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Beloit holds public hearing for Environmental Impact Study, awaits a decision from BIA

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An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) hearing was the last hurdle before a decision would be made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the proposed Beloit Ho-Chunk casino and conference center.

The hour-and-a-half meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Beloit and public comment on the draft environmental impact statement was accepted up to Dec. 24, according to an announcement by the BIA.

If the BIA decides to proceed with the plans, the approval of the casino and conference center plans will be given to Governor-elect Tony Evers for him to sign after he takes office.

“We’ve been informed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will release its findings in Spring 2019. If it moves forward from the federal level, then Governor-Elect Evers would have six to 12 months to review the project and make a final determination,” said Beloit Director of Strategic Communications Sarah Millard.

The proposed \$405 million casino-resort project includes a casino, a 300-room hotel, an indoor waterpark, a conference center, an enter-

tainment venue, and an adjacent retail development. It is uncertain at this point what additional businesses will be situated within the area.

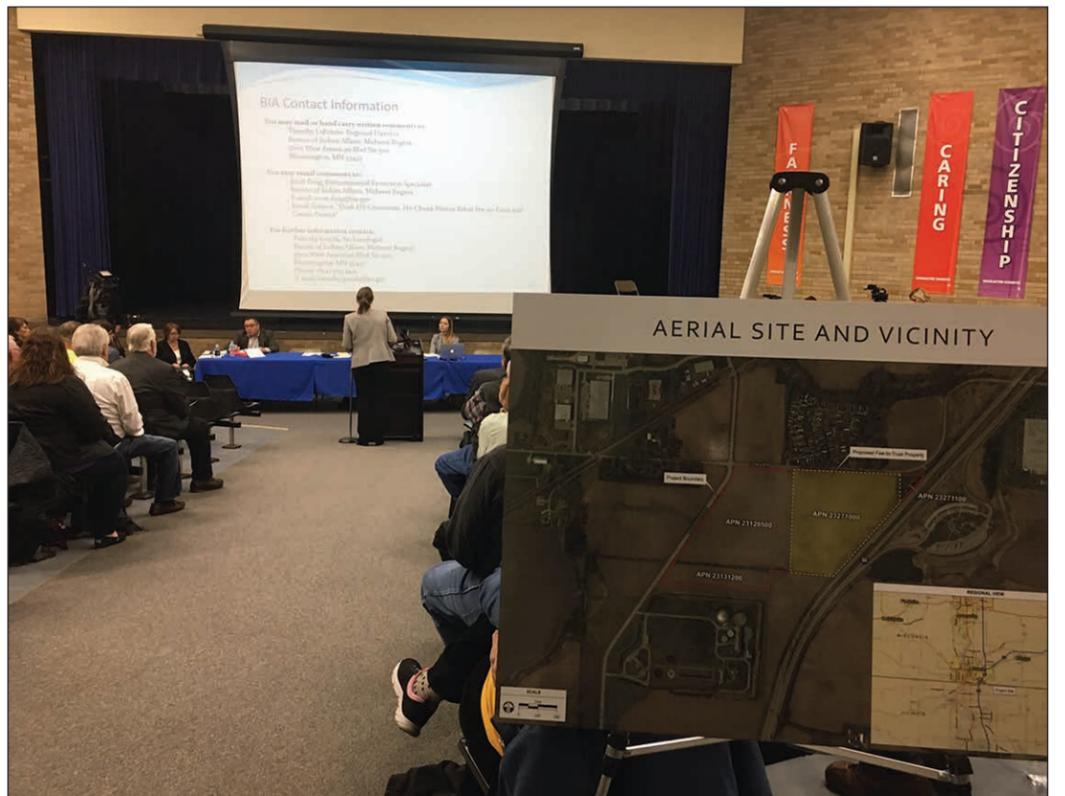
“The hearing went well from our perspective with many people sharing their support for the project, including government officials from Janesville, Rock County, and Sauk County,” Millard said. “The city was proud to stand alongside members of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s legislature and staff in its support of this project,” she said.

There were a few people who objected to the casino portion of the project coming from a moral or religious background, she said.

“People signed up to speak and the floor was first given to the Ho-Chunk Nation and government officials. The City met with representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation and chose to alternate speakers every other person to show our mutual support for each other,” Millard said. “After that, the public was allowed to come to the mic one by one to state their comments. In the beginning, the BIA stated that the hearing was on the EIS, however, as a mentioned above, the BIA did not respond to individual comments,” Millard said.

A variety of city staff members spoke and some comments were delivered in writing. “It was a sit-down presentation followed by an open-mic type hearing. The Bureau of Indian Affairs gave a brief presentation and overview of the project followed by public comment. The BIA staff did not respond to any of the comments and asked that individuals remain respectful – no clapping, cheering, booing or jeering. Everyone remained very respectful to that,” she said.

The Ho-Chunk Nation had eight speakers and the city had 11 speakers. The majority of the speakers were in support of the project.



Beloit city officials, Ho-Chunk officials, and members of the public hear about the Environmental Impact Study recently released for the land for the proposed Ho-Chunk casino and conference center near the Wisconsin and Illinois border.

“When the governor-elect was campaigning, he made statements in support of the casino and resort project so we are hopeful for an expeditious decision so that the Nation can begin construction at the end of 2019, Millard said.

Ho-Chunk Nation District III Rep. Kathy DeCamp and District IV Rep. Shelby Visintin were in attendance.

“I have been working on the Beloit initiative since June 2015. I have lobbied in Washington, D.C. and spoken with the Department of Interior, and Wisconsin state representatives,” DeCamp said.

“The EIS hearing in Beloit is an event that is a necessary part of the timeline for Beloit Casino. I’m very hopeful and positive about the Beloit project,” DeCamp said. “The cooperation of Beloit City officials and the Beloit community is very much appreciated.”

Beloit City Council

President Kevin Leavy said that the Council has been a long-time supporter of this application. He referred to the 1,500 projected jobs and how it will benefit the community. He also made reference to a commitment by the Ho-Chunk Nation for providing childcare for employees of the casino and convention center.

“Our residents who struggle to balance work with childcare will find assistance with the onsite daycare program the tribe has committed to providing. Parents will be able to balance childcare with employment through this necessary program. We hope this will help our families obtain financially stable employment without the added burden of costly childcare.”

Letters of support also came from other Beloit officials, such as City Manager Lori Curtis Luther, Chief of Police David Zibolski, Finance and Administra-

tive Services Director Eric Miller, Director of Planning and Building Services Drew Pennington, and Director of Water Resources Harry Mathos.



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Ho-Chunk staff offer memorial observance for Mark Gawron

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Mark Gawron touched many lives with the Ho-Chunk Nation, having worked with the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Natural Resources.

Mark, 55, was called to his heavenly home on Monday, August 20, 2018.

In honor of him, a memorial observance was held on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Tribal Office Building.

His wife, Jody, was present for the ceremony, along with Jody's father.

"Thank you all for this wonderful memorial for Mark. It's been tough. He was ill for about a year and we really appreciate everything you've done for him," Jody said.

"He loved working here. He loved the people, he loved the land and he loved trees, so it's just a wonderful place. Thank you so much," she said.

She accepted gifts, including a Pendleton blanket, string art in the shape of a tree, a plaque, and a set of wind chimes.

DNR Director Greg Black-

deer offered words of highest regards for Mark.

"Mark started working for the Ho-Chunk Nation as the Forestry Technician 1 in September 2007. During that time, some changes took place and in September 2008, a Forestry position was created. Mark interviewed for that position along with one other individual and I'd like to go on to say that was, I sat in on the interview panel and Mark did a lot of studying," Blackdeer said.

"I think that was one of the longest interviews I sat on. Each question took probably about 10 minutes to answer. He had everything written out just so, learned a little bit about other tribes, forestry programs, incorporated that into the Ho-Chunk Nation," he said.

In February 2017, another title change occurred and then his position was titled as the Rural Lands Forester, dealing with all the properties outside of the communities. Again, another change occurred in July 2017, that's when the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative

resolution Executive Department of Natural Resources was born. He kept his title as the Rural Lands Forester up until his time of retirement.

"It was just so hard to come up with things to say for Mark. In the time that I hired Mark and worked with Mark, I noticed that he was very passionate about his job. As I mentioned earlier in his interview for the Forestry position, he took a lot of time to study tribally cultural-sensitive topics and he incorporated those into his position," Blackdeer said.

"Over the years, working in the Division of Natural Resources with Mark and working in the Legislative office over here, I had an office on that side of the building. I'd go over to sign checks and I'd look outside and there would be Mark outside with his bird feeders and a little bird house. Every now and then I'd see him out there, cleaning the bird feeder, putting more seed in it. I'd like to think that he enjoyed birdwatching," Blackdeer said.

"Mark was well liked by a lot of his coworkers within the department. He touched a lot of lives in this building, just from his amazing personality, his happiness. He was willing to sit down and listen to each and every one of us. I'm sure that some of the guys who worked with him have stories," he said.

"I was trying to think of snacks, refreshments for afterwards. The one thing that he always - I always got a chuckle out of is his - he'd bring yogurt in to work and I'd be sitting in my office. I'd say, 'What in heck is that noise?' You could hear him taking his spoon, going around in that yogurt con-



District 1 Rep. Henu Smith (left) and President Wilfrid Cleveland present Jody Gawron with a Pendleton blanket, a work of art in the image of a tree, and a plaque. Jody is the wife of the late Mark Gawron.

tainer, trying to get every last drop of that yogurt out. That's Mark," Blackdeer said.

In the Spring of 2019, the Department of Natural Resources, President Cleveland, and anyone who would like to partake, plan to plant a tree on the campus in honor of Mark for his years of service, for his compassion, and for forestry. A plaque will be placed by that tree.

