



Beloit city officials eager to get construction started on casino

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

What started many years ago with a vision is beginning to take shape.

Plans for the Ho-Chunk Nation to construct and operate a casino in Beloit are beginning to move forward and City of Beloit officials are eager to get the construction underway.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has recently published a Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Ho-Chunk Nation Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project.

The next step is to hold a public hearing on the environmental impact study.

“We are certainly eager for the public hearing on the Environmental Impact Statement at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Aldridge Middle School in Beloit. This is an important next step for the ultimate approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs,” said Beloit City Manager Lori Curtis Luther.

Public comment on the draft environmental impact statement can be submitted up to Dec. 24, according to an announcement by the BIA.

Legally, the Ho-Chunk Nation is allowed to build the casino based on an agreement with the state many years ago.

“With the state of Wisconsin, we negotiated a gaming compact, at the time, it was Gov. Thompson. We would be able to have casinos as part of our self-determination,” Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland said at a press conference on Dec. 21, 2017. “Another part of the compact said we’d have a fourth site someplace, sometime in the future.”

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 the language of a future fourth casino location, as well as ancillary sites. Ho-Chunk Gaming locations in Wis-



A public hearing is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Aldridge Middle School in Beloit on the recently released Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Beloit casino and conference center. Above is an architect's rendering of the completed project.

consin Dells, Black River Falls, and Nekoosa operate as three of the Nation's casinos, while Madison, Tomah, and Wittenberg are ancillary sites.

Beloit officials believe the hearing on Dec. 11 will not reveal any opposition.

“This is part of the process that is required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs,” Curtis Luther said. “But, technically, the input should be on any potential environmental

impact of the proposal and we don't believe there is any negative environmental impact. So, it's less about individual promotion or concerns about the development in general and I think it is supposed to be more specific about environmental impacts.

“Because we don't believe there are any, I would anticipate this going smoothly and hopefully moving us on quickly to the next step,” she said.

She said they believe that the Bureau of Indian Affairs would be moving forward with their approval of the application and, once the Bureau of Indian Affairs has signed off, Governor-elect Evers will sign the approval of the casino.

“Evers has stated his support, so we believe he will approve the application and the review. We're certainly grateful for his support,” Curtis Luther said.

According to the 2010 Census, Beloit, with a population of 36,966, and

has an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent. The median income is listed as \$36,384 and the average home price is \$90,900. The median age in the city is 33.1 years, with 27.1 percent of residents were under the age of 18; 12.1 percent between

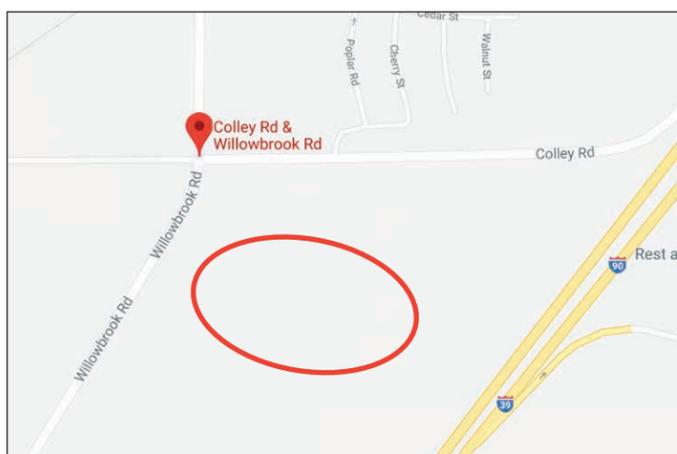
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This map shows the location of the proposed Ho-Chunk casino and convention center. It is approximately a mile north of the Illinois border and near the last exit from I-90 before entering Illinois when heading south. (Map courtesy of Google Maps.)

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Are 'Greener' Energy Solutions always safer? Can dams cause dam-age?

Submitted by
Forrest Whiterabbit, Jr

More environmentally friendly solutions to energy demands are a growing necessity.

Access to clean and reliable water sources is universally essential to all people.

This fall semester I have been taking a course on the Geography of China and I am tasked with writing about a subject I think is important. I want to discuss what I learned about mega-sized hydroelectric dams and the potential link between dams and earthquakes.

I want to present the benefits and potentially linked risks associated with this form of water conservation and power production.

The world should be seeking better forms of energy production and protection of life essentials like fresh water. Human actions can potentially affect the Earth unexpected ways. Hydroelectric power is used worldwide and I hope you readers can learn about sustainable energy sources and maybe think about 'greener' energy solutions since as Native Americans we should be conscious of preserving our lands and the Earth.

The Standing Rock Sioux's fight to maintain their waters and lands from The Dakota Access Pipeline and similar proposed pipelines that will cut across waterways are a water issue closer to home, but I want to highlight water issues other people face like those in China.

The Three Gorges Dam was a major power project in China. The dam rests on the Chang Jiang (Yangtze) river and is China's longest river. The Dam is located just west of Yichang city in the Hubei province which is in the central-eastern area of China. The dam has created a massive water reservoir behind its walls. Hydroelectric power generated from the dam is now fully operational as of 2012 which generates 22,500 megawatts of electricity. (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Three-Gorges-Dam>)

This is indeed one solution to finding 'greener' energy sources than relying on China's many coal powered plants that pump smog and other harmful particles into the air. The construction of the dam was also intended to protect areas of the Yangtze

river basin from flooding. However, there is a 'underlying' hidden cost to this surging source of power.

