration fee of \$3,400. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Melanie Stacy to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement, and to have the task force advocate for additional input and concerns, including, but not limited to, canine units present at public events, body cams and the community's input.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Sandy Blackdeer to update and make reservations to the TOB Kitchen and exhaust system to be able to handle the frying of foods. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Melanie Stacy to have the old D1 Community Center assessed, and get bids to check the cost of renovating the building, so it can be used as a training center or something to benefit the community. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

**District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting (Re-visited):** The District 2 Baraboo Area Meeting minutes of November 6, 2017 were re-visited because two motions were not included in the original submission of the minutes.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Tasheena Funmaker to nominate Estelle Greendeer as Primary Board member to the Election Board and Angelica Greendeer as alternate to the Election Board for District 2. Estelle Greendeer and Angelica Greendeer accepted their nominations.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Robert Mobley to accept by acclamation Estelle Greendeer as Primary Board member and Angelica Greendeer as alternate to the Election Board for District 2.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Owen Cloud, Sr. to change the Christmas Bonus for the Elders to \$750.00 and distribute and pay the difference from this motion of \$750.00, which is \$325.00 for December for the Elders. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 4-6 (Vice President Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION DEFEATED.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room. Discussion was on a tribal member (Robert Funmaker) who is voting and making motions in District 2 and District 3. It was discussed if there was a time

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limitation on residence, and on voting on issues in a District. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel mentions that this is not mentioned in the Legislative Organization Act. Motions from the District(s) will be tabled until there is further clarification. Legislative Counsel will research this subject.

**District 2 La Crosse Area Meeting:**

Motions were read for the record.

**District 2 Madison Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Carly Lincoln to confirm Cher Laubmeier as the Delegate for District 2 Madison area for the Election Board. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to confirm Brenda Neff as Alternate for the District 2 Madison Area for the Election Board. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Ben Krause nominates Joy Thompson-Bonano as a delegate to the Education Board for District 2.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Joy Thompson-Banano to have the management of the tribal housing units in Dane County be transferred to the Department of Housing and Public Works.

**MOTION** by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Ben Krause to approve \$2,500 to come from District 2 Charitable Contributions for The River Food Pantry Christmas Holiday meal. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 La Crosse Area Meeting (Re-visited):**

**MOTION** by Carly Lincoln to confirm Ethel Funmaker for the District 2 Delegate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Carly Lincoln to confirm Marsha Smith for District 2 Alternate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D2 Baraboo Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep Carly Lincoln to confirm Estelle Greendeer as the Primary Board Member to the Election Board and Angelica Greendeer as Alternate to the Election Board for District 2. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo is not on conference call.

**District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting:**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Lorenzo Funmaker for the area to approve LEC agreement with Shawano County.

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Counsel, Depart-

ment of Justice, Office of the President, Department of Natural Resources the **MOTION** by Greg Johnson to temporarily ban G.W.W. from all Ho-Chunk Nation Lands with firearms. Reinstatement contingent on completion of Hunter Safety Course. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Department of Justice, Legislative Counsel, Office of the President the **MOTION** by Greg Johnson to band Amanda Hackey from Ho-Chunk Nation lands. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, Land Development Team the **MOTION** by Willy Tech to purchase land at location three quarters of mile, east of Elderon on 153, west 115 acres. (Parcel information- 44.4524,-89.2215,44.7888,89.2209 Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Alana Hansen for the Nation to match Head Start fundraising of \$609.00. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Carly Lincoln is excused from the meeting.

**District 2 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to **TABLE** the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting minutes of November 14, 2017. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle returns.

**District 3 Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Office of the President, Department of Administration, and the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Hope Smith that we get a gymnasium in the Nekoosa area, in addition to the motion for a gymnasium, to include a locker room, showers, bleachers, and volleyball nets. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 Green Bay Area Meeting:**

No motions.

**District 4 Milwaukee Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to confirm Morningstar Strait as the District 4 Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. is out of the room.

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to confirm Val Kempen as the District 4 Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 5 Chicago Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to **TABLE** the **MOTION** by Dollie Finn for \$300 to come out of District 5 Community Improvement Fund for a Christmas Party with an additional \$300 out of the Chicago Branch Office treasury account to match. (To include the Twin Cities) Check payable to Alma Enriquez and St. Paul Area to Steven Bell. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Dollie Finn to elect Karen Hopinkah-Ramberg as Vice President for the District 5 Chicago Area Meeting members.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr returns.

**District 5 St. Paul Area Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to Office of the President, Insurance Division the **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt to increase the Auxiant alternative medicine line item to \$15,000 per person/per year. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt for At Large elders to be eligible for eldercare assistance/personal care attendant services from the Health Department. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Laura Kidd to amend the by-laws for the Area Meeting regarding the process of voting on approval of funding to outside vendor requests.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Marlene for the next Area Meeting to meet at All Nations Indian Church on December 14, 2017.