President Wilfrid Cleveland offered his words of praise for Mark.

"He was passionate with the work that he did and I feel that Ho-Chunk Nation was quite fortunate to be able to have someone of Mark's caliber and Mark's love for nature, for the environment," Cleveland said.

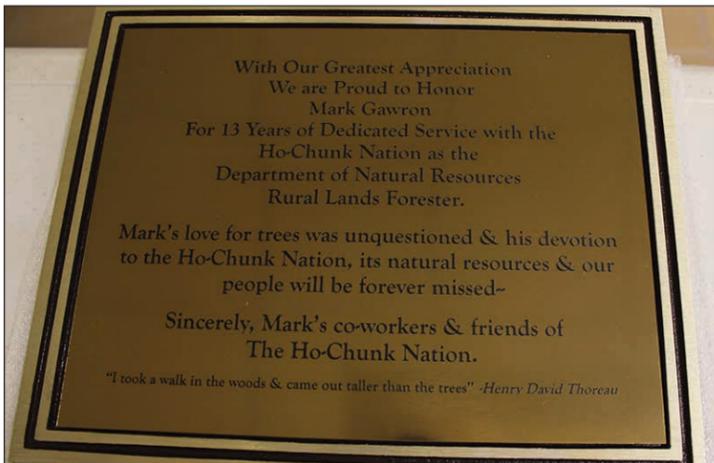
"It seems like that is one of the things that was meant to be because, over the years, we as Ho-Chunk people our elders showed us to be that way and he comes along and works within our forestry department and he had that compassion for all of God's

creation. He demonstrated it, like some examples that Greg was talking about and how he did and what he did with our lands and how he took care of them for us with all of his expertise with his love that he had for the environment," Cleveland said.

"I thought it was fitting that we would do something for him. We talked about it and the Nation was at a loss when he left his walk of life and we knew he was going to a good place. We, as human beings, we have that heaviness within our hearts and our spirits for him being gone from our midst," Cleveland said.

Blackdeer thanked his wife Jody and Jody's father for coming to the ceremony.

"On behalf of the Ho-Chunk nation, on behalf of a fabulous, great employee that we had over the years that he was here with us, I'd like to express this and I appreciate you and your father coming in to accept what we want to do on behalf of Mark," Blackdeer said.



A plaque will be placed near the tree that will be planted on the Ho-Chunk campus in Black River Falls in honor of Mark Gawron.

Baraboo High School to offer Ho-Chunk language course

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Students in the Baraboo School District will be offered the chance to learn the Ho-Chunk language in a new course starting next school year.

"We're really excited about bringing in another language, Ho-Chunk language," Baraboo High School Prin-



Destina Warner, 17, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and founder of the Indigenous Students United at Baraboo High School, speaks during the Baraboo Acts community event Monday at the Al. Ringling Theatre.

cipal Glenn Bildsten said. "We've been talking about this for a number of years."

Bildsten and director of teaching Nick Karls presented the proposed course along with three others during the Dec. 10 school board meeting. Board members unanimously approved the 2019-20 course proposals.

Karls said administrators heard "pretty clear feedback" during student exit interviews last year that Ho-Chunk language was a course many wished they could have taken. It's currently taught in the Tomah, Wisconsin Dells and Black River Falls school districts.

"I know we already have an enthusiastic group of students looking forward to this course, especially in our indigenous club," Bildsten said.

Angel Logan, 16, and Destina Warner, 17, who are both Ho-Chunk and members of Baraboo High School's Indigenous Students United club, said they speak some of the

language already, though it's difficult to find fluent speakers.

"They're all elders," Warner said. "Our language is kind of dying. ... Just like many other languages throughout the country, really. That's the truth of it. Our culture is dying; our heritage is dying."

She noted most of the indigenous club's members know fewer than five Ho-Chunk words, "which is the sad part."

As a new generation, Warner said it's "our job to revive it. And so I think it's a really good idea that they're bringing this to Baraboo." She wishes the district had offered it sooner, however, as she'll graduate by the end of this year.

Logan is looking forward to taking the class next year and learning how to pronounce more words.

"(I) hope it turns out to be good, and hopefully it stays," Logan said. "And I hope other students will like it, too."

Bildsten said the school will try to build awareness about the new classes next semester, including by bringing in speakers for the indigenous club and offering opportunities for students who sign up for the class to learn more about Ho-Chunk culture.

An American Indian Language Revitalization grant is covering the cost of the Hoocak I (Ho-Chunk) course and requires the school to fulfill certain obligations by the end of the 2018-19 school year, Bildsten said. Baraboo High School already hosted a Ho-Chunk cultural event this semester, and further activities next semester could include bringing in guest speakers to talk about Ho-Chunk culture or implementing a diversity week.

The local Ho-Chunk community, students and others asked the district to offer the course, according to information included in the Dec. 10 school board packet. Baraboo will join Tomah and the Dells

in their consortium, which provides the instructor and curriculum.

School board member Nancy Thome asked if district leaders plan to eventually phase in a second- and third-level Ho-Chunk language class. Karls said they may have the opportunity do that, depending on student interest and the instructor's schedule.

"It's something we'll have to pay attention to," he said.

Next year, the Baraboo School District also will offer Dairy Food Science, Wisconsin Fish & Aquaculture and Fundamentals to Speech Communications 111. The communications course will provide dual credit through the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The cost of adding all four new courses is \$12,100, some of which could be covered by a federal grant. Karls noted the cost is significantly less than previous years, when new courses reached more than \$20,000.

Department of Health sponsored CSA wraps up healthy year in Chicago

Submitted by Ben Krause-Decorah, Department of Administration

Usually when you hear the word "CSA," thoughts of the HCN child support agency resurrect in your mind. However, the Department of Health Wellness Division has its own version of the word. CSA stands for Community Shared Agriculture. This program was started by the Wellness Division to aide tribal members in more than providing a box of vegetables. Rather the program provides nutritional education, organic farm-to-table produce, variety in cooking choices, and investment in tribal member's health. The Wellness Division sponsors the program by providing the entire cost of the program to the farm, less a \$20 or \$30 co-pay that Tribal Members pay at the time of application.

This year 8 families in Chicago benefited from this tribal sponsored program. This number has more than doubled year to year in the last two years. "It's a step in the right direction" says Chicago Branch Office General Manager Alma Enriquez, "I think it is amazing to see more and more interest in this program. I don't think many tribal members realize that it is available anywhere in the US that has a CSA program that is willing to work with the tribe."

This year the Chicago Branch Office and Department of Health partnered with a new farm in the Greater Chicagoland area called Heritage Prairie Farm in the western suburb of Elburn, Illinois. This farm is located just 35 miles west of the Branch Office off of state highway 38. The Branch Office staff drove to the farm once a week to pick up the CSA boxes for its 8 participants for the summer and early fall. "By driving, we were able to bring the fresh produce into the city and closer to our tribal members. All the while preserving nature of unnecessary greenhouse gas-

aligns with our values as Native Americans. We are being responsible stewards of the earth. Organic farms are better for the waterways surrounding the farm, the land where the produce is grown, workers picking and handling produce, and the Tribal Citizens that are ingesting the produce." Casillas said that is important to choose an organic farm when considering CSA and that she and her family have never participated in a farm that wasn't organic. Being environmentally responsible isn't the only selling point of the CSA program. It also sharpens cooking skills of tribal members and educates members of different kinds of produce. "I am not that skilled as a chef. Having to research recipes and ingredients definitely made me a better cook and skilled chef. I was already a really good cook" said Casillas. "Comparing recipes and notes with the branch office staff and other tribal members was great. It was really cool and interesting to see the different ways that we prepare the same produce ingredient. It made me a healthier cook." On the same note, Casillas is happy that her mother Sharon, a tribal elder, gets fresh vegetables with minimal cost thanks to the tribe. "Having to pay the \$20 application fee is a steal to get this produce...It just makes sense to invest \$20 into a summer worth of produce. I hope that the tribe continues



ALL produce included in the CSAs from Heritage Prairie farm are Certified Organic by the USDA.

to sponsor this program."

Participant Vanessa Casillas of Chicago participated this year for the fifth consecutive year. "I liked that we had a different and better experience with a different farm" said Casillas. Besides there being a new farm, she loves that the tribe works with and supports USDA Certified Organic Farms, "[Eating organic]



Market at the Farm where CSA participants pick up their CSA. All CSAs and products contained in the Market are USDA Certified Organic.

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CSA Program Recruiter Lyndsey Killian says that the program is here to benefit ALL tribal members regardless of location and will be sponsored by the Tribe again in 2019. "Community Supported Agriculture shares (CSA's) are a great opportunity for all Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members (including district 4 - at large members), giving access to fresh vegetables to hundreds of Ho-Chunk families across the United States. The cost is very minimal and the sign up process is simple. Applications will be released starting Feb 1st, 2019 and will be accepted through April 15th, 2019 for the 2019 summer shares. Watch the nation's e-mail, the paper and



Fresh vegetables provided by the Farm.

the Health Department Facebook page for application release information. The Health Facebook Page Web Address: <https://www.facebook.com/hochunkhealthcare/>.

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Ho-Chunk gives back to the community

Hodazha-maniwinga Pidgeon, Sr. Manager Public Relations| Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

'Tis the Season to give back to our local community. This holiday season, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg has experienced the joys of giving back. In collective efforts, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg held an internal food drive to benefit Wittenberg Food Pantry and participated in the Giving Tree Program held by the Wittenberg-Biramwood Education Committee.

Employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg participated in a food drive and

brought in non-perishable food items to benefit the Wittenberg Food Pantry. With an abundance of 60-65 families per month receiving assistance, the 530 non-perishable food items was a great contribution. "The Food Drive was awesome and tremendous! We appreciate the people in the community and the employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg that support us," said Tammy Meverden of Wittenberg food pantry.