China produces potent pollution levels as the cost to meet their people's needs, but China also now champions the way for cleaner energy. (Bradsher, K. 2017. China Looks to Capitalize on Clean Energy as U.S. Retreats)

Tectonic forces are colossal dances of the Earth, but even human ingenuity can move the Earth, albeit unintentionally.

The weight of the water from the newly formed reservoir behind the dam places strain on the earth below the dammed-up area.

In 2011 Chinese seismologists found the Three Gorges Dam to have increased seismic activity near the reservoir. 3,400 or more quakes have been registered between 2003 and 2009.

(Lily Kuo 2013, Did a giant dam cause China's latest earthquake)

Another quake struck Lushan county in the Sichuan province in central China on April 20th, 2013. The quake measured as a magnitude 7.0 by Chinese authorities and struck on the same fault as the 2008 Wenchuan quake that killed 80,000 people.

(Lily Kuo 2013)

The Zipingpu Dam was just 500 meters (0.31 miles) from the epicenter of the quake and dams the Min River which is a tributary to the mighty Yangtze River.

The Zipingpu reservoir began filling in 2004 and the water level rose by 120 meters (393.70 feet) by 2006.

The weight of the water from the dam's reservoir applies pressure to the earth below it. The ebb and flow of the changing water level of the reservoir and water seeping down into the fault lines can place strain on underground faults. This might explain a possible source for quakes in the region.

(<https://www.smithsonian-mag.com/science-nature/a-link-between-dams-and-earthquakes-4305816/>)

China is far away from our Ho-Chunk homelands, but my hope is that our people will always look to preserve the lands and waters along with our culture.

There is no magic wand to solve all problems when it comes to preserving the environment and meeting

human energy demands. It is important to examine all forms of energy production. Mega-sized dams may have some risks associated with their construction, but do the benefits outweigh the risk?

Dams are one possibility to provide a safer environment from the dangers of flooding and can generate cleaner electricity than other dirty sources of power like coal plants. This is a good step for fighting for a cleaner Earth as a more environmentally friendly viable option of power production.

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<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/plains-treaties/dapl.cshtml>

The Standing Rock Sioux oppose the construction of the pipeline on the grounds that an oil spill would threaten their water supply and cultural resources. "The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is the safest and most environmentally sensitive way to transport crude oil ... to American consumers

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November 21, 2018

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On November 19, 2018, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Public Health Agency Canada (PHAC) took important action to protect consumers in the U.S. and Canada from exposure to the deadly foodborne pathogen E. coli O157:H7 by warning them not to eat romaine.

This recommendation, and the recommendation that members of the leafy green industry are urging withdrawal of all romaine currently in marketing channels and held in inventory, were embraced by the [United Fresh Produce Association](#) and the [California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement \(LGMA\)](#) in their press releases. In spite of that, these recommendations have also certainly generated many questions. Below are several points of fact that may help you address questions you receive. You can be sure that when the situation changes, we will update these points and also issue updates publicly.

- Lettuce is not currently labeled so that the consumer can differentiate between growing locations. If you look at the package, it's most likely going to simply have the address of the company on the back; not the address of the growing fields. That's the reason we painted this outbreak with such a broad brush. Our ultimate goal is protection of the consumer. And entering into a holiday weekend that is very centered on food, we felt the need to make this statement.
- FDA and CDC will be working to narrow the scope if we can identify specific locations in the traceback that are implicated with adulterated product, but that traceback will take time.
- FDA, CDC, and PHAC took this specific route because there was an ongoing public health threat. We have seen a genetically linked outbreak in each of the last two years. This situation calls for protective action for consumers while we work to solve this outbreak.

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Three Gorges Dam in China.

Native women support longtime Democratic leader ahead of key vote

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By Acee Agoyo

The 116th Congress has yet to begin but the two Native women who won their historic campaigns are casting a key vote this week.

Democrats who will be serving in the U.S. House are meeting behind closed doors on Wednesday to choose their leaders. And both Deb Haaland and Sharice Davids have made it clear that they plan to vote for Nancy Pelosi as Speaker, the highest-ranking post in the chamber.

Haaland, who hails from the Pueblo of Laguna, has repeatedly spoken in support of Pelosi since winning election in New Mexico's 1st Congressional District.

"She's the only person I believe that we need in this tumultuous time with the president we have, to stay on track to make sure that we are fulfilling promises to the American people," Haaland said on the ABC News program "This Week" on November 18.

Davids, who will be representing the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas, went public with her support of Pelosi on Saturday.

"I also have said time and again that whoever would get my vote for speaker had to have a plan for fixing the way business is done (or more recently, not done) in Washington," the Ho-Chunk Nation citizen said in a statement in which she highlighted the

youthful and diverse nature of the incoming class of Democratic lawmakers.

Despite securing the support of the first Native women to win election to the House, Pelosi has not found her path to leadership to be an easy one. Though she made history as the first woman to serve as Speaker more than a decade ago, she is facing opposition and criticism from members of her own party in her bid to reclaim the post.

But, as Davids pointed out, no one has officially announced a challenge to Pelosi, who represents California's 12th Congressional District. One lawmaker who was considering a run for Speaker, Rep. Marcia Fudge of Ohio, has voiced concerns about the party's commitment to diversity and protecting the voting rights of Native Americans and other minorities.

Fudge, however, endorsed Pelosi last week in light of concessions being made on those issues.

"I am now confident that we will move forward together and that the 116th Congress will be a Congress of which we can all be proud," she said in a statement.

Before Davids came forward, 16 Democrats -- including five newcomers -- said they would not support Pelosi for Speaker. Their November 19 letter called for "new leadership" in the House.