**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild for \$300 to come out of the District 5 Community Improvement Fund for a Christmas party. (To include Chicago Area) Check payable to Alma Enriquez and the St. Paul area to Steven Bell. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NCAI-Letters of Thank-You from Ho-Chunk Youth**

Thank you letters from the Ho-Chunk Youth who received funding to attend

NCAI were provided to each of the representatives.

**2nd Executive Session:**

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

3:27 p.m.

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

7:29 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Release to Open Session**

**RGA Attendance**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to release to Open Session the attendance at RGA. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Shelby Visintin is off the conference call.

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 7-6-17 F Ho-Chunk Signature Authority Change**

**MOTION** by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-21-17 P**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 7-6-17 F, Ho-Chunk Signature Authority Change, until the signature cards become effective the Treasurer will remain as signature.

The resolution will remove the Treasurer and be release to open session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on December 5, 2017 at the Tribal Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

**SUMMONS & SUBPOENA**  
(Second Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**Benjamin Cleveland, Petitioner, v. Lena Funmaker, Respondent.**  
Case : CPL 17-08

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Lena Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named the respondent in the above-entitled child custody action. This legal notice of the *Petition for Custody and Placement* 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 must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide proof of that service to the Court. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **could result in a default judgment against you.**

The Court shall commence an **Initial Child Custody Hearing** at **2:00** on the **9th** day of **January 2018**. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B).

**NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.**

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

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**

**Ho-Chunk Nation CSA and State of Wisconsin, v. Mitchell Link, Respondent.**

Case : CSFJ 17-29

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Mitchell Link

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

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

**Dilek Aktan, Petitioner, v. Austin Greengrass, Respondent.**  
Case : FM 17-14

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Austin Greengrass

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.

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.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM HO-CHUNK GAMING

## OVER \$14K GIVEAWAY

**DECEMBER 12 - 23 | 10AM - 10PM**

Grab your share of over \$14,000 Rewards Play by playing our Scrooge's Stash Giveaway December 12 - 23, from 10am - 10pm. Each Rewards Club Winner picked, via Hot Seats, will receive \$100 Rewards Play from Scrooge's Stash! Visit the Rewards Club Booth for more information.



### SCROOGE'S STASH



## WIN UP TO \$250 CASH

**DEC. 24 7AM - 3PM | DEC. 25 2PM - 10PM**

Join us on Christmas Eve, from 7am - 3pm, or Christmas Day, from 2pm - 10pm, for the chance to win up to \$250 Cash or up to \$250 Rewards Play. Just be playing slots during our Hot Seat Picks. 16 total Rewards Club Winners will have a chance to play our interactive Winter Winnings game!

**CASINO HOLIDAY HOURS**

**DEC 24: CLOSE AT 6PM DEC 25: OPEN AT NOON**

## JOIN US FOR NYE

LET'S

*Celebrate*  
2018

**DEC. 30 | NYE BINGO | DOORS OPEN AT 4PM**

Bingo will be holding a \$5,000 Cash Drawing split between 5 winners with the top prize receiving \$1,000. Plus, enjoy free food, \$25 packs and \$50 electronic packs with a payout of \$500, \$50 packs and \$75 electronic packs with a payout of \$1,000 and Double Consolation on all floorpack specials.

**DEC. 31**

**DROPTOP TAILGATE | POKER BAR STAGE | 9PM - 1AM**

**NYE PRIME RIB BUFFET | 11AM - MIDNIGHT | \$21.95**

**AFTER HOURS BUFFET | MIDNIGHT - 2AM | \$6.95**



Anyone 21 years or older is welcome to play in the Casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