In addition to a food drive to benefit the local Wittenberg community, the Giving Tree Program took place for the eighth year in a row. This year, 30 mittens were filled

to help brighten the holiday season for 15 girls and 15 boys; ranging in ages of 3 months to 12 years old. The Giving Tree Program is a community effort to provide gifts, monetary donations and other supplies needed during the holiday season.

The generosity of employees was exceptional, as the efforts put forth are on their own time and dollar. During this holiday season remember "it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving".

Happy Holidays from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg.

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Wisconsin tribes speak in favor of Assembly Bill 118

Tribal representatives from around the state testified at a public hearing in Madison this month, to express their support for Assembly Bill 118 (AB 118).

The measure would afford greater protection to burial sites in Wisconsin. "We feel that AB 118 takes an important step towards ensuring that tribal remains are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve," stated Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Harold Frank. "We would (therefore) like to express our support in this bill."

Tribes such as the Forest County Potawatomi entered the discussion roughly two years ago, when Republicans introduced a bill that would have weakened protection of effigy mounds.

The failed proposal was Assembly Bill 620 (AB 620).



Ho-Chunk Nation moves forward with Tribal Action Plan to address the growing drug epidemic

Representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation attended a meeting in Black River Falls this month, to discuss the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) that they have developed.

The plan has outlined ways to address an ongoing drug problem.

"Tribal Action Plans are something that the state of Wisconsin has with each of the tribes," said Pharmacy Director Ted Hall. "They assist with developing a strategic plan around prevention and treatment of drugs, and alcohol."

Ho-Chunk Nation developed its own plan last year, after several of its tribal members suffered fatal drug overdoses.

Greendeer plants seeds of healthy nutrition as Agriculture Division manager

Jessika Greendeer has taken her passion for horticulture and turned it into a blessing for the Ho-Chunk people.

Greendeer is the new Agriculture Division manager for the Ho-Chunk Nation, having started as a limited term employee in October, but then was promoted to the full term permanent position in December.

The Ho-Chunk Department of Agriculture was established with an act of the Ho-Chunk Legislature on Oct. 18, 2016, after an establishment resolution by Joyce Warner was introduced at the Sept. 19, 2015, General Council meeting.

Greendeer is from Baraboo, the daughter of Conroy Greendeer Sr., an elder who saw the need of organic gardening in communities. His advice and example were the impetus to her to become more interested in horticulture.



La Crosse community debates on future of 'Hiawatha' statue

Further discussions of a Native American statute in Riverside Park in La Crosse are continuing, with a meeting about the issue on Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Ni Tani Hocira, or Three Rivers House, in La Crosse.

At the center of the debate is whether a 25-foot sculpture named "Hiawatha" should remain at the park or taken down, with residents speaking on either issue of the issue.

No formal move has been made to remove the statue, but the issue is continuing to draw further heated discussions.

The main question is whether the statue is degrading to the Ho-Chunk people, the original inhabitants of the area, or if it should remain as art or a historical landmark.

February

Besaw emphasizes need for natural resources protection in State of Tribes address

Former Menominee Tribal Chairman Gary Besaw offered a perspective on people's inaccurate conceptions of Native Americans, the need to protect the state natural resources, the need for recognition of tribal IDs, and charter school education.



Besaw offered his annual State of the Tribes address on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Wisconsin State Capitol.

"We hope to use this opportunity to bring our communities and great state closer. We may not think of ourselves as neighbors, brothers, and sisters today, but just think back to a tragedy that had befallen America or Wisconsin. Let's remember the days after not the 9/11 tragedy," Besaw said.

State senators talk about Assembly Bill 118 and the ongoing burial-sites preservation effort

Three state senators shared their thoughts on Assembly Bill 118 inside the capitol last month,

following a meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

If signed into law, the bill would increase protection of Wisconsin burial sites. "This is an important bill," said Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), who chairs the committee. "It comes on the heels of another bill in the previous session which didn't show the proper protection for burial sites."

The previous bill, Assembly Bill 620 (AB620) would have allowed landowners to bore into Native American effigy mounds so that they could challenge the existence of human remains.

Ribbon cut for new hotel, opens its doors to more possibilities

A brand-new new hotel was unveiled to the public on Valentine's Day.

After a year and a half of construction, a ribbon-cutting ceremony opened the 123-room Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls Hotel on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Groundbreaking for the casino and hotel projects took place on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016.

The ceremony symbolizes the accomplishment of the construction of the five-story hotel along with the newly-opened expanded area in the casino, now holding an additional 400 gaming machines.

Ho-Chunk Gaming - BRF's Executive Manager Greg Garvin said it was the culmination of six years of planning and development. The casino is now employing nearly 400 people, an addition of 50 employees, and now has the potential to see up to 4,000 people each day.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Unveils 86-Room Hotel

On Monday, February 12, 2018, after months of anticipation, guests waited patiently to check in for an inviting and memorable lodging experience in the new luxurious 86-room hotel at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg.

The five floor hotel offers 77 elegant and spacious Standard Premium Rooms and nine Executive-Style Bay Suites accommodating guests on business and leisure. The hotel features an array of on-site Premier amenities including a High Definition Flat screen TV, a Keurig coffee/tea maker, refrigerator and a microwave. Guests are encouraged to utilize the in-room safe, complimentary high-speed Internet, the late check-out option and the hotel's conference room for their next business meeting, luncheon, or celebration.

Doors open at Community Center with ribbon cutting ceremony

A new chapter has begun for opportunities of the Ho-Chunk people.

The new District 1 Community Center was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The center, located in the new Wazee development near the Mission, is the new home to Youth Services, the Language Division, a sewing class, childcare, as well as community events and exercise facilities.

"This is the community's center," said HCN Public Relations Officer Colin Price. "So, if you want to check out this room, you can do that. If you want work out, better your health lifestyle, there's an awesome facility over there."



March

Sharice Davids throws her hat in the ring for Congress

Ho-Chunk member Sharice Davids recently announced her candidacy for a seat on the U.S. House of Representatives for the Third District in Kansas.

She is running as a Democrat against six other candidates. The primary election is set for Aug. 7, when the Democrat candidate will be selected for the Nov. 6 General Election.

It is her first experience in running for public office.

Sharice earned her Associate degree at Johnson County Community College, her Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. From there, she attended and graduated from Cornell Law School.

Greendeer sworn in as first female commander of Post 129

United States Army veteran Jes-sika Greendeer etched her name in history as the first female commander of American Legion Post 129 in Black River Falls this month.



She took the oath of office on March 14, during a swearing-in ceremony at the post building.

"I solemnly pledge myself to perform faithfully and impartially the duties of the office of the American Legion I'm about to assume," Greendeer said. "I further pledge I am not a member and do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government."

With those words, Greendeer took the reins from the previous commander Donald Greengrass and embarked on her journey in the new role.

Lieba Schwalbe rocks the rafters with her musical talent

On a rare occasion, someone comes along who is so gifted musically, it seems like that person can play any instrument and do so with grace.

Lieba Schwalbe can be considered a musical prodigy, having the ability to sing and play many musical instruments.

Lieba performed her repertoire at a spring organ concert on Sunday, March 18, at First Presbyterian Church in La Crosse. The church features a pipe organ, which sounds so much more majestic and deeper resonance.

Lieba, 16, is a sophomore at Logan High School in La Crosse. She is a member of the select choir and of an SATB acapella vocal group called Fermata Nowhere. She also runs on the school cross-country team.

Healthy Native Sports Summit reaches highest level of participation in three years

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health held its annual sport summit in Baraboo this month, to educate community members about various types of physical activity.

The event took place on March 8, a day before March Madness at the House of Wellness.

"This is the third year in a row that they've done this summit," said Amy DeLong, a primary-care physician at the facility. "And this is the best-attended it's ever been."

The summit featured more than 20 breakout sessions led by experienced industry professionals. Topics included personal training, cardio fitness, water aerobics, Zumba, women's self-defense, pregnancy health, and several others.

Ho-Chunk Nation looks into supportive housing for tribal members

Members of Ho-Chunk's Tribal Coordinating Committee toured supportive housing in Duluth last month, to learn the ins and outs of operating a successful safe house.

They visited Gimaajii, owned and operated by the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO).

The building opened in 2012, and serves as a home to people who might not have one otherwise. As of last month, Gimaajii had more than 80 residents who were homeless prior to their arrival.

"The only eligibility criteria is that (residents) have to be long-term homeless," said Executive Director Michelle LeBeau. "Our focus is Native Americans first. But we also do fair housing, so anybody really can apply."



April

Hammering, pounding, and sawing to transform Tribal Office Building's roof and HVAC systems

Anyone working in or visiting the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls can tell you big changes are happening.

The atrium has been walled off, limiting access to just construction workers. However, recently members of the Treasury Department have taken up residence in the center.

Before the Treasury Department moved in, chipboard panels were placed on the atrium floor to protect the tiles, and then panels were erected vertically around the perimeter, creating a tunnel effect for employees to walk around the outside edges.

The pounding and sawing commenced soon afterward, disassembling the light translucent panels on the roof and inside lighting and trim. Soon, a new roof and trusses were in place, making it suitable for occupancy by Treasury employees.

Emerald Ash Borer Hits Ho-Chunk Lands

A tree massacre is in full swing on Ho-Chunk lands. It's not a mob of axe wielding lumberjacks, it's a swarm of green beetles of the Emerald Ash Borer

(EAB) variety. We have known that it was coming for years, now we are dealing with the death the little green beetle is dealing out.