"There are plenty of strong Democratic options. I will

vote for one of them," Ben McAdams, whose close race in Utah's 4th Congressional District was finally called in his favor later in the week, wrote in a post on Twitter.

Democrats have won at least 233 seats in the 435-member House. At the party's meeting in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Pelosi only needs a majority of those members to endorse her campaign for Speaker.

The official vote for Speaker will come after the 116th Congress convenes on January 3, 2019. Pelosi needs at least 218 votes to claim the title, so she can only afford to lose 16 members of her party, assuming all Republicans vote against her.

As Pelosi continues to rally support ahead of Wednesday's party meeting, her closest allies remain confident.

"She will be our next Speaker of the House," Rep. Ben Lujan of New Mexico, who successfully oversaw the Democratic takeover of the chamber, asserted in a post on Twitter after the 16 Democrats released their letter last week. One of the signers, incidentally, has since reversed course and has endorsed Pelosi.

Lujan, who grew up on the homelands of Nambé Pueblo in northern New Mexico, represents several tribes in the state's 3rd Congressional District. He is running for Assistant Democratic Leader and is part of the "new generation



Deb Haaland, left, and Sharice Davids enjoy a moment with former vice president Joe Biden, seen here kneeling, at a Democratic event in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 14.

of outstanding candidates" whom Davids talked about in her statement on Saturday.

"The new generation of leaders is growing and we won't be ignored," Davids said.

Up until issuing the statement, Davids had largely been silent on Pelosi, a frequent target of the GOP, in a district that was held by a Republican for nearly a decade. During the campaign, she pitched herself as a candidate who was willing to stand up to the Trump administration but also hold the Democratic leadership accountable.

Haaland was much more at ease with Pelosi in a district

that has sent a Democrat to Capitol Hill in every election since 2009. The two appeared at a campaign event in August to call for greater protections for Native women by updating the Violence Against Women Act and by passing other initiatives, such as Savanna's Act to address the crisis of missing and murdered Native women and girls.

"We must increase funding for tribal justice systems and track the data because Native women deserve to be counted and we deserve to live," Haaland said at the August 7 event in Albuquerque, which is home to a large urban Native population.

State of Wisconsin could lose \$250 million to Potawatomi under agreement

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By Steven Elbow

Gov. Scott Walker and Potawatomi Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. signed the agreement Friday and announced it on

Tuesday.

The agreement ends a 15-year legal dispute over how much the the Potawatomi could withhold under a revenue sharing agreement if another casino within 30 to

50 miles of the Potawatomi operation ate into its profits. An arbitrator ruled in 2014 that the amount could be up to \$500 million, but the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs rejected that ruling.

The new agreement, which is subject to approval by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, would leave the state on the hook for \$250 million.

Four of Wisconsin's eight U.S. representatives signed a letter to Nowak on Nov. 16 urging a "swift and successful conclusion" to negotiations.

They include Democrats Ron Kind, Gwen Moore, Mark Pocan, and Republican Sean Duffy.

"As members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, we support your efforts to uphold the state's obligations under the tribal compacts while finding certainty and protecting Wisconsin taxpayers through this needed compact amendment," the letter says.

It's unclear whether the agreement will pave the way for a renewed proposal by the

Menominee Nation, which had plans to partner with Hard Rock International to build a casino in Kenosha, about 30 miles from the Potawatomi casino. Gov. Scott Walker rejected that plan in 2015.

The Potawatomi were joined in fighting the Menominee plan by the Ho-Chunk Nation, which is currently planning a casino complex in Beloit. That plan has been approved by the federal government, and Gov.-elect Tony Evers has said in the past he would approve it.



The Potawatomi casino in Milwaukee. Gov. Scott Walker's administration has struck a deal with the Forest County Potawatomi that could put the state on the hook for \$250 million if a casino opens near the tribe's Milwaukee gaming operation.

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Family Fitness Initiative offered to get the whole household moving all year

Submitted by
Lyndsey Killian

The Health and Wellness Division is rolling out a new program in 2019: the Family Fitness Initiative.

The goal is to have tribal members and families be active together and stay active throughout the whole year.

The program will be rolled out in January 2019. Each family will need to enroll with the Health and Wellness division. One parent must be a Ho-Chunk enrolled tribal member. The program is designed to get families to participate in family friendly physical activity events that the Ho-Chunk Nation offers.

Some of these events include the annual canoe trip on the Kickapoo River in Ontario, WI, snow tubing at Bruce Mound in the spring, JOH Conference, diabetes preven-

tion classes (Prevent T2), diabetes management workshops (DM Workshop), HCN provided exercise classes, 5k walking/running events, HCN hiking events throughout the year and many more. A full list will be provided at registration.

Information on the program will be released in December. Each family member will have heights and weights recorded at the beginning and end of the year.

"You don't have to have a diabetes diagnosis to participate," said Sara Peterson, HCN Health and Wellness coordinator. "The purpose of the challenge is to reduce childhood obesity; we are trying to get more families out there moving."

Health and Wellness Program Recruiters Lyndsey Killian and Rachel Montana

will be offering information on classes and completing Family Fitness registration in their respective areas in January 2019. Rachel Montana will be servicing Black River Falls, Nekoosa and Wittenberg. Lyndsey will be servicing Madison, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah and La Crosse areas. If the outer branch offices wish to participate, they may contact the Health and Wellness Division to schedule a visit from one of the Health and Wellness staff members.

