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Ho-Chunk Nation, city of Beloit, Rock County officials unveil plans for proposed casino

Ho-Chunk Nation awaits approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Governor Walker

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Officials from the Ho-Chunk Nation, city of Beloit, and Rock County unveiled plans for the proposed Ho-Chunk Gaming - Beloit casino. The plans were released during a press conference at the Nature at the Confluence Learning Center in South Beloit, Illinois, on Dec. 21.

The panel of officials spoke to members of the press about the November 2017 findings of the Innovation Group study, which is an economic impact analysis of the proposed casino, and plans to move forward.

Although the casino project has been ongoing for years, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' decision on a trust application and Governor Walker's approval are needed before anything can happen.

The Beloit city manager said the city, county, and the Ho-Chunk Nation are hopeful for a 2020 construction and a 2021 opening of the Beloit casino project if all the approvals fall into place.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland provided some his-

torical context about the Ho-Chunk Nation's ties to the area and the effort to build a casino near the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

"I'd like to say a word of thanks to the city, the community; just walking around this building I see a lot of ideas of knowing that the people here understand that this is our aboriginal lands, this area right here," Cleveland said.

"We had a significant part in this area; there was a village that was here, the Kekcak village."

Prior to opening its casinos, the Ho-Chunk Nation negotiated a gaming compact with the state of Wisconsin in 1992.

With a few amendments over the years, the gaming compact included language of a future fourth casino location, as well as ancillary sites.

Ho-Chunk Gaming locations in Wisconsin Dells, Black River Falls, and Nekoosa operate as three of the Nation's casinos, while Madison, Tomah, and Wittenberg are ancillary sites.

A tribal representative, the state's governor, and a Bureau of Indian Affairs official approved and signed off on the gaming compact before casino operations began. The proposed Beloit casino would be the fourth



An artist rendering of the proposed Beloit casino was on display, which would include a 40,000 square-foot waterpark.

casino site as outlined in the gaming compact.

The Ho-Chunk Nation makes annual gaming compact payments to the state of Wisconsin that figure in the proposed fourth casino site.

"With the state of Wisconsin, we negotiated a gaming compact, at the time, it was Governor Thompson. We would be able to have casinos as part of our self-determination," Cleveland said. "Another part of the compact said we'd have a fourth site some place, sometime in the future."

"We know that if we had a casino here, we know it would enlighten the commu-

nity directly and indirectly with employment and different other facets of gaining revenue."

Since 2012, the Ho-Chunk Nation and the city of Beloit have worked together to build a partnership on the casino project.

This past year, the partnership with the city included trips to Washington D.C. to speak with officials at Department of Interior and the White House, Cleveland said.

"It looks very promising with these visits that progress is going to be made with moving forward with this casino," Cleveland said.

Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin presented information on how the casino project would benefit tribal members.

"It's been a long time coming for us. This process has been very arduous for us, but we want to make sure we see it into fruition," Visintin said.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's 2015 tribal census showed that unemployment is five times higher than the national average within the tribe's population.

Visintin said job opportunities within her district and throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation are needed.

"Another way the project will affected the Ho-Chunk Nation, is through our healthcare, our education, our social services in ways of our elders, our veterans, our children," Visintin said.

"There's so much that it'll affect for us, but those are the main items that will be impacted in a positive way."

Some of the Ho-Chunk Nation's services, programs, and facility locations are limited to a 14 county area that presents a barrier to tribal members who live outside the community, Visintin said.

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Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland, Executive Director of Business Robert Mudd, and Rock County Board of Supervisor Chairman Russ Podzilni were present at the Dec. 21 press conference.



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Beloit casino update

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“We hope to expand those services out further and be able to reach tribal members that maybe don’t have transportation in order to get to healthcare clinics and dental clinics,” Visintin said.

Beloit City Manager Lori Luther spoke about how the proposed casino would positively affect the Beloit area.

“We recognize more than anyone that this project will be mutually beneficial not just to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the city of Beloit, Wisconsin proper, but to our friends in South Beloit, Illinois and to this region as a whole,” Luther said.

“It is far more than a casino. It is a hotel and convention center, and a 40,000 square-foot indoor waterpark. It’s a very exciting concept to have right in our backyard. The restaurants and the retail development, all of these things are positive economic impacts for this entire region.”

“We could not be more proud of the partnership we’ve had with the individuals with the Ho-Chunk Nation. It is just proven to, time and time again, be of mutual benefit,” Luther said.

“Obviously, there are a number of pieces of the process that we have to follow. We couldn’t be more excited about the potential of this project to finally come to fruition.”

Rock County Board of Supervisors Chairman Russ Podzilni gave the county’s position on the proposed casino plans.

“I’ve written countless letters to individuals, bureaus, agencies, all stressing the importance of this project, to not only Beloit, but to all of Rock County, Podzilni said. “We were on board since day one, and you have our undivided support. We’re with you all the way. We’re very happy

about it.”

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business Executive Director Robert Mudd spoke about some of the particular plans of the casino project.

“Keep in mind that the things I mention are all estimates at this point in time, because we have some hurdles we have to get through before we move into my area of expertise,” Mudd said.

“The estimated project costs is a little over \$405 million. The estimated number of employees is about 1,500 from what I calculated so far. Keep in mind, of that 1,500, about 80 percent will go right to this area here. It’ll have an important impact on your economy.”

The casino project will have an estimated 2,200 slot machines.

The hotel will have an estimated 300 rooms, a 30,000 square-foot convention center, and a 40,000 square-foot indoor waterpark.

“Estimated hotel, and I’m looking at four star, it’s what I’m after,” Mudd said. “This is the first time we’ll put a waterpark in, but there’s quite a bit of demand for it.”

“These are all estimates. There are things that have to happen before I can get an architect going.”

The project plans include about 175,000 square feet for five shops and restaurants.

“Do I actually know what I’m having in there? No, I don’t yet. All this is in planning,” Mudd said.

The Ho-Chunk Nation owns two properties in Beloit. One that is being placed into trust land and one that will remain fee simple. Both properties are just over 30 acres. The trust land will be used for the casino itself, and fee simple property will be used for retail development area of the casino project.



A Beloit casino artist rendering shows the size and location of the proposed casino. The casino would be located just off Interstate 90 by the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

“A lot of coordination is going to happen when we get the green flag. We have to work with the city and the business people to decide on how we are going to develop that (retail section),” Mudd said.

City Manager Luther gave details about the intergovernmental agreement reached between the Ho-Chunk Nation, the city, and county on a revenue sharing.

“We have a three-party agreement with the City of Beloit, Rock County, and the Ho-Chunk Nation that provides for what is similar to what you might consider as payment in lieu of taxes. The amount that is estimated in that revenue sharing provision is approximately \$5 million per year to our community,” Luther said.

“That is split in a 70 to 30 percentage split between the city and the county. The city would be looking at \$3.5 million annually. Rock County will be looking at 1.5 million on annual basis. So needless to say, this is a potential game changer for our whole community, and the impact is dramatic.”

Vice President of the Beloit City Council Regina Dunkin made a statement of support for the casino project.

“Our city council strongly supports a partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation. I’d also like to reiterate, the casino would bring in employment opportunities for the city of Beloit. Over 2,000 jobs, 120 construction jobs, and much more,” Dunkin said.

“Shopping. We will have more businesses here, and (more options) dining. This effort will certainly impact and enhance the economic growth that has already taken place in our great city.”

After the Bureau of Indian Affairs approves the trust application, Governor Walker must also approve the plan for the casino. President Cleveland was asked about how he thinks the governor will handle it.

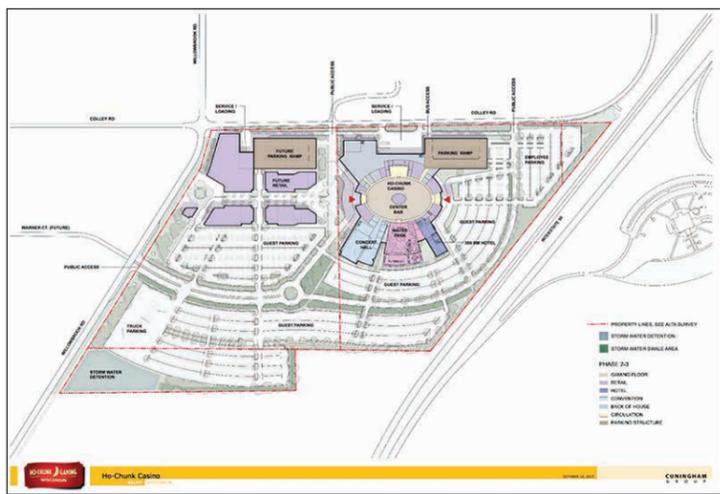
“We have a very good relationship with Governor Walker. We’ve had opportunities to go to Madison to meet with Governor Walker. He’s not committing himself to say

this is going to go,” Cleveland said.