First found in Detroit it has been spreading quickly ever since. Over the past year, the HCN DNR has seen a steep increase in destruction and damage brought by EAB. Black ash trees in the White Otter property are now almost all completely dead. This winter the HCN DNR cut approximately 10 green and white ash trees in Ho-Chunk village.

Ho-Chunk language students complete the division's first-ever online course

Twelve students at the Hoocak Academy celebrated their successful completion of an online course last month, following several months of hard work and dedication to learning the Ho-Chunk language.



They would become the first class of Online Pathway 1 graduates.

The 12-week course consisted of eight units that the students could access at their own convenience, each exposing them to a different topic of conversation within the language.

The units included "Ho-Chunk History;" "Alphabet/Positionals;" "Greetings & Giving Thanks;" "Personal Information;" "Kinship;" "Travel, Transportation, and Directions;" "Daily Life" and "People and Social."

Academy instructor Jerod Stacy facilitated the course.

Legislature enacts moratorium, waiting period on pay-grade increases

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has placed a moratorium on any pay grade increases for employee job descriptions until Jan. 1, 2020.

In addition, the Legislature passed another resolution to create a "waiting period" on any pay grade increases for two years from its previous increase.

The Legislature approved the resolutions, 03-20-08I and 03-20-18K respectively, on March 20 at a regular Legislature meeting.

According to Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Chief Communications Officer Lynette LeGarde, the move was because the Legislature was still getting requests to increase pay grades in job descriptions, well after the "Comp and Class," (Compensation and Classification) process has been completed.

Ho-Chunk filmmaker lectures at UW-Madison

Ho-Chunk filmmaker Sky Hopinka gave a lecture at UW-Madison as part of the Center for the Humanities.

Hopinka was invited by Art Department for a visiting artist colloquium.

"I was asked by Rob Lundberg and Alex Lakind to speak as a part of their Terra Incognita series," Hopinka said.

The event was well attended by UW art students at the Conrad A. Elvehjem Building on the UW campus on Wednesday, March 7 from 5 pm to 6:15 pm. The lecture was free and open to the public.

Hopinka is currently teaching film production classes at both the University of Illinois-Chicago and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I'm an adjunct lecturer at both universities," Hopinka said.

The transition from filmmaking to teaching has its difference, he said.

Ho-Chunk running for Miss Indian World

The 2018 Miss Indian World competition will be held in conjunction with the thirty-fifth annual Gathering of Nations powwow in Albuquerque, NM on April 26 to 28 at the Tingley Coliseum and Expo Center powwow grounds.

The five-day experience, April 24 through April 28, is held annually to crown the new Miss Indian World.

This year's competition features 31 contestants from all across the United States and Canada, representing over 20 different native nations.



May

Grand re-opening of Wisconsin Dells casino, hotel observed with ribbon cutting

A re-grand opening celebration took place at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells facility on Friday, May 11, marking the official end of the Project Forward plan and the opening of the renovated casino and hotel.

Approximately 100 people were present for the ceremony.

Senior Manager of Public Relations David Abangan was the emcee for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, with speakers Chief Clayton Winneshiek, Senior Marketing Manager Beth Anacker, President Wilfrid Cleveland, District II Rep. Kristin WhiteEagle, District III Rep. Kathy DeCamp, Business Executive Director Robert Mudd, elder Paul Cloud, and HCG-WD Casey Fitzpatrick.



Ho-Chunks gather at Red Banks for a reconciliation

Ho-Chunks gathered at Red Banks for a reconciliation of past injustices since Jean Nicolet first landed on the shore in 1634.

Since that time, waves of armies came through Ho-Chunk territory removing cultural identity and natural resources.

The ceremony was held at the Ho-Chunk Nation property near the Red Banks on May 4.

Joining the Ho-Chunk was Steven and Rene Springer, the co-founders of Global Presence Ministries from Madison.

Along with tribal members Sheridan Cloud, Pam Wilbur, and Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek, Springer organized the reconciliation ceremony.

Cloud met Springer at a Global Presence Ministries event in Madison last October, where he was told of Springer's vision.

Greengrass pinned with Purple Heart medal during birthday recognition

It was a surprise.

When Roy Greengrass walked into the new District 1 Community Center on Monday, May 21, he thought he was there to see his sisters.

At least that's what his children told him.

To his astonishment, the gymnasium was full of people, ready to witness the presentation of his Purple Heart medal and to join in the celebration of his birthday.

Greengrass served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a lance corporal during the Vietnam War and was wounded in action.

"I served one year, six months and 10 days. I used to be a 'tunnel rat,'" Greengrass said. "Then I got wounded and they sent me home."

He received a Purple Heart medal but then gave it to his mother.

Several decades later, he remembered his medal, but it was nowhere to be found.



New portal to help students with higher education applications

A new website portal will make things easier for students.

Higher Education Division Manager Marcus Lewis and Computer Programmer Sam Bristol have been working together to produce the new tool to help students, both young and adults, to help advance their educations.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Department will launch the new portal on July 1.

"The portal is designed to keep each person's profile on file in a very secure manner. The profile will allow faster access to essential information and maintain a record of all applications and grants," Lewis said.

The process of developing the portal started a little over a year ago.

Upper Dells Boardroom dedicated to 'Notch' Funmaker

Jones R. Funmaker Sr., better known as "Notch," will be remembered for his dedication to the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells facility.



More so, he will be remembered by friends and family for his sense of humor and a strong belief in family.

Notch was memorialized with a room dedication on Friday, May 4, with the Upper Dells Boardroom.

A room dedication plaque was on display, with "Jones R. Funmaker Jr., 'Notch,' Hoonch – Cho, February 10, 1966 – March 31, 2017," inscribed on it.

Carson Funmaker, brother to Notch, lead the dedication ceremony.

James Menore, also known as

"Coco," said that plans were to name the Upper Dells Ballroom in Notch's honor, however, the ceremony was put on hold just a couple days before it was to happen.

"He was always in the director's seat. He was fun. A couple months after he passed, I talked to the family about some type of memorial to Notch," Menore said.

Newly-formed club, Indigenous Students United, to help students with culturally-sensitive issues

Destina Warner and Lorraine Reyes wanted to do something good for other indigenous students at Baraboo High School. They wanted to address some of the issues and problems that are distinctive to the indigenous culture.

So, they began to plan to gather the indigenous students and form a club that will provide the information and support they need.

The new group, Indigenous Students United, formed about a month ago, currently has about 30 students.

"The name of our Native American organization originally began as 'N.A.S.A.' (Native American Student Association)," Warner said. "When recreating a similar organization to the one that had previously existed, I had asked the rest of the club members what they thought of the name and if anybody wanted to make different suggestions."

June

Comfort takes position as American Indian Nation Liaison at Wisconsin Historical Society

Rebecca Comfort recently began her new duties as the American Indian Nation Liaison at the Wisconsin Historical Society, housed on the University of Wisconsin - Madison campus.

"The American Indian Nation Liaison's position is responsible for maintaining and fostering relationships between the 12 American Indian nations of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Historical Society, particularly as it relates to the

new Wisconsin history museum that's in the works," Comfort said.

Comfort is an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and is currently serving as the first American Indian Nation Liaison for the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Ho-Chunk's top scholars travel to South Dakota during end-of-the-year incentive trip

Eleven middle school and high school students received a free trip to South Dakota this month, thanks to an incentive program sponsored by the Division of Youth Services in Tomah.

The five-day outing would serve as a reward for their performance in the classroom.

"It's just an incentive for the kids in our program," said Tomah Youth Coordinator Leland Bird. "Not many centers do this kind of thing. But we try to be different than the other centers, and do our own thing."

Stops included Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Mt. Rushmore Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial, Cosmos Mystery Area, Bear Country USA and the SPAM museum.

Each would offer a glimpse into our nation's history that the students otherwise might not get.



Cori Blaschke honored with national Chairman's Leadership Award

With an approving boom of thunder, Cori Blaschke received her award, knowing that her ancestors were there, with her, supporting her.

Blaschke was on stage at the time, receiving the Chairman's Leadership Award at the Wisconsin Gaming Regulator Association's conference on June 15, 2018.

"When Chairman Ernie Stevens said something about the thunderclap, I informed him my Ho-Chunk name is Wakajaguiga, which means 'Coming Thunder.' It was so fitting," Cori said.

The convention was held June 13-15 at the Mohican North Star Casino in Bowler, Wisconsin.

"Cori was nominated because of her professional and active participation in all matter related to her responsibility as a regulator and her role with the regulatory association. Her nomination reflected upon her active and responsible representation of the industry," Stevens said.

Alex Kivimaki celebrates medical school graduation, heads for Seattle



Becoming a doctor isn't easy.

Not only do prospective students have to endure a grueling and difficult education process, but also they have to work tirelessly during residency.

Knowing that, Alex Kivimaki still pursued the career, concluding it was the right thing for him.

Alex graduated from UW-Madison Medical School on May 11. The medical school held a ceremony that morning for the students, and then had a ceremony for family that afternoon at the Kohl Center.

He now is heading for the Seattle area to work for his residency. He left Madison on June 4 and starts in Seattle on June 12.

"To call me doctor – it hasn't sunk in yet," he said.

July

Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wittenberg dazzles guests with elaborate grand opening

After twenty-one months of construction, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg hailed the opening of their major 33-million-dollar Project Forward expansion on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg was one of three Ho-Chunk Gaming establishments aboard the \$153 million dollar casino expansion project.

Project Forward has contributed to establishing nearly 90 permanent employment opportunities, aiding in boosting tourism throughout Wittenberg and Shawano County and providing additional amenities and services for guests



visiting on business and leisure. The first phase of Project Forward consisted of the creation of a tasteful, contemporary 86-room hotel and a non-smoking gaming room; renovations to the building exterior, an expansion of the existing gaming floor, the construction of the 3-meal River's Edge Restaurant and a Porte Cochere.