Diabetes prevention and management programs are available in Madison, Wisconsin Dells, La Crosse, Tomah, Black River Falls, Nekoosa, and Wittenberg. Credit to the 2019 Family Fitness Initiative will be given for anyone attending and completing these classes. Participants do not need to have a referral from a



physician. They may self-refer themselves to the program, as well.

For more information or questions please contact the Health & Wellness Coordinator or one of the Program Recruiters at 715-284-9851.

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Social dance planned to keep everyone moving

Submitted by
Lyndsey Killian

The Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Wellness Division is planning a Holiday Social Dance.

The dance will be hosted by the Health and Wellness Division on Friday, Dec. 21, at the District 1 Community Center (D1CC) in Black River Falls.

To start the evening, a meal will be provided at 5 pm and the dance to follow at 6:30 pm. The meal will be prepared by Elena Terry of Wild Berries and will include a variety of native foods.

In conjunction with the dance, the Health and Wellness Division are searching for two fancy dancers. The dancers will be dressed up like the Grinch and Santa Claus (attire will be provided), and gather for friendly competition dance-off. The audience will decide who the dance-off winner is.

Everyone is welcome. Dances are encouraged to bring family and friends to join the gathering for some serious holiday fun. Prizes will be awarded for the best holiday apparel and the ugliest sweater.

"We haven't had any social dances in a long time," said Sara Peterson, Health and Wellness Coordinator. "This is the first Holiday Social Dance the Health and Wellness Division has hosted".

Every Wednesday night, the Health and Wellness Division hosts a Girls Pow Wow Dance Class at D1CC. That class will be cancelled the week of Dec. 21 for all to attend the Holiday Social Dance as a family.

To keep everyone motivated and moving, a pedometer will be handed out to each participant at the event. The participants with the most steps will be entered to win prizes. The walking track at D1CC will also be open to rack up some additional miles.

"It will be a great time and an entertaining way to keep moving," Peterson said.

Beloit Diversity Project

Submitted by
C-Ann Cleveland

October 24-25th were beautiful sunny autumn days. It was a great week to celebrate the Beloit Diversity Project. This year, we coordinated with Mr. Douglas Williams, Beloit Superintendent and Ms. Tasha Bell, Diversity Coordinator, so all students and staff could enjoy and learn about the Ho-Chunk Nation. We took 24 dancers to Beloit and had eight dance performances for grades K-12.

On behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation and their funding, a big THANK YOU to all those that were involved in making this project a success: Bobby Blackdeer, Garrick Cleveland Sr., Samson Funmaker, Cody Greendeer, and Chad Tahchawickah for all the beautiful songs sung with the Winnebago Sons drum; David Greendeer and Samson Funmaker.

Thank you to our MC's, for all the explaining of regalia and giving the students and staff some awesome history and knowledge about the Ho-Chunk Nation and Native

Americans in general; Mr. Clayton Winneshiek and son Levi Winneshiek for leading us into the dance arena and for our Chief and his encouraging words to us all.

Thank you to Mr. Wilbert Cleveland and Mr. Robert Mann for representing our Ho-Chunk veterans; Calista Stumblingbear for representing as Senior Miss Winnebago Princess; Jackie Cleveland for representing as Miss Downs Syndrome Princess.

Thank you to all the beautiful dancers – Bella Blackdeer, Zahay Calabese, Buster Cleveland, David Cleveland, Jackie Cleveland, Levi Cleveland, Eliza Cloud, Heather Green, Arielle Hall, Celina Hall, Mya Hall, Garrison Johnson, Naomi Littlegeorge, Robert Mann, Ashley Rave, Olivia Rave, DJ Scott, Calista Stumblingbear, Azrielle Swallow, Tara Swallow, Rayvon Walker, Clayton Winneshiek, Levi Winneshiek and myself.

Thank you to Sommer Reel for being with us for those two days and all the work you did in organizing and working with the Treasury Department.

And last but not least, thank you Ms. Tasha Bell, for setting the dance schedule and also for the delicious lunches and drinks you had provided for our nourishment.

A great time was had by all and the Beloit School District enjoyed learning and interacting with our dance group, chaperones and singers.



Thanksgiving Powwow Donation

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

Every year since the 1980s, the Minneapolis American Indian Center has held a Thanksgiving Powwow. However, last year it didn't happen. That's why Bob Rice, owner of Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop, held a fundraiser to make sure that the tradition continues. His business sold Indian tacos, frybread, and a number of other food items for the powwow.

The Ho-Chunk Nation did its part in helping out the effort, donating \$1,000 to the 2018 Minneapolis American Indian Thanksgiving Powwow. The check was presented at the District 5 Area Meeting on November 15.



Present for the check presentation are (from left) Rep. Robert TwoBears, Tayah Reyes, Twin Cities Area Chairperson Paul Fox, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whit-rabbit, Junior Chase, Bob Rice, owner of Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop, Tayah Reyes, Eloise Funmaker, Sandra Grayson, and Rosetta Hunt.

Ho-Chunk employees honored with annual Thanksgiving meal

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation were honored with a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the Tribal Office Building, Black River Falls.

Each department was responsible for bringing an assigned dish to pass, with the Office of the President providing turkey, gravy, stuffing, and mashed potatoes.

Before the meal was served, Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland gave a greetings and inspirational speech about Thanksgiving and being grateful.

Many Ho-Chunk Nation employees were the servers of the food.





Ho-Chunk Day celebration held at new District 1 Community Center

Ken Luchterhand
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Historically, the Ho-Chunk Nation has observed the day after Thanksgiving as Ho-Chunk Day for more than a decade.

Two years ago and every year since, the city of Madison has proclaimed the fourth Friday in November as Ho-Chunk Day.