“But according to the compact that I talked about earlier, it mentions that all the steps that we do with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the city and county here, it’s all positive. All the “i”s are dotted, “t”s are crossed, and then, according to the compact the governor will be signing our application.”

President Cleveland answered a question about whether other tribes would be against the casino project.

“Well, the compact that we have with the state of Wisconsin, what we are doing here is included in there. Unlike the prior ones that he (Gov. Walker) didn’t approve. So there is a large difference,” he said.



A layout of the casino property was provided.



An artist rendering of a bar inside the proposed Beloit Casino shows the design concept.

January Elders Birthdays

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| 1. Francis Decorah | 19. Truman Lowe |
| 2. Marlene Huffman | Rhonda Funmaker |
| 3. Karen Johnson | Charlene Steele |
| 4. Denise Kearnes | 20. Michael Goze |
| 5. David Radtke | Sara Abbott |
| 6. Steven Bell | Mark Hellerud |
| 7. Joann Jones | 22. Barbara Pierce |
| 8. Raena Funmaker | 23. Michael Day |
| 9. Roy Cassiman | Antoinette Horak |
| 10. Anita Prieur | 24. Franceita Decorah |
| 11. Penny Lamere Smart | 25. Nela Stacy |
| 12. Barbara Lowe | Julia Little Wolf |
| 13. Eunice Winneshiek | 26. Gary Hall |
| 14. Phyllis Amendariz | Wilbert Cleveland |
| 15. Ona Garvin | Myrna Thompson |
| 16. Bonnie Hanson | Stewart Miller |
| 17. Betty White | 27. Beverly White Eagle |
| 18. Beverly Whitewing | Tina Danielski |
| 19. Janice Goldman | 28. Wade Blackdeer |
| 20. Sharon Topping | Berna Big |
| 21. Avery Lonetree | Thunder-Hindsley |
| 22. Douglas Greengrass | Anthony Winneshiek |
| 23. Melanie Bryant | 29. Nadine Sieber |
| 24. Patricia Filipowicz | Faye Larsen |
| 25. Yvonne Chojnacki | Rosalie Two Bulls |
| 26. Benjamin Decorah | Cindy Funmaker |
| 27. Fred Decorah | John Houghton Jr. |
| 28. Hattie Walker | Eugene Notah |
| 29. Roberta Decorah | 30. Cecelia Rave |
| 30. Joanne La Mere | Barbara Nyhan |
| 31. Sharon Whitebear | Janice Rice |
| Joyce White Eagle | Estelle Whitewing |
| 17. Edward Whitewater | Kathyeen Lone |
| Peggy Crowley | Tree-Whiterabbit |
| 18. Sidney Lewis | |
| Sherill Worthy | |

General Council files suit against Legislature for not accepting meeting resolutions

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A lawsuit against the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has been filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court of how it handled the Sept. 16, 2017, General Council meeting.

In dispute is if four resolutions should be accepted. The resolutions were voted upon after the meeting had an early adjournment and came back into session.

The Legislature voted on a resolution not to recognize those resolutions on the grounds that the General Council session had already adjourned and therefore were not legal.

On Nov. 15, 2017, the Office of General Council filed papers with the Trial Court,

seeking to have the Legislature accept and act upon 10 of the 18 resolutions that were voted upon and approved by the quorum body of Ho-Chunk members present at the meeting.

According to the court papers filed, the annual General Council session was called to order on Sept. 16, with more than 20 percent of the eligible voters, or at least 1,086 members, present. After a chairperson was approved and a secretary was appointed, the floor was opened to accept resolutions.

A slate of 18 resolutions were proposed and scheduled to be on the docket to be discussed and voted upon. Of the 18 proposed resolutions, 10 were approved by vote.

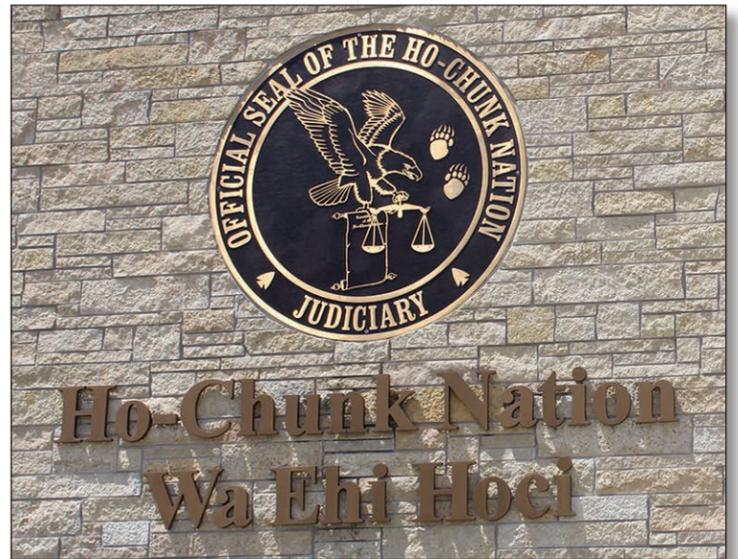
After the General Council session, Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Amanda WhiteEagle issued a legal opinion of the 2017 General Council Actions. On Oct. 3, outside counsel for the Office of General Council, Daniel Finerty of Lindner and Marsack, provided a legal opinion as to the legality of the General Council resolutions.

Copies of the regular and condensed meeting transcripts were provided to Michael Murphy, Legislature counsel, on Oct. 6 and 10.

The Legislature subsequently considered and adopted a resolution, acknowledging that the 2017 General Council lawfully adopted all 10 resolutions that passed by voting at the General Council session.

“Nonetheless, the Legislature, by adopting the resolution, claimed that the meeting was ‘procedurally confusing in that a motion to adjourn was adopted by the General Council after Resolution H was approved, yet the Chairman of the meeting decided to continue the meeting,’” the legal document stated.

“The Legislature, by adopting the resolution, concluded that ‘due to procedural problems with the 2017 General Council meeting, the Legislature deems it more reasonable to adhere to the first adjourn-



ment of the General Council on Sept. 16, 2017,’ which it nonetheless concluded complied with the General Council’s meeting procedures,” the legal document stated.

Therefore, the Legislature’s resolution was incorrect and reached the wrong procedural, factual, and legal conclusion for a number of reasons, the plaintiff stated in the document. By passing and adhering to the resolution, the Legislature has, and is, in breach of Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Ho-Chunk Constitution.

General Council issued a letter to the Legislature on Nov. 3, 2017. In it General Council requests Legislature to reverse course and to adopt

the resolutions that were dismissed, being Resolutions J, K, L, and O, and to be included with all resolutions that were voted upon and passed during the 2017 General Council meeting.

The letter warned that legal action would be taken if no action on reversing the decision had taken place by Nov. 14. Since no action had been taken, General Council filed the complaint with Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court on Nov. 15.

The Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) recently donated \$10,000 to American Diabetes Association (ADA) as part of American Diabetes Month. The CRC is a collaboration of public relations managers from the Office of the President, Legislature and casinos who meet regularly to discuss strategies, corporate sponsorships and relevant topics. “With Ho-Chunk’s continued support, the ADA-Wisconsin is able to offer opportunities for children and families to grow, learn and

be supported throughout the year,” said Susan Hjelsand, American Diabetes Association Director of Wisconsin Market. “The Ho-Chunk Nation understands the importance of our Mission, and they are an extremely important and valued partner to us. We can’t thank them enough for their support.” Above, on behalf of CRC, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Public Relations Manager Dave Abangan presents the donation to Susan Hjelsand.

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Ho-Chunk Legislature files for declaration against General Council chairperson

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature file a Complaint for Declaratory Judgement against Gerald Cleveland Sr. on Nov. 15 in Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

According to the legal complaint, "... the Chair of the September 16, 2017, General Council meeting acted beyond the scope of his authority in ignoring the General Council's approved motion to adjourn and in allowing the General Council meeting to carry on as a Special Meeting."

Legislature is seeking a declaration from the court upon the Legislature does not have to act upon any resolutions that were adopted after the first adjournment and subsequent reconvening.