Ria tells of her love for dance, native perceptions in 'Glamour' magazine

Ria Thundercloud recently gained national and international attention for her expressive style of dance.

A feature article on Ria was published in the June/July issue of Glamour magazine, a magazine that highlights women's fashion and beauty.

The article tells about her love of dance and her dedication to portraying Native Americans accurately in the media.

Ria, 27, is the daughter of Roger Thundercloud and Jessica Bearskin. She has a daughter, Cyra Thundercloud, who just turned 3.



8th Annual Financial Frenzy offers students real-life scenarios

The 8th Annual Financial Frenzy event took place Thursday, June 28th, 2018 at District 1 Community Center in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Middle and high school students were offered real life scenarios on how to manage their trust fund money. Registered participants totaled 62 youth and 27 adults.

Victoria Houghton from First Financial Credit Union referenced planning documents when saying, "The goal of the game is to have a better understanding of making life choices, the outcomes those choices bring, along with consequences that are both positive and negative." She further explained, "The game takes youth into the world of work, military, education, or even to see what the obstacles might be if they choose to stay home and live off trust fund or per cap.

Kuno uses his barber creativity and talent to bring smiles to his customers



Kuno Starnes has been through a lot in his life. He's faced a lot of adversity, including severe injury, an addiction to drugs, and jail time. To escape all those negative incidents and come out on top took a lot of willpower and determination.

Opening his own barbershop business, Kuno is now celebrating a new life.

"I'm so happy. It's what I've been waiting for. It's a dream finally become a reality," he said.

Although he has achieved a lot with his new business, it didn't come without help from his family. One of those people was his sister, Brenda Neff, who provided a lot of encouragement and suggestions.

"It's been a long time in coming," Brenda said.

Exhibit features memories of Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial

The Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) and the Native Presence Gallery, Wisconsin Dells, will be presenting an exhibit on the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial this summer, "Remembering Stand Rock."

LEAF's Native Presence Gallery at 412 1/2 Broadway, Wisconsin Dells, will host an opening reception for the show from 3 to 7 p.m. on July 20.

The Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial was held at the Stand Rock amphitheater on the Wisconsin River in the Wisconsin Dells area from 1929 until 1997. The ceremonial featured the dances of the Ho-Chunk

who made their home in the Dells area and dancers from other Native American tribes.

August

Elliot DeCora remembered after 50 years, honored with flag-raising ceremony

Kirk DeCora Hopinka remembers the day he found out his older brother, Elliot, had died in Vietnam.

"I remember it like it was a couple years ago," Kirk said. "It was so surreal. It was a hot August day and I saw that two uniformed men had parked down the street and were walking toward our house. They told my mother that he had been killed. It opened a floodgate of pain."

A special memorial flag-raising ceremony at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building was held on Elliot's behalf, marking the 50th anniversary of his death. He was killed on Aug. 16, 1968, during a battle.

Participating in the event included many area American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Marine Corps League. Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek spoke about honor and duty before the meal and Gordon Thunder gave a prayer.



Smoke-free anniversary observance held: Business booming at HCG – Madison following smoking ban three years ago

Three years ago, Ho-Chunk Nation officials gambled by making the decision to ban smoking at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison facility.

That decision was a winner, according to Executive Manager Dan Brown.

The three-year anniversary of the smoke-free resolution was observed on Friday, Aug. 17, with a special ceremony just outside the casino in a tent erected for the occasion. The Native American Tourism of Wisconsin was host for the event

"I'm here to report to you today that this is a highly successful decision,"

Brown said. "It's working. Our players are staying longer and they're playing more. Then, the patron count started to take off," Brown said.

Natural resources provide knowledge, outdoor training to youth

Chris Shawley, Austin Potter, Silas Cleveland, Isaac Lowe, and Geoffrey Garvin had a few tales to tell about their experiences working for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Those stories were told at an end-of-season wrap-up on Thursday, July 26, at Perry Creek Park near Black River Falls.

The youth offered a PowerPoint presentation to all people in attendance, including parents, siblings, friends, and DNR staff. Each of the youth workers took turns to explain their experiences as each toggled through the presentation.

"It was a true pleasure working with the DNR summer youth workers throughout the last six weeks," said Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Land Management Division Manager Russ Hunter.



Ho-Chunk community leaders gather for indigenous solutions in the justice system

Peacemaking is never an easy task.

Usually there are a lot of emotions involved, a lot of anger, hurt feelings, and bitter resentment. That why it's important to mend those bridges between the two parties before it's too late.

Community leaders took part in a two-day "Introduction to Peace Circles," part of an international Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative, on July 30-31 at the District 1 Community Center.

Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe and Associate Judge Joanne Jones were responsible for organizing the sessions.

Sharice Davids wins primary for Kansas congress

Sharice Davids for Congress released the following statement on Sharice's victory in Kansas' 3rd Congressional District primary on Aug. 7.

"I am honored and deeply motivated by the support I received from across this district," said Sharice Davids. "Thank you to my fellow Democrats in this race for their passion and for engaging in a spirited and important debate about the future of this district and this country. To my supporters: you knocked on doors, made phone calls, donated what you could, and got your friends, neighbors, and family members to the polls."



Six Health & Community Building Campuses go tobacco-free and nicotine-free effective September

A resolution passed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature on August 7, 2018 restricts the use of commercial tobacco and nicotine products at six different health and community building campuses. The objective is to promote wellness for community members and staff. The District 1 Community Center, Madison Community Center, House of Wellness, Green Bay Community Center, Siga Funmaker Community Building, and the Executive Campus (Tribal Office Building and Ho-Chunk Health Care Center areas) have established commercial tobacco-free and nicotine-free environments.

Smoking shelters are available for community members and staff at these six campuses. These shelters are the only designated smoking areas.

September

General Council examines nature rights, housing, trust fund, Christmas bonus

Eight resolutions were introduced to be voted upon at the 2018 General Council session at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay.

However, only six of the eight resolutions were voted upon. The first resolution was said to be a matter for the courts to decide and the last resolution was discarded because the primary person who introduced the resolution was removed from the building by Bear Clan security.

A quorum of 1,217 was reached at 11:35 a.m., therefore allowing the meeting to begin. Three people were nominated for chairman: Matt Mann, Gerald Cleveland, and Wilfrid Cleveland. Mann received the most votes, therefore elected as chairman for the meeting.



Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Development Ground Breaking in the Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells area

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, a ground-breaking ceremony was conducted for the construction of six duplexes, totaling 12 new rental units for the Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells area. The construction site is on the new Giebel Court Road, off from Fern Dell Road.

Neil Whitegull, Director at Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), was the emcee for the event. He asked Paul Cloud to say some invocation. Mr. Cloud spoke a few words regarding the land and hunting on the land. He thanked the planning committee and all those that worked to get this project where it is today.



Three Ho-Chunk Marine recruits set off for basic training

Three Ho-Chunk young adults recently left for their basic training with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Stephen Redbird, Jeriah Rave Jr., and TreVonna Rave have made their way to basic training, all 2018 graduates of Black River Falls High School.

All of the recruits met once a month for a year for physical fitness training while they were in high school.

They are considered recruits but will become a Marine upon graduation from training. Stephen is planned to graduate on Dec. 6, Jeriah on Nov. 6, and TreVonna on Nov. 16.

Jeriah Rave Jr. enlisted in 2017 when he was a junior in high school. He is the son of Jeriah Sr. and Erin Rave.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls opens long-awaited porte cochere, and Veteran's Memorial Garden

Another phase of the Ho-Chunk Nation's "Project Forward" at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has been completed. On Friday, August 24, 2018 a ribbon cutting ceremony took place for our Thunderbird inspired porte cochere and Veteran's Memorial Garden.

Porte Cochere is a French word for coach gate, used to protect people from the weather elements. Ours is unique in its physical size and appealing structure. The conical feature has lights inside that are beamed upward through blue acrylic, and downward to an organic sand based rock garden. The surrounding secondary walls of the Porte Cochere have multiple lights directed toward their panels that create a multi-colored effect in the evening.



Departments join forces for Prevent Suicide Conference in Wittenberg

Division Director of Youth Services Lanette Walker places an emphasis on the word "prevention" when she talks about the upcoming "Prevent Suicide Conference" slated for September 21-23, at the Siga Funmaker Community Center in Wittenberg.

"We want to be proactive, rather than reactive," Walker said. "We want to be ahead of it."

The upcoming conference is geared toward the youth, but it also includes adults and community members. "Because it's part of the community. You can't make one plan and expect it to fit all. Every situation is unique."

October

Ho-Chunk Nation co-sponsors first Wisconsin Leadership Summit for people of color

More than 320 people attended the first-ever Wisconsin Leadership Summit, held Thursday, Oct. 18, through Friday, Oct. 19, at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells.

The event was a joint venture between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Madison-based organization Madison 365.

Some of the state's most influential leaders of color gathered to discuss issues facing communities across Wisconsin. It also offered a chance for people of similar interests to network and make new friendships.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the welcome address and the Wisconsin Dells Singers provided the opening songs.

Five other Ho-Chunk members served in some capacity in breakout sessions during the Summit.

Overcoming the negative is topic at Journey of Hope Conference

More than 270 people attended the 13th Annual Journey of Hope Conference, held Oct. 2-3 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

The purpose of this event is to educate tribal members of all ages with diabetes prevention related information. It also gives tribal members direct access to Ho-Chunk Nation Health staff for two days. During this time, they can share their stories of health, voice their concerns, and become informed to better their own health.

Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Inducts Joshua Decorah Sanford

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame (WAHF) held its 33rd Annual Induction Ceremony in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Approximately 250 individuals filled the Founder's Wing of the AirVenture



Museum to witness the induction presentations and celebrate scholarship recipients. The four inductees were Joshua Sanford, Janis Sierra, Donald Winkler, and Jerome LeBerron. The three scholarship recipients were Emily Bennett at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Aaron Wahlgren at Gateway Technical College, and Isaac Lee at Fox Valley Technical College. Joshua Sanford was the only Native American that flew for the famed Flying Tigers and survived World War II.

Sanford was born near Friendship, Wisconsin on January 19, 1919, to Maude L. Decorah and Herbert W. Sanford. His mother was Ho-Chunk. His father was a Seneca from Cayuga County, New York and a graduate of Cornell University.

Veterans Affairs Secretary visits the Ho-Chunk Nation to offer a listening ear

In an effort to reach out to all tribes in the state, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Daniel Zimmerman visited the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building on Thursday, October 4.

A meal was provided to him and all veterans. He also took a brief tour of the Nation's buildings and grounds.

"My purpose was to get out and better understand what is going on in the tribes and what they are their concerns are relating to veterans. It's one thing to have your folks report back to you and let you know what's going on and it's another thing to actually experience it firsthand," Zimmerman said.

Redistricting special election results

The Ho-Chunk Nation membership voted in a Special Election for Redistricting and Reapportionment on Friday, October 12, 2018.

The membership voted on three scenario choices, #4, #6, and #10.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board certified Scenario #10 received the most votes.

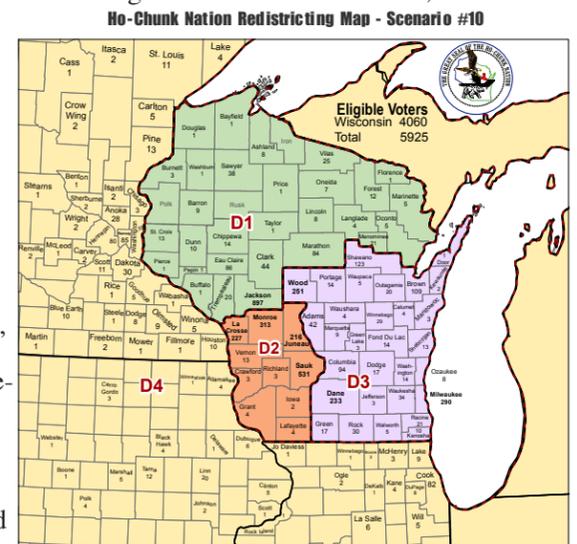
Under Scenario #10, the number of Legislators remains the same, but the Districts change. The

new Districts number 1, 2, 3, and 4. The new District 4 consist of old District 5 and includes the same geographic territory.

District 1 Legislators are Reps. Thundercloud, Smith, and Greengrass. District 2 Legislators are Reps. White Eagle, Lincoln, and Estebo.

District 3 are Reps. Walker, Jr., DeCamp, and Visintin. District 4 are Reps. LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Mullen, Two-Bears, and Whiterabbit.

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members from the St. Paul area developed and submitted Scenario #10.



November

Beloit city officials eager to get started on casino; public environmental hearing set for Dec. 11

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.

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

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 members 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.

A total of 157 people registered at 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.

Friday is Ho-Chunk Day in the City of Madison

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

Sharice Davids’ historical election to Congress celebrated in Kansas

Ho-Chunk Sharice Davids from Kansas won her bid for United States Congress on Nov. 6, 2018. Davids and Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, of New Mexico are the first Native women elected to Congress. Also, Sharice Davids is the first L.G.B.T. Native to serve as a federal lawmaker.

Democrat Sharice Davids unseated four-term incumbent Republican Kevin Yoder, Davids had 53.3 percent of the vote to Yoder’s 44.2 percent.

Hundreds of supporters gathered at an election watch party in Olathe on election night. The ballroom in the Embassy Suites erupted in cheers after a cable news network declared Davids the winner in the Kansas 3rd Congressional District race.

The crowd cheered, “Sharice! Sharice! Sharice!” and tears of joy could be seen on many faces as Davids took to the stage.



Veterans Day Powwow honors the 100th anniversary of WWI Armistice Day

The sounds of the drum echoed throughout the airport hangar at Volk Field on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The sounds were an annual tradition, dating back more than four decades.

It was the 41st Annual Veterans Powwow to honor all veterans for their service and sacrifices.

Ralph Decorah offered the prayer at the beginning of the event.

“We, the members of Volk Field, are happy to have you here today and including us in this 41st Annual Veterans Powwow,” said Volk Field support staff Senior Master Sergeant Vaughan Wilberg, who provided the keynote address.

Working on future emphasized at annual Ho-Chunk Youth Leadership Conference

It’s a way to ensure the successes of tomorrow – to plan the seeds for developing the leaders of the future.

Youth from all over the state gathered for the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Leadership Conference on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the new District 1 Community Center in Black River Falls.

This is the second year for the Youth Leadership Conference. There was 50 youth present.

The conference consisted of a keynote speaker, a legislative social, lunch, an after-lunch speaker, cultural advice for the males from Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek, cultural advice for the females from the Clan Mothers, and a talk from Bill Quackenbush about Ho-Chunk history: past, present, and future.

According to Carol Garvin, one of the founders and coordinators for the event, the idea came from talking to the youth.

A Glimmer of Hope

Everyone was welcomed to the house located at W8801 Blackhawk Road in Black River Falls, Wisconsin during “A Glimmer of Hope” event. The event was November 1st through the 3rd in acknowledgment that overdoses increase around per capita times.

Both youth and adults gathered in support of those fighting addiction and their families. Time was spent sharing meals, playing games, visiting, and gathered around the fire outside.



Spooks, heroes, villains, and princesses gather for police department’s Safety Halloween Party

The annual Halloween Safety Event was held on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the old District 1 Community Building.

Members of the Ho-Chunk Police Department organized and were present for the event.

The event is to provide information to keep children safe while trick-or-treating during Halloween.

There were 165 people in attendance.

Prizes were awarded for best costumes in different age categories.

Youth were able to obtain candy by smashing piñatas on the tennis courts next to the Community Center building.

Present for the event was Chief Deputy Mark Moen of the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department, along with his search-and-rescue bloodhound, Gus.

Baraboo schools observe Native American cultural awareness

Parent Planning for Baraboo is a group of Ho-Chunk volunteer parents that want to bring Native American cultural awareness in the schools and our long term goal is to get Title VI active again in Baraboo.

The thought was since the high school has new classrooms let’s offer some Native American classes that the students can sign up for. Classes offered on Tuesday were moccasin game by Sampson Funmaker and Larry Walker, fry-bread demo by Lanette Walker, Ho-Chunk History by Damian Thundercloud. Classes offered on Thursday were moccasin game by Sampson Funmaker, basket making by Kim Crowley, hand drum by Jon Thundercloud and Native American History by Janice Rice.

December

Sharice Davids offers her thanks, honored with Ho-Chunk reception

Anticipation filled the air as eager guests waited in expectation of an honored guest about to arrive at the District 1 Community Center.

The crowd had gathered that Saturday morning, Dec. 8, including family, friends, and dignitaries from local, state, and the federal government, in hopes of congratulating an exceptional person for a hard-fought victory.

As the door opened, an applause and cheering erupted with Sharice Davids entering the building.

Davids was given a hero’s welcome for her election victory to become the first Native American woman elected to Congress. She won her seat in District 3 in Kansas, having defeated four-term Republican incumbent Kevin Yoder.

First Nations Studies class visits HCN GIS specialist

Visitors from the Black River Falls High school paid a visit to GIS Specialist Niklas Anderson of the Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Sixteen students and History and Social Studies Instructor Paul Rykken came to see what kind of work Anderson does and how it fits in with the objectives of the Ho-Chunk people.

“I wanted to give the students an introduction to geography and all the tools geographers use, especially Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS),” Anderson said.

The group was from a class is called “First Nations Studies: Introduction to the Tribal World.”

“It is a dual-credit offering with the UW-Green Bay First Nations Department,” Rykken said.

Sioux Chef provides an evening meal of Indigenous foods

A movement is occurring to bring back the nutritional foods that were eaten years ago.

It’s called food sovereignty and it’s an effort being conducted by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

As a part of that effort, an “Indigenous Banquet” was served on Friday, Nov. 30, at the House of Wellness in Baraboo.

World-renowned Chef Sean Sherman and Chef Dana Thompson were at the center of the event, providing direction and catering the meal. After the meal, Chef Sherman, also known as the Sioux Chef, provided a talk on natural foods and its benefits. After the meal, he signed copies of his book, “The Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Kitchen.”

The meal was called “Moon When the Deer Lose Their Antlers Feast.”

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Elk recovered from illegal kill

The Ho-Chunk Nation recently took possession of a cow elk that was killed illegally during the Wisconsin deer gun season.

The deer was transported to the Tribal Office Building on Tuesday, Dec. 11, then taken to an undisclosed location for butchering.

According to Wildlife Biologist Nelson Smith of the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR, the locator collar indicated the elk had died between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The collar signal was used to locate the animal in the Wazee Lake area. The elk was gutted out when found.

Wisconsin DNR officials have not been able to find the person responsible for the kill and are asking the public for any tips to lead to the identification of the person.