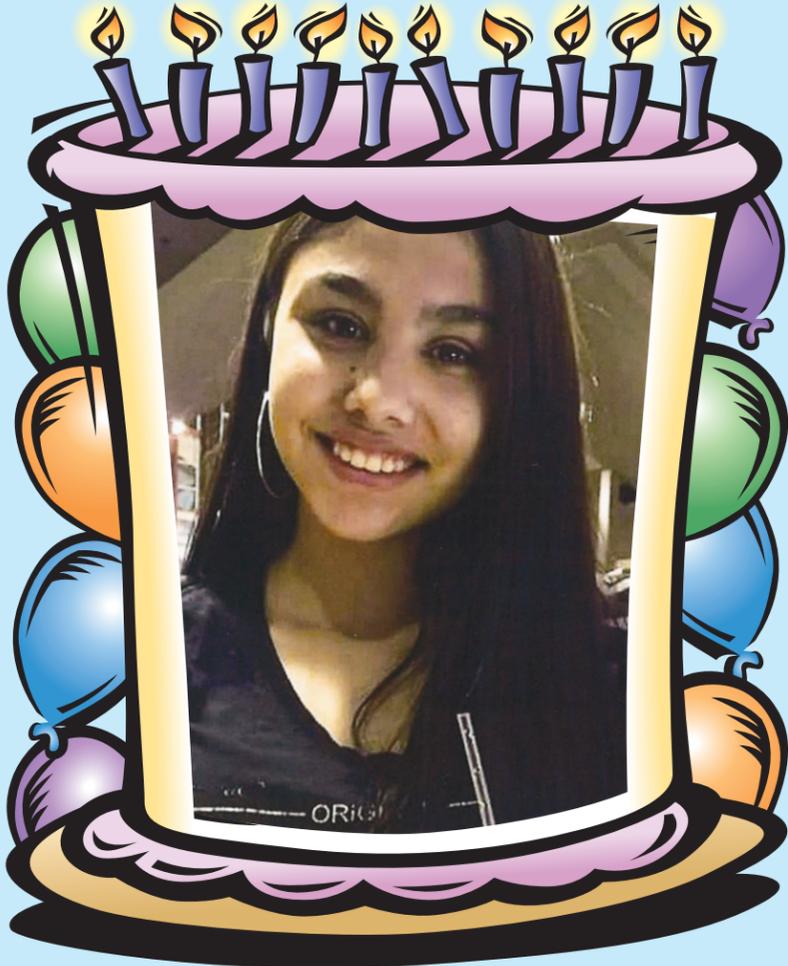


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Visit all six casinos at [ho-chunkgaming.com](http://ho-chunkgaming.com)



# Happy Birthday Adrian Bible



Adrian Bible turned 14 years of age on December 11, 2017.

*We wish you a Happy Birthday with many more to come.*

We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments this year; she ran for Cross Country Team and is now participating in the Middle School Basketball Program all while achieving a 4.0 grade point average.

*Happy Birthday wishes from:*

*Mom, Nate, Azaria, Evelyn, Mason, Ellis and Ezme.*

**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

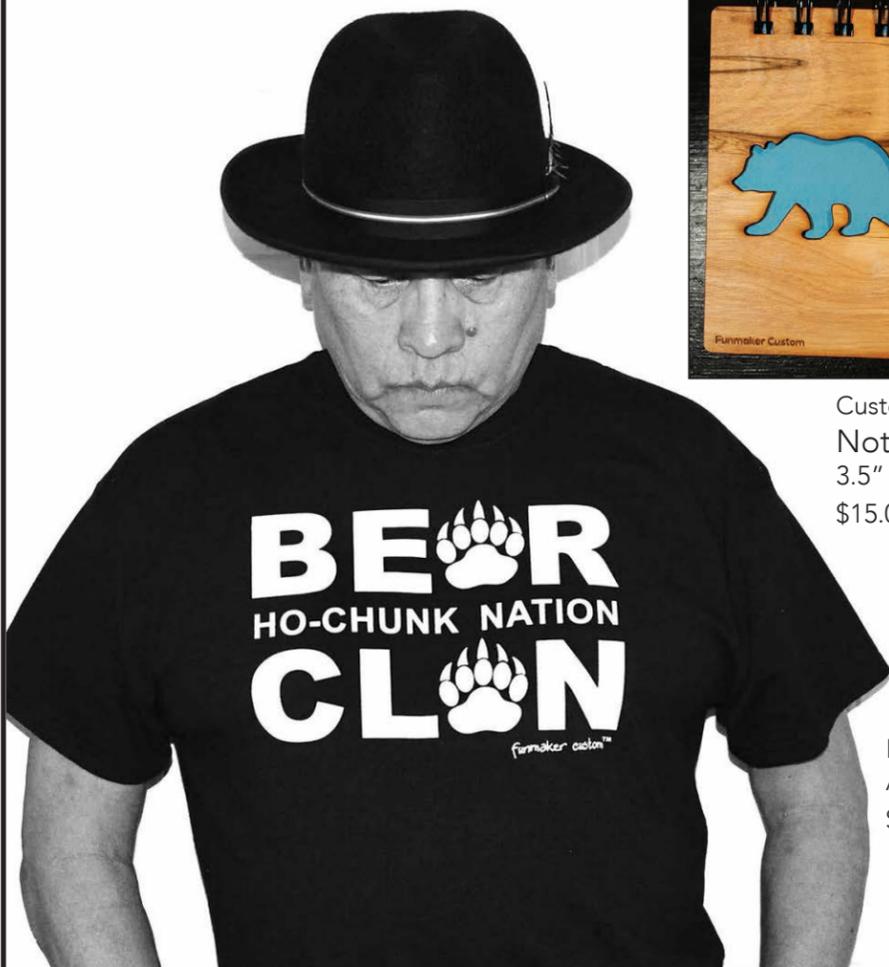
**Notice to creditors**

Notice to creditors of the estate of **Theresa Ann Bennett**: You have ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Denise Ann Browne, at 413 Pine St, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