On Sept. 16, 2017, at the annual General Council meeting, 18 resolutions were placed on the list to be addressed and voted up by the gathering of tribal members. However, before all resolutions could be addressed, a motion was made, voted upon and passed to adjourn the meeting. Since there several more resolutions to introduced, Chairperson Gerald Cleveland Sr. reconvened the session and resumed with the meeting.

The passed General Council resolutions are advance to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, where they are to be acted upon within 45 days after the General Council vote, decreed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Legislature passed a resolution that acknowledged that the 2017 General Council

lawfully adopted Resolutions A,B, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, and O, but then went on to state that it would only recognize the resolutions up to the first adjournment.

After Resolution H was adopted at the meeting, the General Council voted on a motion to adjourn, according to the legal document. The vote of the members was 1,093 in favor, 706 opposed, and 85 abstentions. According to the minutes, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

"After the discussion, the minutes indicate that 'Chairman Gerald Cleveland continues the meeting. 3:25 p.m.," the document stated.

Immediately after Chairman Cleveland continued the General Council meeting, the General Council voted on, and approved, a motion to call

a Special Meeting to continue on.

Once the meeting resumed, Resolutions J, K, L, and O were adopted by supporting votes.

The Legislature contends that meeting procedures do not include provisions for continuing a General Council meeting after the action of adjournment, the document stated.

According to Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution, "Special Meetings of the General Council shall be called by the President upon petition by 20 percent of the eligible voters, or upon written request of a majority of the Legislature, or when deemed necessary by the President. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Special Meetings of the General Council."

No notice was given for the meeting, the document said.

"The basis for the Legislature's action in Legislative Resolution 10-17-17I is that the Chairman of the General Council meeting of September 16, 2017, acted outside the scope of his authority by ignoring the General Council's approved adjournment at 3:14 p.m. and, in so doing, acted outside the scope of the General Council's meeting procedures, the document stated."

Besides this filing in Ho-Chunk Trial Court, General Council has filed a suit against the Ho-Chunk Legislature for not acting upon or accepting the four resolutions after the initial adjournment.

Neither case has a date set for a hearing in the Ho-Chunk Trial Court system.

Youth Council members sworn into office at District V area meeting

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Staff Writer

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Earlier this month, Youth Council members took part in a swearing-in ceremony at the District V area meeting. There, the council's four new officers were administered the oath of office.

The inductees included chairperson Kaina Martinez, co-chair Logan Allen, treasurer Bre'Anna Wilson and secretary Alexia Climer.

"This is one of my happiest and proudest moments," said St. Paul Youth Center Director Danielle Delong. "Our youth have been working hard. They've attended many conferences (and) have been working within their community."

The director stressed the importance of programs like Youth Council for young tribal members. She said they provide an opportunity for many children who simply did not have one before.

"They've been waiting for

programs like this," Delong said, "for tribal support and an outlet for them to become leaders."

Delong thanked the people of her district for their support, and for making the program a reality. She said its success would not have been possible without their help.

"I appreciate all of your help as parents and community members," Delong said. "I haven't been able to do this on my own."

She asked the youth to stand so that they could be recognized for all their hard work and accomplishments. When the applause finally died down, Delong asked the four newly-elected officers to step forward.

President Wilfrid Cleveland administered the official oath of office via call and response.

"As a member of the Maanico Horuzra Youth Council," Cleveland said, "I understand that my Ho-Chunk heritage is an important foundation for a healthy, balanced lifestyle."



District V legislators Forrest Whiterabbit, Matt Mullen, Kathyleen Lonetree-Whiterabbit, and Robert Two Bears stand with the president and members of the Youth Council.

The president read each of the five lines contained in the oath, saving the most important pledge for last.

"I will make a personal commitment to strive toward reaching my full potential,"

Cleveland said.

The group then proceeded to an outdoor fire pit, where they joined one another in prayer, marking the end of the

ceremony and the start of a new era.

The four officers have already begun to serve their terms.

Ho-Chunk artist to be featured on Wisconsin Public Television

Submitted by
Sherman Funmaker
Ho-Chunk artist Nathaniel

Funmaker, son of the late Adam and Doris Stacy Funmaker, will be featured on



Wisconsin Public Television/ The Wisconsin Channel on January 1, 2018 at 11:00 am.

The premier Native hatter has been creating custom head dressing for more than 20 years. First starting his business in Colorado he recently moved to Georgetown Texas where he currently resides.

Nate's creations have been seen in many publications and his hats have been featured in movies and television features. The list of celebrities wearing Nates hats have been growing since the early 90's and his list of satisfied customers grows weekly.

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- WASH YOUR HANDS:**
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 - Before eating food
 - Before and after caring for someone who is sick
 - Before and after treating a cut or wound
 - After using the toilet
 - After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
 - After handling pet food or pet treats
 - After touching garbage

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APPLICANT NAME	BLOOD QUANTUM	DOB	ANCESTOR	BASE ROLL	Roll #	FATHER	MOTHER
BLACKDEER PRADO, Luna	7/16	11/29/2016	Chau zap Kah Blackdeer	1881	00174	Non-Indian	Rhiannon M. Blackdeer de Prado
THOMPSON, River Theodore	1/4	10/21/2016	Na He Kah John Thompson, Sr	1901	00631	Theodore R. Thompson	Non-Indian
PETTIBONE, Jaxson Forest	5/8	04/22/2013	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Henry C. Pettibone	Paula M Smekofske
PETTIBONE, Tricena Lynn	5/8	01/30/2012	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Henry C. Pettibone	Paula M Smekofske
PETTIBONE, Wyatt Carson	5/8	10/20/2014	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Henry C. Pettibone	Paula M Smekofske
MERRITT, Cyrus Rain	1/4	06/30/2015	Na He Kah John Thompson, Sr.	1901	00631	Caleb R. Merritt	Non-Indian
JONES, Nevaeh Riah	1/4	08/18/2015	Ha Na Kah Paul Spear Smith	1901	00581	Non-Member	Tasha L. Hand
HARRISON, Kyson Scott	95/128	09/13/2016	MaHeHaNoGinKah Fred Kingswan	1901	00975	Tianna R. Harrison	Clayton J. Harrison
DICK, Gage Eric	1/2	04/26/2005	Mauh Tis A Kah Nat Sager Dick	1901	01178	John. E. Dick	Non-Indian
DICK, Summer Rain	1/2	08/08/2001	Mauh Tis A Kah Nat Sager Dick	1901	01178	John. E. Dick	Non-Indian
DOWNEY, Thunder Osage	11/32	10/19/2005	Ma He Ha No Gin Hah Fred Kingswan	1901	00975	Cody J. Downey	Non-Member
SMITH, Camilla Evaline	4/4	03/23/2013	Mauh Tis A Ka Nat Sager Dick	1901	01178	Terrance W. Smith	Karie L. Decorah
MUNTINGA, Cole Alexander	1/4	03/23/2017	Chep A Hip Kah George Deer	1901	00300	Non-Indian	Sonja S. Rusch
RAWLS, Gabriella Josephine	1/4	06/24/2016	Hunk Kah William Hall	1881	00463	Non-Indian	Krista N S. Redcloud
WALTON-SMITH, Mariah Claire	3/8	04/15/2017	Hay nun kah William Decorie	1881	00486	Dakota F. Walton-Smith	Non-Indian
CLOUD, Aria Jean	77/128	10/10/2011	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud	1901	00149	Owen G. Cloud, Jr.	Salina L. Brandon
CLOUD, Wayne Samuel	77/128	10/10/2011	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud	1901	00149	Owen G. Cloud, Jr.	Salina L. Brandon
LAMKEN, Winneta Marie	1/4	11/15/1974	CONFIDENTIAL	1881		William C. Lamken	Non-Indian
LINCOLN, Julian Lee	9/16	01/10/2013	Naw Och He Ka Mark Green	1881	00066	Levi A. Lincoln, Jr.	Venita L. Lincoln
LINCOLN, Mia Ann	9/16	01/09/2015	Naw Och He Kah Mark Green	1881	00066	Levi A. Lincoln, Jr.	Venita L. Lincoln
CAIN, Carson Michael	3/8	10/24/2016	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr.	1881	00328	Non-Member	Carleen T. Funmaker
COON, Kendrick John	3/8	01/05/2014	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr.	1881	00328	Non-Indian	Kathleen V. Funmaker
COON, Lyniah Jo	5/8	05/12/2009	Ha Na Kah Howard Whitethunder, Sr.	1901	00335	Cheyenne G. Coon	Kathleen V. Funmaker
COON, Cashis Anderson	5/8	04/27/2010	Ha Na Kah Howard Whitethunder, Sr.	1901	00335	Cheyenne G. Coon	Kathleen V. Funmaker
NERON, Luke Jax	1/4	02/08/2017	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr.	1881	00328	Eric B. Davis	Non-Indian
ANDERSON, Aveigh Mae	1/4	04/05/2017	Na He Kah John Thompson, Sr.	1901	00631	Non-Indian	Kristin M. Hernandez
PETTIBONE, Annalisa Faye	1/2	05/28/2016	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Jason D. Pettibone	Beth A. Bridges
JOHNSON, Kane Lewis	1/4	08/31/2016	Ha Gah Kah Thomas Thunder	1881	00136	Non-Indian	Taylor L. Sell
FUNMAKER, Maelee Elize	13/16	03/31/2016	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr.	1881	00328	Coleman J. Funmaker	Veronica L. Snake
PEREZ, Micheal Earl Paul	1/4	03/25/2014	Ha Na Kah Paul Spear Smith	1901	00581	Non-Indian	Tania N. Hand
CLARK, Anjessa Mae	1/4	05/09/2000	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Non-Member	Non-Member
CLARK, III, Douglas Charles	1/4	11/09/2002	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Non-Member	Non-Member
WHITE, Shyanne Angeline Marie	1/4	07/23/2005	Monk Shootch Kah Peter Pettibone	1881	00582	Non-Member	Non-Member
GREENDEER, Juliette Carly Hicks	1/2	06/22/2016	Chaw Nauk He Cho Kah Will Greendeer	1901	00080	Cameron S. Greendeer	Non-Member
YELLOWBANK, Ezren Samuel	1/4	09/10/2009	Isaac Yellowbank	N-1912	01085	Non-Member	Non-Member
YELLOWBANK, Isabel Envy	1/4	04/26/2007	Isaac Yellowbank	N-1912	01085	Non-Member	Non-Member
YELLOWBANK, Evelyn Paige	1/4	09/09/2013	Isaac Yellowbank	N-1912	01085	Non-Member	Non-Member