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS,
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DECEMBER 4, 2018

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.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 (EX)

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (P)

Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)

Rep. Matthew Mullen (P)

Rep. Robert TwoBears (Cc)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)

Cc: Conference call

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-November 20, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the November 20, 2018 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Development Committee-November 27, 2018

MOTION by Vice President Douglas Greengrass to approve the November 27, 2018 Development Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda: One Sauk, Naturally Update Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated a presentation is on the Legislative agenda for December 18, 2018.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to **TABLE** One Sauk, Naturally Update. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-November 28, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the November 28, 2018 Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Submission of Indirect Cost Rate Proposal

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 12-04-18 A**, Submission of Indirect Cost Rate Proposal. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Lynwood Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 12-04-18 B**, Transfer of Funds to the Lynwood Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Douglas Greengrass. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Disability Code Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 12-04-18 C**, Transfer of Funds to the Disability Code Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration Committee-December 3, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the December 3, 2018 Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

Office of General Council

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to **TABLE** the Office of General Council Agenda Item. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Economic Diversification

Rep. Matt Mullen stated the meeting will be on December 28, 2018 at the Tribal Executive Offices at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:

Resolution-Rescind and Restate Resolution 11-20-18 B Placing the Lot 8 Timber Run Property 4.577 Acres Into Trust

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 12-04-18 D**, Rescind and Restate Resolution 11-20-18 B Placing the Lot 8 Timber Run Property 4.577 Acres Into Trust. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hosto Pii Hoci Proposal

Kelly Jo Funmaker, Loa Porter, Henrietta Funmaker provided an update on the proposal. They were requesting the approval on the budget for the home. The budget would be for six months, and will require additional funding that will be submitted during the budget cycle. Grant funding that may be used in the future cannot assist with startup costs. The Nation would need to fund for at least a year.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. is out of the room, VP Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve a true increase for the Hosto Pii Hoci Proposal in the amount of \$85,613, with the Health Department to provide In-Kind Costs, and to include in the next budget cycle for funding. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

District 2- Tomah District Meeting-November 13, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve funding from the D2 Community Improvement Funds per the **MOTION** by C-Ann Cleveland to approve \$5,000 from Charitable Contributions to support the "Feed My Starving Children Mobile Park of Tomah" Event. Second by

Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to approve the Monroe County Law Enforcement Agreement in the amount of \$22,095. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Michelle Winneshiek for the Department of Business to consider having a business room and work out room at each of our hotels. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President with consideration of a new policy the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to have the Legislature develop a policy for gas cards to create a gas card be utilized at our WTC stores. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2- Baraboo District Meeting-November 15, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve from D2 Community Improvement Funds the **MOTION** by Rob Mobley to fund the total based on budget submitted \$11,050 (from Community Improvement Funds) for the officers of Indigenous Students United of Baraboo High School, currently identified as Ho-Chunk Nation youth, to attend the UNITY Mid-year Conference 2019 in Scottsdale, AZ. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Douglas Greengrass returns, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. returns.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to provide support on the **MOTION** by Jon Warner to request Legislature to support the resolution by the Indigenous Students United of Baraboo High School. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. **MOTION AMENDED**, to **TABLE** for Legislative Attorneys to review for later in the meeting. **SECOND CONCURS**. 11-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Sheridan Cloud to be a "distinguished member" funded by Youth Services fund for \$10K. Amended to \$5k "benefactor level".

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, and Social Services the **MOTION** by Beth Bridges to have Youth Services obtain more information from Boy Scouts of America about membership costs and how it would benefit and how collaboration would work. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Sheridan Cloud to support a HCN Elder Summit in Wisconsin & use the Nation's internal resources for locations, speakers and subject matter experts and other needed services.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Denise Smith to approve the Sauk County Law Enforcement Agreement. *Rep. Robert TwoBears not on the phone.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to confirm Beth Bridges as Alternate for the Law Enforcement Commission, pending a background check. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Rob Mobley to maintain current schedule of the Baraboo area meeting and not combine with Wisconsin Dells/Indian Heights area.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Labor the **MOTION** by Beth Bridges to request a representative from the HCN Department of Labor to attend the House of Wellness Baraboo area at least one time a week to provide services, assistance and training for our tribal members to promote their presence. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer the **MOTION** by Nela Stacy to request the Office of the President to grant Administrative Leave for enrolled tribal members to attend the 12 Clans, Inc., Shareholder's Meeting on December 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert TwoBears is back on the phone.

District 2- Madison District Meeting-November 14, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to approve from the D2 Community Improvement Fund the **MOTION** by Muriel Whiteeagle-Lee to approve \$5,000 donation for this event, "Fireworks On Ice". Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Cher Laubmeier for Legislators to contact the Planning & Development Division to provide the dimensions and necessary information to FNCF to continue to get funding needed for the playground at the Madison Branch Office property. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Muriel Whiteeagle-Lee to not implement December 1, 2018 deadline date. To have District 2 Legislators finish their terms of office until June 30, 2019. Not to approve the Redistricting passed by Quick Passage to change the Election Code.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Marlys Whiteeagle to increase the money for hearing aids for the elderly. **MOTION** by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteeagle during disasters to have a disaster relief for storage pods for the elderly. Second by Rep.

Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to Office of the President and Tribal Aging Unit the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteeagle to have the Office of the President to provide a liaison to the Tribal Aging Unit. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to Office of the President and Social Services Department the **MOTION** by Muriel Whiteeagle-Lee for the Executive Branch to give clarification of the Elder Nutrition Board and their Bylaws to the Tribal Aging Unit. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteeagle to have the two-car parking lot and signage and to make it a priority in the change order. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Carly Lincoln to approve from the D2 Community Improvement Fund the **MOTION** by Muriel Whiteeagle-Lee to request the \$15,000 to implement the change order. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Maryls Whiteeagle to create a law for the Rights of Nature for Ho-Chunk Nation.

District 3-Wittenberg District Meeting-November 19, 2018

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Lorenzo Funmaker to approve \$2,509.44 from the 2018 Shawano County Law Enforcement Agreement for the purchase of six Advantage 1000 gas masks.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Lanette Walker to approve and accept 2019 Shawano Law Enforcement Agreement.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Lanette Walker to nominate David Radtke to Veterans Advisory Board. *Rep. Carly Lincoln is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to D1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker for the Marathon County to have representation from D1 Representatives. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4-St. Paul District Meeting-November 15, 2018

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to nominate Rosetta Hunt to the TAU Board.

Conference Approvals:

2019 Executive Council Winter Session

This was just an fyi, Legislators are approved through passage of a resolution to attend the 2019 Executive Council Winter Session that will be in Washington, D.C. on Febru-

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The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws. This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership. EOPUB 12282018

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
LITTLECHIEF, Malena Rose	04/20/2008	79/256	Coonokaw James Grover Mallory, Jr. N-1910 – # 000373	Non-Member	Aletha Stacy La Rose
BUSSE, Jordan Rose	09/30/2015	½	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901 - # 00149	Non-Indian	Lydia Rochelle Busse
BUSSE, Curtis Dale IV	02/16/2017	½	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901 - # 00149	Non-Indian	Lydia Rochelle Busse
ROGGE, Serenity Jade	09/20/2013	¼	Chaw Nauk He Cho Kah Will Greendeer 1901 - # 00080	Non - Indian	Kayla Ann Marie Olson
BROVOLD, Peyton Ann	03/16/2018	¼	Na He Na Kee Kah Alex Lonetree 1881 - # 00016	Non-Indian	Nicole Marie Lonetree
BLACKDEER, Blake Mathew	08/05/2018	¼	Chau Zap Kah Blackdeer 1881 - # 00174	Lance Irvin Blackdeer	Non-Indian
THUNDER, Avery Karin	06/25/2017	½	Wa Qua Ho Pin Kah Henry Thunder 1881 - # 00129	Frank Bert Thunder	Non-Indian
GRAYSON, Devin Trevion	06/11/2013	¼	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr 1881 - # 00328	Non-Indian	Denneil Kay Morales-Martinez
GREENGRASS, EMILY EDEN	12/11/2013	¼	Che Win Che Kay Ray He Kah Edward Greengrass 1881 - # 00281	Non-Indian	Carolyn Ann Greengrass
SPARKS, Sophia Star	08/13/2017	¾	Ha Gah Kah Jones J. Decorra 1901 - # 00430	Sky Carlos Sparks	Jewel Rae Funmaker
FUNMAKER, Aiden Randall	01/08/2011	11/16	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr 1881 - # 00328	Jordan Michael Funmaker	Cheyenne Alayne Bird
CLOUD, Owen George III	08/30/2017	61/128	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901 - # 00149	Owen George Cloud, Jr	Non-Indian
DECORAH, Mila Eve	12/25/2016	85/128	Na He Hoo Noo Kah Brown Decorra 1901 - # 00398	Jesse Royce Decorah	Rachel Pearl Thundercloud
BOYD, Tyrel Jason Jr.	11/24/2015	¾	Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah George Winneshiek 1881 - # 00432	Tyrel Jason Boyd	Arielle Lynn Whitegull
FONTALVO, Viviana Gisele	01/08/2016	¼	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr 1881 - # 00328	Non-Indian	Carolina June Fontalvo

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 (19Th day of December, 2018).

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ary 10-14, 2019.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

11:29 a.m.

Rep. Carly Lincoln returns during executive session.

Break for lunch

MOTION by Rep. Karena Thundercloud to break for lunch. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

11:58 a.m.

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 12:30 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 (EX)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Matthew Mullen (P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (1:15 p.m.)Cc
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-

Whiterabbit (P)

Cc: Conference Call
Rep. Shelby Visintin left during executive session.

Rep. Robert TwoBears is on the phone during Executive Session at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:38 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

TTPCC Travel Request Mid-January 2019

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve three Legislators and Tom Springer, Outside Counsel, Quarles & Brady, LLP to attend the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee Meeting in Albuquerque, NM on January 15-19, 2019. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to release the TTPCC Travel Request to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

TION CARRIED.

Vice President Douglas Greengrass is out of the room.