This year Ho-Chunk mem-

bers gathered on Friday, Nov. 23, at District 1 Community Center in Black River Falls to celebrate the holiday. Members registered at the door for raffle prizes, which were given throughout the event.

The day started at 10 a.m. with songs and dance and then followed with a meal at noon. After lunch, members played bingo and winners received a number of high-quality prizes.



Ho-Chunk Day

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Remember when...



Winnebago Indians Christmas Party

The Blue Wing Dancers of the Tomah community, a Winnebago Indian dance group, sponsored the 1967 Christmas party for Indian children of the area last Saturday evening at Wyeville. Candy, toys and mittens were given to all the children. The Neenah Bank sent a box of mittens to the Blue Wing Dancers for distribution and they were given out by Santa Claus, and Miss Wisconsin Princess, Suzette Kay LaMere, shown second from left. Other concerns helpin with party arrangements were the Tomah Lions Club, Seven-Up Bottling Co., and Ranney's Dairy. (Journal Photo)



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Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)
Vice President Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Karena Thundercloud (P)
Rep. Hinu Smith (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Carly Lincoln (P)
Rep. Kristin White Eagle (P)
Rep. Kathy DeCamp (P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (EX)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Matthew Mullen (P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (EX)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)
Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: *Legislative Meeting-October 30, 2018* MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the October 30, 2018 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Finance Committee-October 31, 2018 MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the October 31, 2018 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION CARRIED.
Unfinished Business: *Office of General Council 2018 General Council Meeting Minutes, 2018 General Council Resolutions and Attorney General's Opinion Regarding the General Council Office of General Council Request for Legal Services by Joy Thompson* MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer the Office of General Council Request

for Legal Services to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Economic Diversification Rep. Matt Mullen will be working on a date and inform the legislators.
West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group Request MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to TABLE the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group Request. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. MOTION CARRIED.
New Business: *Resolution-Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 128 (a) Brownfields Funding to Establish a Tribal Response Program* MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 11-08-18 A**, Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 128 (a) Brownfields Funding to Establish a Tribal Response Program. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-In Support of Including Ho-Chunk Nation Lands in the Nomination of the Lower Wisconsin River as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 11-08-18 B**, In Support of Including Ho-Chunk Nation Lands in the Nomination of the Lower Wisconsin River as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Vice President Douglas Greengrass is out of the room.
Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11). MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 11-08-18 C**, Quick Passage Amendments to the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Vice President Douglas Greengrass returns.
Resolution-Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Committees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit

to adopt **Resolution 11-08-18 D**, Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Committees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
District Meetings: *District 2- La Crosse District Meeting-November 5, 2018* READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Paul Krause to have La Crosse District start using reusable plates, dinnerware and utensils for area meeting meals. To have staff members on duty to initiate and be responsible for the cleaning, washing of the reusable plates, dinnerware and utensils.
Conference Approvals: *2nd Annual Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference* MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve up to three legislators to attend the 2nd Annual Seminole Tribal of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference in Hollywood, FL on February 5-7, 2019. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. MOTION AMENDED, to change to four legislators to attend. SECOND CONCURS. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Executive Session: MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. 10:42 a.m.
Break for lunch MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to break for lunch for a half hour. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)
Vice President Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Karena Thundercloud (P)
Rep. Hinu Smith (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Carly Lincoln (P)
Rep. Kristin White Eagle (P)
Rep. Kathy DeCamp (P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (EX)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Matthew Mullen (P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (EX)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (1:19 p.m.)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (1:28 p.m.)
Meeting goes back into executive session.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith.
9-1(Carly Lincoln)-0 MOTION CARRIED. 5:24 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Release to Open Session: **Refer to the note below*
Redistricting Implementation Issues MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve in accordance with exercising Legislative Authority, Legislative Redistricting and with continuity with the committees that were approved today, to continue with Option 1 and transition to Option 2 effective December 1, 2018. To have Legislative Counsel to bring changes forward on the Election Code with the language in the current section 20 (5)(b) of the Code: "Until a holdover Legislator's current term is finished, a hold over Legislator shall continue to represent the District and constituents living in the District that originally elected him or her to the Legislature and attend the same District Meeting(s) that he or she attended before the Special Election on Redistricting." To request Legislative Counsel prepare an overview for tribal members and for publication in the Hocak Worak. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 7-5(Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 MOTION CARRIED.
**Note: The above motion was superseded by the motion made on November 20, 2018 that was adopted and passed.*
MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to release the Redistricting Implementation motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 11-08-18 E**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. HANDVOTE WITH 2/3RD'S IN FAVOR FOR QUICK PASSAGE. 8-2 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Carly

Lincoln)-0 MOTION DEFEATED.
MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to release to open session Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to TABLE the resolution Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Amendment to the Agenda 2nd Annual Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference Approval. MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to amend the agenda to re-visit 2nd Annual Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference Approval. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED
MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve any legislators to attend the 2nd Annual Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 8-2 (Rep. Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Hinu Smith)-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Adjournment: MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting. The meeting will adjourn to the Tribal Executive Offices, November 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 7-3(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 MOTION CARRIED.
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, Lac Courte Oreilles Child Support Program and Vanessa Marie Hamilton, Petitioner, v. Robert W. Blackdeer Jr., Respondent.

Case : CSFJ 18-61

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Robert W. Blackdeer Jr.