I, Rita Gardner /s/, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 22nd day of December, 2017.

Year in review

January

Employees concerned at possibility of Food and Beverage outsourcing

Rumors of outsourcing the Food and Beverage Department at Ho-Chunk Casino and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells had been circulating for a while among the employees.

As a result, informational meetings about Food and Beverage and Group Sales outsourcing were held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, at Ho-Chunk Casino.



It became a hot topic on social media, with Ho-Chunk tribal member Kelly Logan often being at the forefront of the discussion.

"People are coming to me with their concerns," he said. "We needed to have a discussion with management about this."

In reaction to that concern, Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department Executive Director Robert Mudd issued a

memo on Jan. 9, confirming that outsourcing is a possibility and explaining that rumors of employees losing their jobs are false.

"Why outsourcing? First and foremost is the lack of positive cash flow from this area. Net income has been in the negative for a very long time. Who is at fault for this consistent loss of positive revenue is anyone's guess," the memo stated.

Census concluded, numbers released to public

The 2015 Ho-Chunk Census has concluded and the results have been released. The data was given to the Ho-Chunk Legislature during the week of Jan. 23.

"We were targeting a 70 percent response rate and received 51 percent," said Planning Division Director Michael Rave. "Still, it was a success. We had a much better response than our previous census, which was only 23 percent."

To achieve the results, Census staff used a variety of methods in contacting Ho-Chunk members for data. Those methods include online form submission (34 percent), paper form (12 percent), telephone (3 percent), and field workers (1 percent), according to Projects Specialist Angie McDonald.

Gathering of Census information began in December 2015 and concluded in August 2016.

The data collected shows that 2,862 people completed the surveys. Also, 468 or 19 percent of adults listed that they are unemployed or underemployed and looking for other work.

There are 196 members, or 8 percent, who noted that they currently own a business. The median income of respondents is \$30,000 per year. There are 12 percent who indicated they do not have health insurance or do not understand tribal health programs.

Casino expansion contractor under scrutiny for Ho-Chunk hiring practices

Carson Funmaker is concerned that Ho-Chunk workers aren't getting what they were promised, but representatives of the Nation say the pay is dependent on union representation.

Funmaker says Miron Construction, the construction company hired for the casino expansion, agreed that Ho-Chunk construction workers would be getting \$26 an hour.

"But they're only getting \$12 an hour," Funmaker said. "And they aren't making a point to hire workers who are Ho-Chunk."

And Funmaker questions why Legislature didn't include provisions in the contract with Miron Construction to hire a certain number of Ho-Chunk members and guarantee a decent wage.

According to Tribal Workforce Development Manager Angela Ward with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor, Miron Construction was telling attendees of a job fair that workers could receive up to \$26 an hour for working on the casino expansion projects. But those figures were for union wages in skilled positions, Ward said. Anyone starting as a general laborer can expect to get starting wages around \$12 an hour.

Ward sent an email to the general manager at Miron Construction on Dec. 16, 2016, asking him the number of Ho-Chunk and Native American employees projected to be hired with the project, but no answer has been received at this date.

Former president returns, makes heritage a primary focus

Jon Greendeer gently turned an ancient artifact from the mid-1800s in his hand, admiring the feathers and deer hooves. It was a Ho-Chunk artifact from the mid-1800s, had he respected the way someone finely created the intricate pieces.

After serving as Ho-Chunk president from 2011 to 2015, Greendeer looked forward to being home more often and enjoying life without the commute and daily grind. He enjoyed that time away, but now has returned as the Heritage Preservation executive director, having started the job on October 13, and being nominated on Oct. 18 and Legislature accepting his confirmation on Nov. 8.

Now, he is back to work with the Nation in a new job position, some more inspiration and a new light. The artifact in his hand is the embodiment of his desire to keep Ho-Chunk members in touch with the past.

"I think about the fact that someone back in the 1850s held it in his or her hand, the colors it once exhibited and the amount of thought they put in it," Greendeer said. "Someone made this when Millard Fillmore was president."

February

Siga Funmaker Community Center opens with ribbon-cutting ceremony

Many people in the Wittenberg area agree that Georgiann "Siga" Funmaker was a pillar in the community. She helped develop and form many of the institutions and programs built around the word "community."

Because of the deep respect of her peers, on Thursday, Feb. 16, a new community center was christened in her name.

Members of the community, young, old and between, gathered together to cut the ribbon as a symbolic beginning to the Siga Funmaker Community Center on Radke Road near Wittenberg.

Siga Funmaker's daughter, Lanette Walker led the cutting of the ribbon, which involved everyone present. People stood along the sidewalk in front of the building, grasping the ribbon in one hand and a pair of scissors in the other.

"Most of you who knew my mother, knew that she was about all of us – not just about some of us. She would want everybody to be included in the ribbon-cutting ceremony."

When given the word, all participants cut their section of the ribbon.

Before the cutting of the ribbon, Ho-Chunk President Wilfrid Cleveland and Vice President Darren Brinegar spoke before the crowd.

U.S. Mint honors Native American effigy mounds with new quarter

A part of native culture was honored nationally with the newest release in the "America the Beautiful" quarter series.

The quarter, featuring Effigy Mounds National Monument in eastern Iowa, officially launched to a crowd of more than 1,000 on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Waukon High School in Waukon, Iowa.

Iron Mound Drum Group, a Ho-Chunk traditional drum group, provided the music and the combined honor guards of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 in Black River Falls and the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 in Baraboo provided the presentation of colors.

One of the speakers and honored guests was Edmore Green, tribal chairman of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. He represents one of the many tribes that have a cultural association with Effigy Mounds.

"It's very wonderful that we can come here and you can understand the essence of this coin and the essence of the effigy mounds. So that you can understand, especially our young people here, you can understand that we were never discovered, we were always here," Green said.

A festival atmosphere provides cultural learning at Winter Camp 2017

Wood smoke curled into the sky and the sound of people's cheerful voices filled the cold winter air behind the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls.

About 300 people attended the Winter Camp 2017, held on Saturday, Jan. 28. Half of those in attendance were children, and all came to enjoy the festivities.

The cultural event was the creation of Heritage Preservation Executive Director Jon Greendeer.

"Winter Camp 2017 was an attempt to showcase a few small but intriguing parts of a vast way of life many of us don't get to see or experience in today's times," Greendeer said. "Although we have lost much, dwelling on our losses is not the key to the survival of Ho-Chunk way of life. Celebrating and passing down what we have, is."

The effort was a pilot program to see if the event was a good way to open doors to many people, especially the people who may not have access or who may not have felt particularly welcomed into this realm, Greendeer said.