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Facebook/ Sherman Funmaker

Funmaker Bear T-Shirts  
Assorted sizes available  
\$20.00 plus shipping



Custom Made Notebook  
3.5" x 4" - 75 pages  
\$15.00 plus shipping



Bear Clan T-Shirts  
Assorted sizes available  
\$20.00 plus shipping



One Size Beanie  
\$20.00 plus shipping



<p><b>tweak the sweets</b></p> <p>fruits make delicious desserts</p>	<p><b>cheers to good health</b></p> <p>drink water to manage calories</p>
<p><b>bake healthier</b></p> <p>use recipes with pureed fruits instead of butter or oil</p>	<p><b>spice it up</b></p> <p>use spices and herbs instead of sugar and salt</p>
<p><b>brighten your meal</b></p> <p>fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables</p>	<p><b>skim the fat</b></p> <p>try skim evaporated milk instead of heavy cream</p>
<p><b>swap the grains</b></p> <p>choose whole wheat flour instead of white flour</p>	<p><b>go easy on the gravy</b></p> <p>a little bit of gravy goes a long way</p>

**health.ho-chunk.com/**

**For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian Nutritionist:**

BRF, Tomah, and Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, EXT. 5335  
 BRF, La Crosse areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 5340  
 Dells, Nekoosa areas: (888) 552-7889, ext. 5511/ext. 5554  
 Madison area: (888) 552-7889, ext. 5511

Revised 12/2017

**Seeking Biological Mother:**

I am an adoptee searching for my biological mother and /family members. I was born on December 22, 1967 at River side Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin to a 17 year old Native American (Ho-Chunk) female. I was born at 4:01am, a healthy baby girl 7 pounds 11 ounces and 21 inches long. I had black hair and brown eyes. I know my biological mother visited me in the foster home numerous times for about 6 months. I believe I was named Christina Leanne. I have been searching on and off for my biological mother/family since 1998/99. If you know anything or can help me please email me at Cquaint3@gmail.com

**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

This has to be posted for 30 days before deadline.

**HO-CHUNK NATION**

**TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY**

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking two (2) qualified candidate's to serve as Committee members responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

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

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

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

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: January 26, 2018 to:



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

**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:  
 December 29th – January 1st

# Holiday baskets created with loving hands from social skills participants

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

It was a joining of help, guidance and direction.

Three different organizations, three different leaders, there to offer Christmas spirit to celebrate the message of giving and caring.

Leaders from Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans (VRNA), Ho-Chunk Life Skills, The Ho-Chunk Family Court, and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), invited their clients to make Christmas baskets, either to keep for themselves or to offer as presents to others.

VRNA Counselor Diane Hofsteadt, Life Skills Coordinator Gail Greendeer, Assistant Clerk of Court Shelly Wilkinson for the Ho-Chunk Family Wellness Court, and DVR Job Developer Kathy Leffingwell were present and invited their clients for the holiday gathering.

The baskets combined their creative talents with their love of giving.

"I'm making one for my grandmother Rose," said Ashley Littlegeorge, who is assisted with the Life Skills Program. "She's coming home from the hospital on Thursday after a long stay."

The crafters started with wire baskets, lined them with colorful cloth, and then decorated them with bells, tinsel, garland, paper snowflakes, pine needles and beads.

Inside the baskets, items placed small-decorated jars of spices and seasonings, bath salts with fragrances, and candies.

For bath salts, participants mixed sea salt and Epsom salts, then added a liquid fragrance and placed them into a small jar. When used, the fragrance would be released to relax the person as a form of aromatherapy.

Fragrances included lemon, grapefruit, peppermint, lavender, orange, and frankincense.

Another project was making body heating bags, which were in a long tubular shapes, which worked well when wrapped around the neck and shoulders. The cloth tubes were filled with rice or corn, or a combination of both, then fragrances were added.

The bag was made so it could be heated in a microwave oven and then placed on a person's body to give warmth to an aching or arthritic body area. In addition, the fragrances would become

more active when heated.

"It took a week to plan this," Hofstead said. "We want to keep our collaboration over Christmas."

They have sewing classes at the facility every Tuesday

evening and have made ribbon skirt, with ribbon shirts next on the agenda.

The group session provide skill training, plus a sense of unity to tackle the needs of becoming employed and inde-

pendent.

"They learn all the things they need to be employed and manage their time effectively," Greendeer said.

The basket-making event was not only a social occa-

sion, but also a therapeutic device, allowing the participants to become focused on their goals and objectives, she said.