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

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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

In the Interest of Minor : K.R.G., DOB 8/15/2018

Case : JV 18-29

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

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must personally appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **2:30 p.m.** on the **16th** day of **October 2018** for the following purpose **Emergency Removal Hearing**. Pursuant to HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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

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HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking two (2) qualified candidates 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: **December 28, 2018** to:

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



Legal Notice INVITATION FOR BID

BID # HCN11052018HDSTRT
Restaurant Equipment for Wittenberg, WI Head Start
c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Bid document and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on November 28th, 2018**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <http://ho-chunknation.com/Procurement>. Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Catherine Link at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1502 or Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1243 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 30th day of November, 2018.

Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM

Procurement Manager

Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Legal Notice INVITATION FOR BID

BID # HCNPAPER10292018
Copy Paper Supply for Ho-Chunk Nation Government & Gaming Facilities
c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Bid document and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on December 5, 2018**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <http://ho-chunknation.com/Procurement>. Search on the bid number and bid title.

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Legal Notice INVITATION FOR BID

BID # HOW10242018
Turn-Key Solution for Door Replacement and Maintenance Project at House of Wellness, Baraboo, WI
c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Bid document and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on January 2, 2019**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <http://ho-chunknation.com/Procurement>. Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Catherine Link at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1502 or Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1243 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 30th day of November, 2018.

Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM

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Friday is Ho-Chunk Day in the City of Madison

By Robert Chappell
Madison 365

The Madison Common Council on Tuesday officially designated Friday, November 23 to honor the people who first lived here.

It's been an annual tradition for many years in the Ho-Chunk Nation to celebrate Ho-Chunk heritage on the day after Thanksgiving, and the day has been officially recognized by the City of Madison for the last few years as well.

"It's the acknowledgement of our history here as a nation, that we have been here since time immemorial and continue to be here and I think that acknowledgement is important," said Alder Arvina Martin, the lead sponsor of this year's resolution. Martin is the first member of the Ho-Chunk Nation to serve on the

Madison Common Council.

This year was different, though — for the first time, the resolution was been introduced in the Ho-Chunk language, a language Martin is still learning.

"Haa, hanac hinjkaragiwi, Hooçak raašra Hohapjikerega hįgaire. Hooçakra siireja Teejoopeja hacciirena. Hąapte'e maąnaregi anąga Hooçak ho'ira ha'ehihakšene," Martin read, which translates to, "Hello I greet you all. My Hooçak name is Hohapjikere. The Hooçak have been living in Madison since long ago. Today I will be talking about the land and the Hooçak way of life."

"I know I messed up a lot of the pronunciations ... but I'm learning," Martin said in an interview Wednesday.

Martin is learning the lan-

guage through a new flexible program that aims to preserve a very complex language with a dwindling number of fluent speakers.

"It was important to me to have our language spoken on the floor and have it entered into the record, being that was the original language spoken here," Martin said.

Martin said her language teacher, Shane YellowThunder, helped with the translation.

"I am not there yet because I'm very early on in my learning process, and he was the one who came up with the language and what we could say that would be something ... meaningful but also appropriate," she said. "I'm pretty thankful to him for doing that."



Arvina Martin is the first member of the Ho-Chunk Nation to serve on the Madison Common Council and first to introduce a resolution in the Ho-Chunk language.

BRMH Dress Down Days benefit area organizations



Submitted by Barbara Brower
Community Relations Coordinator, BRMH
Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) helps area non-profit organizations by providing donations through their employee Dress Down Day Donation program. For the fourth quarter of 2018, BRMH employees selected three organizations to receive \$250. Dena Graff, BRMH homecare-hospice director (left) accepted a donation to Kathy's Fund. This fund assists patients and families in the hos-

pice program with unmet needs or last wishes. Kristi Hanson, (second from right) coalition member for Together for Jackson County Kids stated these funds would help support educational materials for area youth. Also receiving a donation was Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program Director, Lori Chown (right). Matt Streeter, BRMH Chief Finance Officer presented the checks to the recipients.

Help Light the Trees of Love

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, BRMH

Partners of Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) will be hosting the Love Lights Ceremony Sunday, December 2, 2018.

The night will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a welcome by Partners' member and Love Light Committee Member, Kathy Peterson. Reverend David Shudy from St. John's Lutheran Church of Black River Falls will give the invocation.

RingSpiration, from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, will provide special musical entertainment. Barb Olson-Louis, also from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, will be leading group singing. It is during this time that Mary Beth White-Jacobs, CEO at BRMH, will light the trees. A special carol, "O Christmas Tree" with words written by Partners' member Lydia Lunda, will be just one of the carols sung.

Cider and cookies, prepared by BRMH nutrition services staff, will be served in the cafeteria following the ceremony.

Love Light contributions will be accepted through the end of the year. All proceeds from Love Lights go to BRMH's PERS (Personal Emergency Response System) program. For more information, contact Sara McCullough at 715-284-1360.

DNR investigating illegal shooting of elk

Submitted by Wisconsin DNR

The Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Law Enforcement is investigating two illegal elk shootings in Monroe and Jackson Counties that occurred during the 9-day gun deer season.

An adult bull elk was shot and killed after being misidentified by a man who was deer hunting near Warrens on Saturday, November 17. The individual shot the elk self-reported the incident to the department after realizing he misidentified the elk for a deer.

The elk was seized and confiscated in accordance with Wisconsin law and all the meat will be salvaged and donated to the Jackson County Food Pantry.

The second elk, an adult cow, was shot on the Jackson County Forest on Monday morning, November 19. The DNR is looking for information to help identify a suspect in that case. Anyone with information regarding the case is encouraged to call the confidential tip line at 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367).

For many years Hunter Safety classes in Wisconsin have stressed the importance of being sure of your target and what lies beyond as part of the TABK process.