Three tents utilized were from the Ho-Chunk Camp set up at the Oceti Sakowin site in Cannonball, North Dakota during the NoDAPL gathering of Water Protectors.

Edgewood College Gallery unveils new Native American art exhibits

Visitors to Edgewood College Gallery have been treated to three new art exhibits that highlight the history of Native Americans in the United States. The exhibits were unveiled in an opening reception held on Jan. 26, where art enthusiasts could meet the curator as well as the artists themselves.

"Re-riding History: From the Southern Plains to the Matanzas Bay, The Art of Ho-Chunk Basket Making and John Hitchcock: Protectors are all exhibits happening simultaneously within the same building," said Gallery Director David Wells. "Each of the exhibits has been created by Native American people. They're very different in terms of context and content. But they're all about Native American experience and Native American culture."

The main exhibit, Re-Riding History: From the Southern Plains to the Matanzas Bay has traveled the country for the last two years and been considered a contemporary portrayal of historical events.

"I contracted to bring that exhibition in because it brings American history home in a big way," Wells said, "and speaks to that history from a contemporary perspective."

The exhibit was curated by three college professors trying to retrace the



experience of 72 Native Americans that were forcibly removed from their home and imprisoned at Fort Marion in St. Augustine, Florida.

AmeriCorps Volunteers dig in to help Ho-Chunk Organic Gardening project

A new concerted effort is underway to help the Ho-Chunk tribe come closer to food sovereignty.

Melanie Stacy, Grants Assistant with Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCA), is spearheading the effort that will provide more organic vegetables and other wholesome food to Ho-Chunk families.

To make that possible, an assessment of Ho-Chunk members and communities will be done to find out the existing situation, and what needs to be done.

Heath Littlejohn has been hired as Garden/Food Assessment Coordinator through a Food Sovereignty Assessment grant provided by the First Nations Development Institute. First Nations, based in Colorado, is an organization to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities throughout the United States.

Involvement from the Ho-Chunk Nation Departments are already underway.

Also joining the crew are Jessika Greendeer and Jim Price, both AmeriCorps/Vista volunteers who will be helping the development of organic village gardens.

This is the fourth year of reaching out to Ho-Chunk communities to establish organic gardens, but one thing Melanie needed was staff to help in the longevity and reach of the program. But this year, that staffing gap has been filled.

March

Forum examines Waksik Wosga Leave abuse

A public forum on Waksik Wosga Leave was held at Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah on March 15. The goal was to get input on possible changes or the end to the Nation's Employment Relations Act's (ERA) Waksik Wosga Leave Policy.

John Steindorf was the facilitator of the forum and introduced Heritage Preservation Department Executive Director Jon Greendeer, who gave opening comments.

"Wosga leave is a sensitive matter that is discussed behind closed doors. Wosga leave allows tribal members to experience and participate in our cultural ways. There have been cases of abusing it. We want to get input so we can make it clearer to administer the leave," Greendeer said.

"Is it in the right place?" he said.

Currently, the Wosga leave is administered by the Personnel Department, who also enforces the ERA.

Greendeer talked about how Wosga was examined few years earlier. Like any law, it evolves, he said.

"We want to build a collective solution to present at the next legislative session. There is no right or wrong solution," Greendeer said.

Bronson Koenig offers his image to help stop distracted driving

Badgers basketball star Bronson Koenig wants to make sure that everyone remains safe whenever motorists hit the road.

To make this happen, he has agreed to have his image on display on banners and billboards throughout Wisconsin. The message is to encourage drivers to end distracted driving, such as texting while driving.

The effort is a campaign conducted by Candice Green, Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program coordinator for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

There are 10 billboards throughout the state, all touting the same image and message to motorists passing by.

"There are billboards near Stevens Point, Eau Claire, La Crosse, and on Highway 54 near Black River Falls between the Ho-Chunk offices and the casino," Green said.

"Some of the billboards are electronic, so the message changes on a rotating schedule."

The host companies donated the spaces for each of the billboards: Lamar Advertising Company and Fairway Outdoor Advertising, so there was no cost to the program.

Some of the banners and billboards will be up during April, which is "Distracted Driving Awareness Month."

"We are blessed to get our message all over Wisconsin," Green said.

Healthy Native Sports Summit offers new beginning for fit lifestyle

In his youth, Ernie Stevens Jr. was always trying to find a way to become involved in alcohol, drugs and fights. In 1981 during a confrontation, a man slashed him in the face with a linoleum knife and left him severely wounded.

"I almost died because I was being stupid," Stevens said. "I could have walked away, but I was determined to fight."

From his experience, his message is to walk away from trouble and to try to help people, rather than hurt them – to work hard for what is good.

Stevens, an Oneida, was the keynote speaker for the Second Annual Healthy Native Sports Summit, held Thursday, March 9, at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. The event offered a variety of workshops throughout the day on topics of keeping active and staying healthy.

Ernie Stevens, Jr. is the chairman and national spokesperson for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in Washington, D.C. Stevens is currently completing his seventh two-year term as the organization's leader, which is a position elected by the member tribes of the National Indian Gaming Association.

'Rights of Nature' examined to water, air, and plants the claim to exist

David Greendeer is making an effort to preserve nature from destruction at the hands of humankind.

He is working to develop "The Rights of Nature," as expressed in a resolution at the 2016 Ho-Chunk General Council meeting.

Greendeer spoke before Ho-Chunk members at the District I Area Meeting on

March 8 to let everyone know what is being proposed.

The Legislature needs to amend the Election Code so that "The Rights of Nature" can be placed on a Secretarial Election. If the Legislature can amend the code, it is possible that it will be on a Secretarial Election sometime this summer, Greendeer said. If passed, the amendment to the Constitution will give waterways, air, soils, plants and animals the right to exist.

This right would provide backing to resist developing frac sand mines, pipelines, high voltage transmission lines.

Greendeer is the Official Tribal representative for the Indian Country Infrastructure and Energy Workgroup of the Department of Energy; the Negotiated Rule Making Team Representative for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the BIA Roads Team and the Mairakara Workgroup.

April

Nation's website is hacked, but is now up and running

Electronic media with the Ho-Chunk Nation took a big hit on Monday, March 6.

That's when the Nation's website crashed, falling victim to some hacker in search of money.

The hacker, making the website inaccessible to anyone until a ransom was paid, encrypted the content of the website. Hence, the name of the software used by the hacker is called "Ransomware."

It was first noticed that morning, when someone was trying to access a form, but it wasn't appearing. Shortly after, several other people reported the same problem, said Ho-Chunk Nation Information Technology Director Lael Hall.

Because the national news had keyed in on accusations of Russian meddling in electronic activity in the country, one of the first questions people had was, "Did the Russians do it?"

In answer to that question, tracing the person or persons responsible is nearly impossible.

IT has access to a world map provided by Kasperski, a computer antivirus and internet security firm, that shows the real-time hits on computer systems worldwide. It shows that hundreds of systems throughout the world are randomly being hit every minute.

Tribes throughout the country take part in Nation to Nation Indigenous Relay

On April 22, the world celebrated Earth Day and tribes all across our country ran the Nation to Nation Indigenous Relay through their respective lands to encourage environmental awareness.

"We're running with other indigenous nations that are in our country," said Ho-Chunk tribal member Paul Roberts. "And I think the idea of it is absolutely beautiful."

The event was promoted by a prominent Native American activist and motivational speaker, Waylon Pahona Jr., who went live on social media in March to announce the challenge.

"We are calling all our native runners to relay across their homelands," said Pahona. "The purpose of this run is to connect ourselves to the lands where we come from, to pray for our water. Since the beginning of time, our ancestors have carried vital messages from tribe to tribe through endurance running. Before the railroads and before the automobiles, we used our natural energy to get us where we needed to go. The nonrenewable natural resources of our planet are under attack. And as indigenous nations, we have the strength and the ability to show the world a better way."

Holsey expresses message of working together at annual State of Tribes address

Stockbridge-Munsee President Shannon Holsey stressed unity among Wisconsin tribal nations, rather than division.

"Unity does not have to mean uniformity," she said. "It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within everyone. 'We the people' means everyone."

Holsey presented the annual State of the Tribes address on Tuesday, April 4, at the State Capital in Madison.

Throughout her speech, she urged lawmakers to use their roles as leaders to include a wider range of people in conversations and understand other sides.

She also touched on topics such as conservation, education, language, health care, the economy, and the need to rebuild the infrastructure.

At the beginning of her speech, she offered praise for Ho-Chunk member and veteran Myrle Thompson.

"I am extremely honored to pay special recognition to two Veterans, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Member Ernestine Murphy and Ho-Chunk Nation Member Myrle Thompson," Holsey said. "World War II US Marine Specialist Ernest Murphy and Korean War veteran Meryl Thompson served their country honorably and with dignity."

DNR staff springs into action to save co-worker's life

On March 15th while on assignment, Lance Blackdeer noticed his friend and coworker, Greg Blick, was not his usual self and appeared to be very tired and not responding to some questions. Greg got out of his climbing/cutting gear and the crew headed toward the local Plaza. After purchasing some aspirin and something to drink, Greg collapsed. Lance's instincts as a First Responder kicked in. He began taking immediate steps to resuscitate his unconscious coworker while his partner



and emergency certified DNR worker, Reiss Blackhawk, secured the public area and remained on hand.

Lance yelled out, "Call 9-1-1!" then called for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) having just updated his First Responder certification days before. As luck would have it, another first responder happened to be on site and took off to the fire station which was coincidentally located right next door. According to the record, Greg's heart stopped for 4 minutes, but Lance refused to make "that call" to Greg's parents. He kept with compressions as he was trained to do and literally breathed life back into his friend.

Second group of Ho-Chunk Code Talkers honored with Congressional Silver Medals

Seven more Code Talkers from the Ho-Chunk Nation were honored with Congressional Silver Medals during a presentation ceremony at HCG-Wisconsin Dells last week, on April 7, in recognition of their service in the United States military during World War II.

"We really respect the Code Talkers a lot," said Navajo Army veteran Erwin Begay.

For throughout the war, the Code Talkers used their Native language to transmit messages that the enemy could not decipher. This unique ability made them particularly valuable to the American armed forces.

"In times of great need," Language manager Adrienne Thunder said, "our language was more than we could've ever imagined."

Understanding the importance of these Native American tribal members to our military, our enemies would often target the Code Talkers – as they would our medics – in combat. That meant a greater chance of being wounded or killed in action.

"There were a lot of lives lost," Thunder said, "a lot of blood shed in order to protect the land that is left there for us."

The seven Code Talkers recognized at this year's ceremony were Army veterans Donald Greengrass, Donald Blackdeer, Irvin Blackdeer, Alfred Oliver Stacy, George Green, Adam Littlebear Jr. and Navy veteran Alvin Blackdeer.

May

New HCG-BRF hotel receives the 'topping' treatment, considered a milestone

A crane loomed in the background of the new hotel construction the morning of Friday, May 19, reaching its arm and dropping its load of fresh cement onto the top. The workers dashed about, first evening the mixture across the surface, then smoothing the top to a glassy surface.

The cement poured on the corrugated metal sheets, with a mixture of rebar and wire at various spots.

The process might have appeared to be a usual one, one that has been going on for some time, but this was an occasion to be marked and remembered.

It was the topping of the new hotel addition at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls site.

"In the world of construction, the topping of the roof is a milestone," said Henry Corken, project manager with Hill International Inc., Phoenix AZ. "At 64 feet, it's the highest building in the area. With the roof poured, it's the end of climbing for the construction crew."

The cement is of lightweight nature, a mixture of fiberglass and other strength-added material.



More space allows pharmacy to expand into new services

When the doors were opened for the newly renovated and expanded Black River Falls pharmacy in December, it also opened the doors to new possibilities.

With the added room, staff and services, the pharmacy staff projects an increase of at least 50 percent to double in business.

"We have much more space now," said Pharmacy Manager Lt. James G. Buel, PharmD, RPh. "In the former pharmacy, it was so small that it had gotten to the point where we were literally tripping over each other."

Now, moving into the expanded and renovated facility has meant that they can do things more efficiently, plus offering new and more services.

In fact, the changes have made it possible to hire two more pharmacists.

Melanie "Lanie" Hanson will be starting on May 15. She was a student pharmacist at the BRF pharmacy last summer and she was interested in coming back on a permanent basis. She returned to school to finish her education, graduated on May 13, and will be returning to the Ho-Chunk Pharmacy.

Ho-Chunk treatment court programs join forces with Black River Memorial Hospital

A recently signed agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Black River Memorial Hospital will help Ho-Chunk Nation court programs.

Representatives from the Jackson County Court, the Ho-Chunk Healing to Wellness Court and Family Wellness Court and Black River Memorial Hospital gathered at the hospital on Thursday, April 27, to recognize that successful partnership.

"The agreement will allow the staff at Black Memorial Hospital to conduct drug testing when we aren't available, such as holidays and weekends," said HCN Healing to Wellness Court Project Coordinator Robert Mann.

The drug testing is random and required with any court, including the two Ho-Chunk courts and the Jackson County Treatment Court.



The courts provide the testing supplies and have provided the training to properly obtain the

samples. Lab technicians conduct a urinalysis to determine if illegal drugs are present and, if a positive result is obtained, the sample is sent to another laboratory for confirmation. All results are emailed to court coordinators on a regular basis.

Until this agreement, Mann and HCN Family Wellness Court Assistant Clerk Shelley Wilkinson had to be available from the respective court 24 hours, seven days a week for testing.

June

Same-sex marriage provisions approved by Ho-Chunk Legislature

With approval by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, same-sex marriages now have legal rights within the Ho-Chunk law.

On June 5, the Legislature approved an amendment to the Marriage Ordinance, which was originally adopted on October 19, 2004.

The amendment was introduced by Rep. Henning Garvin and seconded by Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. It passed with a 13-0 vote.

The United States Supreme Court ruled on June 26, 2015, that gay and lesbian couples have the same right to marry as heterosexual couples. The topic has proven to be one of the most contentious social issues in U.S. history.

"We began work on the marriage ordinance this past fall essentially in response to a housing concern," Garvin said. "In the previous version of the ordinance, common-law marriage was recognized, with the only provision being that individuals who were cohabitants for seven years or more would be recognized as married and receive the same benefits as married couples."

This has posed issues especially in some probate cases when there arises a dispute or disagreement within families on whether or not someone really was a cohabitant for an entire seven years, Garvin said.

Family Wellness Court honors Garvin as first graduate

Henu Garvin has two lives: one from her past and one she is living now. She is glad she has arrived with a much more healthy and stable life.

It was a long and difficult journey to get where she is today, but now that she has arrived, she is glad she took that first step.

Garvin is the first graduate of the Family Wellness Court and was honored with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 21, at the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court Building in Black River Falls.

Family Wellness Court is a Ho-Chunk program that is instrumental to getting drug offenders back on track to a clean lifestyle.

The Family Wellness Court involves children and the parents, of which the mother and/or father are undergoing AODA counseling and the children are taken away by means of CHiPs (Child in Need of Protection and/or Services) petition. By participating in the voluntary program, they can get their children back sooner.

To comply with the requirements of the court program, individuals must undergo random drug testing. A team of experts in various professional fields is assigned to each individual.

Election results in four new legislators, two incumbents

Winners of the June 6 election were certified at the Ho-Chunk Election Board special certification meeting on Wednesday, June 7, at Comfort Inn and Suites, Black River Falls.

Winners in the election are Karena Thundercloud, Hinu Helgesen Smith, Kristin White Eagle, Carly Lincoln, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, and Matt Mullen.

The Election Board certified the results from each polling place. It was reported that eight ballots were spoiled due to errors made by voters and replacement ballots were given, and two ballots were challenged. One of the challenged ballots was because of a voter was attempting to vote out of the area of residence without changing the listed address and the other was because the voter was in the facility and wanted to vote 20 seconds after the closing time.

The Election Board did not accept the ballot from the person voting out of the area, however, the other ballot by the late voter was accepted because the doors were not locked precisely at 7 p.m.

Members inspected each of 63 absentee ballots for correct dates and Notary Public certification.

Tribes testify in support of Assembly Bill 114



On Thursday, June 1, a few tribes testified in support of Assembly Bill 114, which would add criminal penalties for battery of tribal judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement, before the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison.

Tribal officials from the Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa, and Oneida Nation gave testimony before Chairman John Spiros (R-Marshfield) and the other committee members.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz), the chairperson of a State and Tribal Relations Committee that a state statute directs the Joint Legislative Council to create.

"It's a pretty straight forward bill. It is often the case that when a bill is being draft or introduced, that they don't contain language that explicitly includes the tribes living in Wisconsin. It isn't intentional, but it is important that we extend the same opportunities and protections given to Wisconsin citizens to members of our tribes," Rep. Mursau said.