Conservation Warden Lieutenant Robin Barnhardt said: "Hunters need to make sure they are always following the four rules of firearm safety. This ensures the safety of other people, but it is also necessary to avoid the acci-

dental shooting of non-target animals. In addition, hunters that are within or near the Black River and Clam Elk ranges need to be aware that they may encounter an elk."

Hunters can find a map of the two established elk ranges in Wisconsin by using keyword search "Elk" at dnr.wi.gov. Elk can occasionally be found outside of the designated elk ranges so it is important that hunters in areas adjacent to the elk ranges also be on the lookout for elk and properly identify their target.

Law enforcement questions should be directed to Lieutenant Warden Robin Barnhardt, DNR West Central Region, 715-299-0564; Robin.Barnhardt@wisconsin.gov



Public environmental hearing

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the ages of 18 and 24; 25.7 percent from 25 to 44; 23.1 percent from 45 to 64; and 12 percent 65 years of age or older. The gender makeup of the city was 47.9 percent male and 52.1 percent female.

"This would definitely be the top employer in the city and this is going to do wonders for the city," said City Council President Kevin Leavy.

According to Sarah Millard, Beloit's director of strategic communications, the proposed project will be the city's largest employer. It is expected to employ approximately 1,500 people.

"Over the years, our unem-

ployment rate has been going down but this is definitely going to help us as we talk about bringing the number of jobs to the city," Leavy said.

"These are jobs for our residents to apply for and these are going to be livable wage jobs. So these are not just going to be any jobs, they're going to be livable wage jobs and that's going to meet the needs of our community that people have been asking us for. When we look at new businesses we bring to the city, we have to make sure the wages are livable so people can make a living," Leavy said.

"We have the fourth highest jobless rate among the 32 largest communities in the state, so this certainly will be crucial," said City Council Vice President Regina Dunkin. "This is a great partnership we have with the Ho-Chunk Nation."

The proposed \$405 million casino-resort project includes a casino, a 300-room hotel, an indoor waterpark, a conference center, an entertainment venue, and an adjacent retail development. It is uncertain at this point what additional businesses will be situated within the area.

"That's been evolving, as I understand it," Curtis Luther said. "We know the largest components of the development project are going to be the hotel, convention center, and then the entertainment complex. So, those are the most significant pieces."

City officials said that the recent release of the environmental impact study by the BIA is the most progress



they've seen on this project since it was initiated. It is possible for a late 2019 or early 2020 construction start.

"The city views this as a unique opportunity to benefit both the Ho-Chunk Nation and the City of Beloit with jobs and revenue to support

both communities as a whole. We're really proud of that effort," Curtis Luther said.

"Really, we can't say enough about the positive partnership that the city of Beloit has had with the Ho-Chunk Nation," she said.



Beloit City Manager
Lori Curtis Luther

Making a campaign stop in Tomah



Cari Fay, as the Democratic candidate for 70th Assembly District state representative, traveled across Wisconsin on a campaign tour with Tony Evers and Mandela Barnes during the latter part of October before the Nov. 6 general election. The first stop on the tour was at the Natural Connection Alternative Health Store and Coffee House in Tomah. Cari Fay provided a speech and introduced Evers before he gave his speech.



Beloit City Council President
Kevin Leavy



Sarah Millard, Beloit's
director of strategic communications

Deadline extended for industrial hemp licensing, registration

Submitted by Donna Gilson, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

The deadline to apply for industrial hemp grower and processor licenses and registrations has been extended through March 1, 2019.

The deadline was extended from the original Dec. 31, said

Brian Kuhn, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry. The bureau houses the industrial hemp research pilot program within the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

“We were hearing from growers that they needed more time to find land and seed sources, and that proces-

sors and growers needed time to make arrangements – for growers to find a market for their crop, and processors to have growers to supply them,” Kuhn said. “We still urge applicants to get their completed paperwork in early to avoid a crunch at the end that will slow down the process.”

The new deadline is for

both new applicants and those renewing their registrations for the 2019 growing season. Kuhn emphasized that the Dec. 15 deadline remains for 2018 growers and processors to file their final reports. The department will not renew registrations until 2018 final reports are filed and all 2018 sampling fees are paid.

He reminded applicants to be sure their applications are complete to assure the quickest processing.

Applications and other information about the industrial hemp program are available at <http://datcp.wi.gov>, search for “industrial hemp” or use the link on the homepage.



HO CHUNK NATION HEALTH & WELLNESS DIVISION

Balancing Your Life & Diabetes Workshop

The **Health & Wellness Division** started a new curriculum created by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) for diabetes management.

This **two day workshop** will cover topics including nutrition, physical activity, goal setting, diabetes medications and much more.

A small assessment and labs will need to be completed before classes start. The class is **open to all tribal members 18 and older**.

To sign up please reach out to one of the program recruiters in your area:

Rachel Montana

Black River Falls/Nekoosa/Wittenberg

715-284-9851 ext 5039

rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com

Lyndsey Killian

Tomah/Baraboo/La Crosse

715-284-9851 ext 5068

lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com



Health & Wellness Division

The mission of the Ho-Chunk Health & Wellness Division is to promote a healthy lifestyle among the Ho-Chunk people.

The purpose of the team is to develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive health promotion program targeted toward educating, energizing, and empowering communities to:

- Prevent the onset of diabetes in those yet unaffected; and
- Prevent complications of diabetes; thereby
- Assure that the quality of life for members of the Ho-Chunk communities is of the highest possible level.