#StoptheStigma campaign supports people with addictions

With one slogan, Tena Quackenbush wants people to become aware that people with addictions are real, loving, caring people, who deserve to be treated with respect.

Quackenbush developed the “StoptheStigma” movement and now she is spreading the news.

She developed the awareness campaign after an incident she experienced on Facebook. She explained that she had a drug problem in the past, but the person responding to her post called her a druggie and a junkie.



“I thought this is what the problem is,” Quackenbush said. “People are being labeled for being addicts. How can people be helped if people are labeling them, like they are diseased?”

She shared her past and she knows how powerful and hard it is to stop.

Quackenbush is a program manager with the Family Services Program of Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services. Her work with #StoptheStigma is on her own and has no connection with her employment.

She said addiction is “cunning, baffling and powerful,” because it frequently takes over people’s lives.

July

‘The Art of Ho-Chunk Basket Making’ comes to Native Presence Art Gallery

Community members witnessed the opening of a new exhibit at Native Presence Art Gallery in Wisconsin Dells earlier this month, looking at “The Art of Ho-Chunk Basket Making.”

“This is the third exhibit that we’ve had here at the gallery,” said gallery director Melanie Sainz. “And it’s just a blessing.”

The exhibit opened on July 15, and has showcased the work of several renowned Ho-Chunk basket makers. About a hundred pieces made by them and other skilled artists have been included in the display.

“We’re looking at the crème de la crème,” Sainz said, “ideal examples of shape and functionality.”

The baskets were curated by two collectors who wished to share their interest with the public. One of them was Mike Schmudlach, who serves on the Wisconsin Historical Society’s Board of Curators. Over four decades, he has amassed an extensive collection of more than a thousand Ho-Chunk baskets.

“I’ve been collecting for many years,” Schmudlach said. “And I’m just trying to bring a lot of it back home.”

Schmudlach stated that, after having collected for so long, he can identify artists by their work.

Ho-Chunk Nation holds swearing-in ceremony for officials elected into tribal government

The Ho-Chunk Nation held a swearing-in ceremony at its casino in Baraboo earlier this month, on July 5, to administer the oath of office to recently-elected members of its government.

“It’s a beautiful day,” said tribal member Martin Little Wolf Jr. “It’s a good day for celebration.”

Taking the oath were eight legislators and a Supreme Court associate justice who won this spring’s election. Each will serve four years in office.

The list of legislators included tribal members Karena Thundercloud (District 1, Seat 1); Hinu Smith (District 1, Seat 3); Kristin WhiteEagle (District 2, Seat 2); Carly Lincoln (District 2, Seat 3); Lawrence Walker Jr (District 3, Seat 2); Kathyleen Whiterabbit (District 5, Seat 1); Robert Two Bears (District 5, Seat 3); and Matt Mullen (District 5, Seat 4). Re-elected to the associate justice position was tribal member Tricia Zunker.

“I’m really thankful,” Little Wolf said in response to the results. “We’re looking forward to good things.”

Prior to introductions, Little Wolf offered a prayer in which he acknowledged all the new members of his Nation’s government.

D-Day Native American hero honored with park dedication in France

One moment in history changed the world forever.

That moment is known as D-Day, when Allied forces surged ahead on the beaches of Normandy, France, to begin taking land back from the occupying German forces during World War II.

To mark that occasion, Ona Garvin, Department of Health director, traveled to Normandy France for a ceremony for the dedication of the Charles Shay Indian Memorial and the sacrifices made by Native Americans at the site on that day.

Taking place on June 5, 1944, D-Day was one of the most pivotal points in humankind’s history. It also was one of the bloodiest, with many of the infantrymen cut down with a firestorm of bullets by German military situated in concrete pillboxes on the hillside above the beach.

Allied forces overtook those beaches, but with a heavy cost of American, Canadian and British lives. Allied casualties were at least 10,000. There were 170 Native Americans who came ashore that day. Of those, only 50 are known. Gavin believes that some of those unknown Native Americans are Ho-Chunk.

August

Wogixete Wi (Loving Us) Powwow advocates a compassionate approach to substance abuse

Over two hundred tribal members attended a powwow in Black River Falls last weekend, to offer their support to those affected by drug and alcohol addic-

tion.

“We have so many people that are sick and suffering,” said tribal member Tena Quackenbush. “And we just want them to know that we are here for them.”

The gathering was held on Aug. 12 at the Indian Mission, and called the Wogixete Wi Powwow. Its name came from the Ho-Chunk language, and has been translated to the ‘Loving Us’ Powwow.

“I was trying to figure out what we need to do to bring our people back to us,” said Quackenbush, who helped coordinate the event. “And the words ‘loving us’ came to mind.”

Quackenbush used the powwow as a way to advocate love and compassion toward those who are struggling, rather than bitterness or anger. She said that positivity is the only effective way to address the problem.

“Love is the ultimate key,” Quackenbush said. “That’s the very beginning – letting our people know that we love them.”

Lawsuit filed to determine President Cleveland’s conviction status

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

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

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

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

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

Determining whether Cleveland is a felon or not normally would be a simple procedure, looking at the court records from 1972, when the violation occurred. However, the court records were all kept in paper back then, and a distinct decision on the matter is not so apparent.

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

Heroin addiction epidemic countered with Nation’s Tribal Action Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man Mound becomes a National Historic Landmark

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

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

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

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

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

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

September

General Council addresses 18 resolutions at annual meeting

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deputy makes a hoop dream come true for children

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

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

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

He had been there before and saw what kind of backboard they were using and he had to do something about it.

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

He noticed that the backboard was complete shattered, with three or four holes and very little of the backboard actually left, he said.

Hocak Worak wins 14 National Native Media Awards

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

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

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

The annual gathering offers a time to recharge and refocus by networking with journalism peers and discuss hot topic issues while sharing coverage strategies.

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

Decorah begins new life with Family Wellness Court's support

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

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

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

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

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

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



October

National Congress of American Indian convenes in Ho-Chunk territory

The National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) held its seventy-fourth annual convention at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee during the week of October 15 to 20.

The six day convention is a gathering of tribal leaders to discuss important issues faced by tribes when dealing with federal government. Issues range from community, culture, economic development, education, health, land and natural resources, veterans, and tribal governance.

The Ho-Chunk Nation was a platinum sponsor of the annual convention and was the co-sponsor of the Opening Night reception at the Harley Davidson museum.

One of the major tasks accomplished at the convention is to act on resolutions proposed by tribes on various issues and develop a consensus position from NCAI.

Resolutions are received three weeks before the annual convention and designated committees or subcommittees will review and make recommendations before posting resolutions on the NCAI website for members to review and research.

At the convention, those committees and subcommittees hear from the proposing tribes and interested parties about the resolution at scheduled meeting times and locations solidify the group's position on the issue.

Supreme Court hears arguments in HCN Gaming Commission v. HCN Ethics Review Board

The Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court held oral argument at the tribal court building on Oct. 14, to hear from both parties involved in HCN Gaming Commission v. HCN Ethics Review Board.

The case has been the focus of much attention throughout the Nation's gaming establishments, and revolves around actions taken by the gaming commission in 2015 – when it revoked the licenses of HCG-Black River Falls' top two financial officers.



"The gaming commission arbitrarily revoked the gaming licenses of CFO Steve Mach and Casino Controller Trina Johnson," stated Executive Manager of HCG-Madison Dan Brown. "They did so without charges, and without due process."

The move resulted in Mach and Johnson's immediate termination, since both of their positions had required a gaming license. They

were escorted from the premises the very same day they learned of the commission's intentions to revoke their licenses.

"I was unable to continue as Casino Controller," Johnson stated, "because a license is necessary for gaming employment."

They each filed a grievance within days of their dismissal, citing a lack of due process.

Ho-Chunk Nation voices its support for Assembly Bill 118

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 Loudbeck (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," Loudbeck said. "So we folded that into the existing real-estate disclosure form."

Newly released study shows cancer trends within Ho-Chunk communities

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).



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

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.



December

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

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.

HHCDA plans to equip 98 more houses with solar panels

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.

Wisconsin Historical Society celebrates Native American Heritage Month with local authors

The Wisconsin Historical Society held an author talk with writers of Hidden Thunder: Rock Art of the Upper Midwest in Madison last month, in recognition of Native American Heritage Month.

"Whatever can be done to raise awareness about Native American Heritage Month is a good thing," said author Geri Schrab. "There's not enough visibility of it, in my opinion."

The talk took place on Nov. 7, at the Wisconsin Historical Museum. There, Schrab and fellow author Ernie Boszhardt explained everything that went into creating their 160-page book as well as some of the reasons behind writing it in the first place.