The Health & Wellness Division offers a variety of programs including:

- Balancing Your Life & Diabetes Workshops
- Prevent T2: CDC Diabetes Prevention Program
- Exercise Classes
- Community Supported Agriculture Shares (CSA) – Fresh weekly vegetables during the summer growing season
- Fitness Memberships

For additional information please contact us:

888-685-4422 or 715-284-9851

Sara Peterson – Health & Wellness Coordinator Ext 5385

Rachel Montana – Program Recruiter Ext 5039

Kathleen Clemons – Exercise Physiologist Ext 5308

Jess Artz – Exercise Physiologist Ext 8746

Chris Frederick – Exercise Physiologist Ext 5611

Lyndsey Killian – Program Recruiter/CMA Ext 5068



T D V A M

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

aims to prevent teen dating violence & abuse and to promote **HEALTHY** relationship behaviors.

February 2019

Teen dating violence can be **PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, SEXUAL, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL,** & even **TECHNOLOGICAL**—by using social media to harass, stalk, bully, shame, embarrass, or humiliate.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division is offering to sponsor up to **fifteen (15) High School** age Ho-Chunk area youth, along with a parent/caregiver to attend the

END ABUSE—Teen Summit

February 24—February 26, 2019

Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Registration Fees, Per Diem, Mileage, and Lodging will be funded through the Family Violence Prevention & Services Act grant.

The mission of the **TEEN SUMMIT** is to raise awareness about teen dating violence and sexual assault while connecting the issue to the lives of teens throughout Wisconsin.

<http://www.endabusewi.org/teensummit/>

Through a variety of diverse and varied workshops, participants will explore ways to promote healthy relationships and prevent dating violence and sexual assault & learn strategies for successful prevention and education on teen issues.

To request an application packet, please contact the Ho-Chunk Domestic Abuse Division via email

erica.hawpetoss@ho-chunk.com or 715-284-2622 ext. 5135.

Please return **completed** application packets by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018.**

TODAY—1 in 3 high school students experiences some form of dating violence in their relationships.

For Native American teens, the rate is even higher.



NATIVE LOVE is defined by our traditional ways of caring for each other & values as Native people— **Respect, Honor, Kindness, Family, & Compassion.**



Native Literature and Arts Holiday Celebration

Featuring: Author-Dr.Theodore C. Van Alst Jr., presenting Sacred Smokes

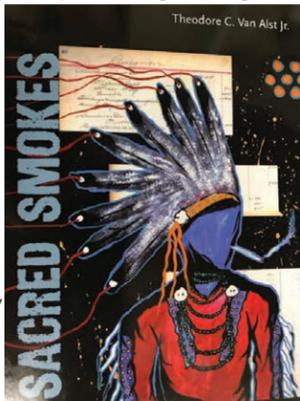
**Friday, December 7, 2018
7-9:00 p.m.**

4738 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL

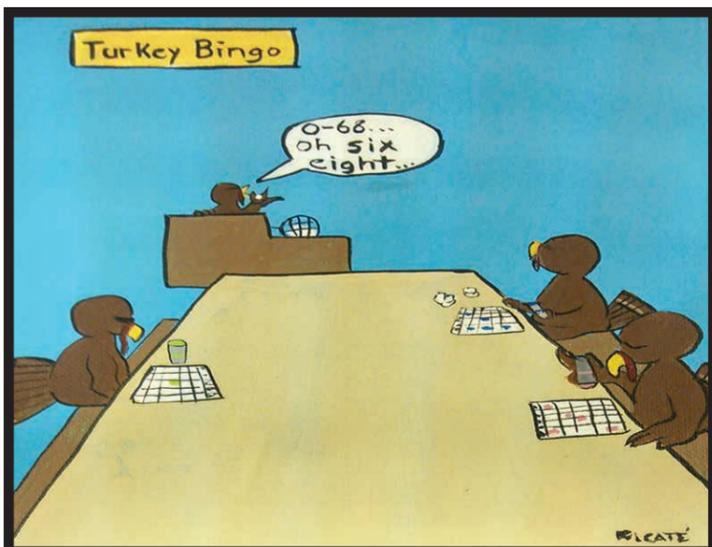
Contact: JoAnn Maney, ladyblue7@sbcglobal.net or Dorene Wiese, dpwiese@aol.com

Sponsors: American Indian Association of Illinois, Northwestern University and the Ho-Chunk Nation Chicago Branch Office

NATIVE LITERATURE AND ARTS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
Join us for the Native Literature and Arts Holiday Celebration, which will take place on Friday, December 7, 2018, from 7-9:00 p.m., at 4738 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, Illinois. This year's celebration will feature author Dr. Theodore C. Van Alst Jr., as he presents his new book Sacred Smokes, a debut story collection about growing up a Native youth, surviving Chicago gang life. A holiday market will include Native artists, Native music and a few games of prize Native bingo. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event for everyone with free parking across the street on Milwaukee Ave. Sponsors include the American Indian Association of Illinois, Northwestern University and the Ho-Chunk Nation Chicago Branch Office.



Without Reservations



December Elders Birthdays

1. Carol Calkins	9. Maribeth Jones	15. Amelia Ortiz
2. Leslie Pettibone	Sarah Lyons	Susan Greengrass
Timothy Thompson	Linda Revels	Donald Barta
Eliot Littlejohn	Patricia Logan	Angelina Liazuk
Beth Anacker	Nina Garvin	16. Steven Link
3. Dale WhiteEagle	Rosemary	18. Gloria Visintin
4. Ricky Hunt	Thundercloud	Jean Climer
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