"Most people are not aware of the rich Native American history of Wisconsin," Boszhardt said.

"Then you get into something as unique as rock art and the vast majority of people have no idea that this exists in Wisconsin, and that it was done by the ancestors of the Ho-Chunk and other indigenous tribes in this region. But it's there."

Day after Thanksgiving declared 'Ho-Chunk Day' in Madison

During its most recent meeting, the Madison Common Council passed a resolution proclaiming the day after Thanksgiving as "Ho-Chunk Day" throughout the city of Madison.

"I can't tell you how much that means to us," said tribal member Carly Lincoln. "To have this acknowledged here in our state capital just means so much."

Sponsoring the resolution were all 21 members of the legislative body, including the mayor. They handed the floor over to District 11 alder Arvina Martin for a reading of the text.

"The Ho-Chunk people are descendants of the effigy mound builders," Martin said, "and are the aboriginal inhabitants of the Madison region."

Shortly into the reading, Martin disclosed that she was actually a member of the Ho-Chunk tribe herself.

"I'm saying 'they,'" Martin said, "but I'm also one of them."

The alder proceeded to read each of the clauses contained in the resolution, providing a brief history of her people and their long-term occupation of the Madison area.

"Historic documents describe the Ho-Chunk as a large and populous tribe of 10,000 that occupied more than 10 million acres of land in much of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois," Martin said.



November

Wittenberg casino double floor space with expansion opening

Outside the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wittenberg casino, it was cold, barren, and snowing, but inside it was warm, dry, and full of people.

The ribbon cutting and opening of the newly-expanded gaming floor on Wednesday, Nov. 1, brought people from far and wide, all eager to take part of an exciting venture that was many months in the making.



Groundbreaking for the expansion took place Sept. 21, 2016.

Elite elder Dollie BigJohn performed the honorary designation of being center of the cutting of the ribbon. LeAnthony Pecore was the master-of-ceremonies.

"Today, it is our great pleasure to open up the expanded gaming floor," HCG-Wittenberg Executive Manager Fletcher Collins said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "All casino staff, construction, contractors, and Ho-Chunk executive management staff, have worked diligently since our groundbreaking to get to this day. It has been a lot of long hours, stressful situations, frustrations and personal victories have been made. We all work together hard as a team."

The new gaming floor doubles the previous square feet, which was 1,000 square feet and is now about 2,000 square feet, Collins said.

Greendeer and fellow environmental activists gather at US Rights of Nature Symposium

Environmentalists from around the world attended the 1st U.S. Rights of Nature Symposium in New Orleans last month, to discuss the future of environmental protection in the United States.

"It's a real privilege to share the stage with these speakers," said Australia's Michelle Maloney.

The conference took place on Oct. 27, at Tulane Law School.

Dean David Meyer welcomed everyone to the college, and explained why the setting of their conversation was so significant.

"This is not only an important time to take up this topic," Meyer said. "But this is an important place for those conversations to happen. Louisiana is a place of unsurpassed splendor in terms of the beauty and bounty of nature, but also unsurpassed in terms of the vulnerability of nature."

He cited the extensive coastal erosion that has afflicted the region, and the dramatic land loss that has resulted from it. He said such things make the topic seem less abstract, and much more concrete in nature.

He wished everyone success in the work that lay ahead.

Koenig and Hayes await NBA opportunity in NBA G League

Two former Wisconsin Badgers teammates, Bronson Koenig and Nigel Hayes, have to "trust the process" and wait for their opportunities to play in the NBA by playing NBA G League basketball.

Both went undrafted in the NBA Draft.

Koenig signed to a two-way contract with the Milwaukee Bucks nearly immediately after the draft. He was waived by the Bucks, and a week later signed by the Chicago Bulls to a training camp contract. The Bulls waived him and signed with the Windy City Bulls.

Former Wisconsin Badger Duje Dukan is also on the Windy City Bulls roster, but is inactive due to a scope on his knee. He will return in a couple of weeks.



Hayes signed with, and later waived, by the New York Knicks. Then joined the Knicks G League team, the Westchester Knicks.

The G League, the NBA's proving grounds, has prepared players, coaches, and other staff for the NBA since 2001.

This year a major sponsorship from Gatorade will change the NBA Development League to the NBA Gatorade League or G League for short.

Tribal Coordinating Committee TCC Meeting

January 8th 2018
10am – Noon

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What is the Tribal Action Plan (TAP)?

The Tribal Action Plan (TAP) is a living/working document that is intended to combine the resources (all silos) within the Ho-chunk Nation as well as in the communities, to work together towards achieving the goals stated within the plan. (There are other TAPs in many Wisconsin Tribes. This is ours.)

A committee was established by the Ho-chunk Nation Legislatures known as the Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC), Res. 07-06-16 C.

The Ho-chunk Nation Legislature est. a Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC) to develop and implement a 'Tribal Action Plan' for comprehensive prevention and treatment programs for alcoholism and other substance abuse.

Res. 08-22-17B the HCN acknowledges the Tribal Action Plan. (view on HCN website)

Meaning the Tribal Action Plan is a template plan customized to the HCN that is driven and enforced by the Tribal Coordinating Committee members that consist of representatives from the following Departments:

Office of the President (OOP), Legislature, Health/Behavioral Health, HCN Law Enforcement Committee (LEC), Education, Social Services, Labor, Ho-chunk housing, and the Ho-chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), and **Any Voluntary Community Members** that are interested.

Tribal Action Plan:

- Can be changed and/or added to at any time per committee participation.
- Assists departments in applying for grants. (Competitive grants have already been awarded with the assistance of the completed TAO)
- Includes prevention and intervention strategies to help meet the plan's goal/objectives.
- Needs YOU, the community members (aka-Community Champions) and for your participation and your input.

The Tribal Coordination Committee meet on every 2nd Monday of the Month. The next scheduled meeting is January 8th, 2018 - 10 am – Noon at the HCN TOB Legislative Conference room.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact: 715 284-4915 or 9851

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WHY MUSEUMS?

We inspire young and old to enjoy learning about our cultural history. We make learning about the Ho-Chunk Story a "real" experience.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Shanti Gordon,
Petitioner, v. Jon E. Miner, Respondent.**

Case : CS 17-68

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Jon E. Miner

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this child support action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Child Support* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to respond to the *Petition for Child Support*. Failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a *Default Judgment* against you. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below, and must be served on all parties to the action. The Court shall convene an *Initial Child Support Hearing* as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28.

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The shall be held at **10:00** on the **22nd** day of . The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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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.

Notice

"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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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and State of Iowa, Petitioner, v. Colin Joseph Wauqua, Respondent.

Case : CSFJ 17-33

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Colin Joseph Wauqua

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(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

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

Case : CSFJ 17-29

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Mitchell Link

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HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

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

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

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

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

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



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

Baraboo Ho-Chunk Youth Carolers sing popular Christmas carols in Ho-Chunk language

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

A group of youth from Baraboo learned how to sing three Christmas carols as a part of the Youth Services program at the House of Wellness.

Youth Service tutor Amber Morgan taught the kids to sing Jingle Bells, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and Silent Night in Ho-Chunk.

"I try to work with all the youth in language, because I think it's important. They're all Ho-Chunk. I want them to know as much as they can, and I want them to hear it as much as they can," Morgan said.

"I wanted them to do Christmas caroling, because they all like to sing around the youth center."

Morgan also teaches them to play games in the Ho-Chunk language.

Morgan and her co-workers

went around each village with a letter and a balloon. The letter instructed the residents to blow up the balloon if they wanted the carolers to stop and sing for them.

For their first performances, the kids performed for one home, but also made stop at the Tribal Aging Unit building during lunchtime.

The following week, they performed at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells, where they were treated to hot cocoa and cookies, and at the House of Wellness.

"The person that we sang to enjoyed it. They were given candy. TAU really enjoyed it," Morgan said.

"They were extremely excited the last two weeks at youth, because they knew they were going out caroling. I was really happy for them, at the casino they had a huge crowd. That was really awesome."



Employees enjoy Christmas meal



Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation gathered on Thursday, Dec. 22, for some Christmas cheer and friendship at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls.

Bountiful amounts of food and drinks were available to everyone, giving everyone a time to

relax, eat, and enjoy each other's company.

Jeriah Rave gave a welcoming message and offered Christmas good spirits to everyone. Pierre Decorah Jr. gave the prayer before the meal.

Each department provided a dish to pass, along with the meat, ham and turkey, provided by the Office of the President.