Brackeen v. Zinke Case

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move forward in sending a letter requesting a statement of support to the Governor of WI with signature by President and Vice President in support of ICWA. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Outside Counsel and Legislative Counsel to work to make arrangements to connect with Attorney General Schimel's Office. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **MOTION AMENDED**, to work on outreach to other tribes. **SECOND CONCURS.** 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for the Indian Child Welfare Act

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 12-04-18 G**, Support for the Indian Child Welfare Act. Second by Rep. Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the President to include Collin Price, Public Relations Officer in the December 7, 2018 call

with Kelbie Kennedy with Nicole Homer. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.** No motion is required for Mr. Price to be included in the call.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentions that Rep. Moore was the only Wisconsin member of Congress to be a named sponsor to the Bipartisan Resolution. On November 28, 2018, the Bipartisan Resolution recognized the 40th Anniversary of ICWA was introduced to Congress.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve of sending a Letter of Appreciation to U.S. Representative Gwen Moore (D-Wis) from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release the ICWA motions into Open Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code (2 HCC § 6)

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 12-04-18 H**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code (2 HCC § 6). Second by Rep. Karena Thunder-

cloud. 2/3rd's vote required. 9-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Indigenous Students United of Baraboo High School

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Attorneys prepare a resolution in support for the Indigenous Students United of Baraboo High School for the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the meeting. The meeting will adjourn to Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells, December 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Andrea Estebo,

The Ho-Chunk Health Department wants you to know:

HANDWASHING IS IMPORTANT!

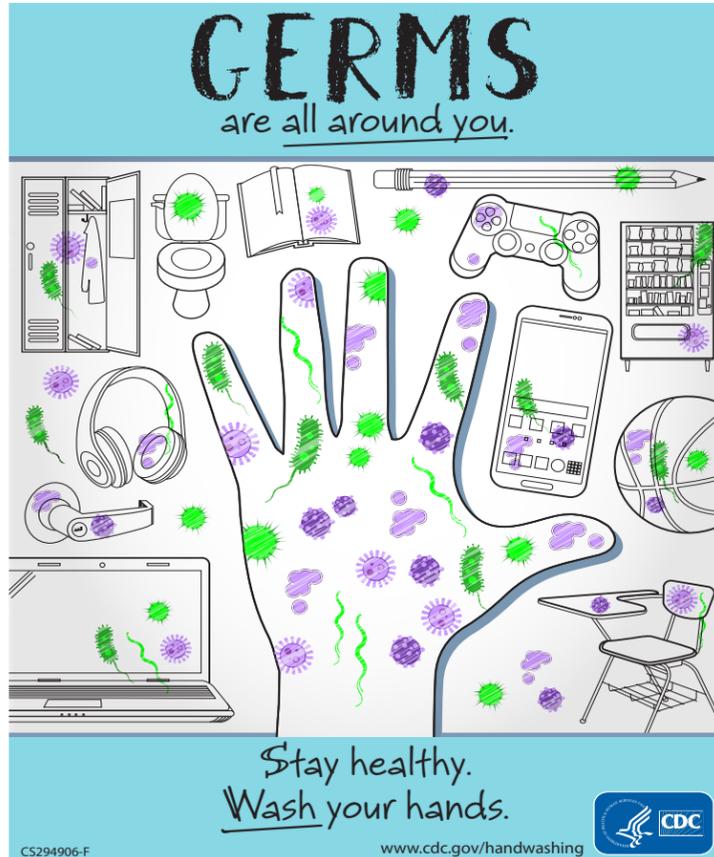
Did you wash your hands? Handwashing involves five simple and effective steps (Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry) you can take to reduce the spread of diarrheal and respiratory illness so you can stay healthy. Regular handwashing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others. It's quick, it's simple, and it can keep us all from getting sick. Handwashing is a win for everyone, except the germs. So, follow these steps from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on when to wash your hands:

WASH YOUR HANDS:

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- 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
- *information obtained from CDC.gov



January Elders Birthdays

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

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

W8784 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: Lot 11 of Indian Mission within the NW¼ of the NW¼ Section 33, Township 22 North, Range 3 West, 4th P.M., Town of Komensky, Jackson County, Wisconsin.

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

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

By or before **January 30, 2019**.

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

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 # HCNHOMECARE113018

Supportive/Personal Home Care for After Hour Care of Tribal Members

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 17, 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 28th day of December, 2018.

Catherine Link, CPPB, CAM
Procurement Manager
Ho-Chunk Nation

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

Employees gather for Christmas meal

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation gathered on Friday, Dec. 21, for some Christmas cheer and friendship at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls.

Generous amounts of food and drinks were available to everyone, giving everyone a time to relax, eat, and enjoy each other's company.

Anthony Falcon gave a welcoming message and prayer

before the meal.

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



Eight contestants vie for ugliest sweater honors

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The first-ever Ho-Chunk Nation employees Ugly Sweater Contest was greeted

with a lot of enthusiasm despite the unattractive nature of the event. Eight participants squared off to see just how ugly were their sweaters with the owner of the most dreadful sweater taking home top prize.

The eight contestants gathered in front of the atrium Christmas tree, modeling their attire, hoping to capture the attention of the judge. Making that decision was Office of the President Public Relations Specialist Sommer Reel.

When all the modeling was done, the winner was announced. Ethel Funmaker was awarded the top honors and received a Walmart gift card for her abilities to show off her ugliest Christmas apparel.





COUNTDOWN TO 2019.

JOIN OUR NYE CELEBRATION
BINGO | \$5K GIVEAWAY | DOOR OPEN AT 4PM
THE DWEEBES | 9PM - 1AM | POKER BAR STAGE
PRIME RIB BUFFET | 11AM - 12AM | \$21.95

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Coming in January- Open Enrollment Meetings (Not Mandatory)

Health insurance is typically the second biggest expense to an employer next to salary. The Nation's health plan is no different. In fact, in 2015, it cost \$15,999 for each non-enrolled Ho-Chunk employee who were on the health plan. In 2019, it the estimated annual cost per employee projects to \$21,861, a 36.6% increase over the past five years.

Over this five-year period, the benefit plan has remained the same. On average, the plan pays 5.5% more of the health expenses than the average large group in Wisconsin. At the same time, Ho-Chunk employees pay 33% less for insurance coverage compared to employees at other large companies.

Compared to Wisconsin employers as a whole, the Ho-Chunk Nation has always provided better coverage at a lower cost to employees than the average employer. This has come at a considerable cost to the Nation.

This was partially addressed last year in a resolution approved by the Ho-Chunk Legislature on November 21, 2017. The goal of this resolution was to bring employee contributions more in line with what other employees in the state pay for insurance coverage. The resolution defined the percentage of plan cost non-enrolled employees will pay in 2019 (17% for single, 22% for family).

The resolution also showed *estimated* premium and employee contributions based on an *estimated* 5% increase in cost in 2019. Unfortunately, actual plan expenses ran considerably higher than estimated, and the increase for 2019 is 11.6%. Both the Nation and employees share in this increased cost.

The Ho-Chunk Nation remains committed to providing an excellent benefit package for employees at a reasonable cost.

Ho-Chunk Nation New Years Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow

12/31/2018 Host Drum 01/01/2019

Ho-Chunk Station

M.C. Gerald Cleveland Sr. A.D. Garrick Cleveland Sr.

7:00 PM Prayer/Feast
8:30 Grand Entry

Sanford White Eagle Legion Post #556

Singing & Dancing

House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913

Contact: Garrick Cleveland Sr
608-381-0043

MOCCASIN TOURNAMENT
1ST 1400
2ND 1300
3RD 1200
4TH 1100

Drug & Alcohol Free Event

Vendor Space Available Sobriety Recognition

Singers Expectations will be signed at Drum Registration
Dancers to receive Honorarium
MUST BE IN FULL REGALIA HEAD TO TOE
at Pay Table

ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY IN TOMAH AREA

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

The voting for the Tomah area position will be held at the Tomah Tribal Aging Unit meal site at 358 Eos Road, Tomah, WI 54660 on Monday, January 21, 2019 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Please contact Carole Lastrup at 800/294-9343, X5930 or 608/372-4547 or the TAU Meal Site, 358 Eos Road, for an application if you are a HCN Tribal Elder living in the Tomah area who is interested in the position on the HCN Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board. Applications will

be closed one week before the voting date, January 14, 2019.

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

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



JAN 2019						
TWTD/477 COMMUNITY CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
			Siga Community Bldg Wittenberg 477/TWTD 11a-1p	House of Wellness - Baraboo 477/TWTD 11a-1p		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Madison Branch Office 477/TWTD 11a-1p	House of Wellness - Baraboo 477/TWTD 11a-1p		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			La Crosse Branch Office 477/TWTD 11a-1p	House of Wellness - Baraboo 477/TWTD 11a-1p		
27	28	29	30	31		
			Nekoosa TAU 11a-1p	House of Wellness - Baraboo 477/TWTD 11a-1p		

the Grille

WINTER HOURS:
 Sunday: 9AM - 8PM
 Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday & Wednesday: 4:30PM - 9PM
 Thursday: 11AM - 9PM
 Friday & Saturday: 11AM - 10PM

January Specials

<p>LUNCH Grilled Monte Cristo Sandwich & homemade fries \$10.95</p>	<p>DINNER Shrimp Alfredo served over pasta with a cup of soup or salad \$13.95</p>
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Dine - n & Win

WIN A GRILLE CERTIFICATE OR REWARDS PLAY
JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28
THURSDAY DRAWINGS | 12:00PM
 Win a \$50 Grille Certificate or \$20 Rewards Play each week with the purchase of any Entrée or Sunday Buffet.
 See the Rewards Club Booth for details.



\$5 OFF GAS OR TOBACCO PURCHASES
 Earn 10 points on your Rewards Club Card to receive \$5 off your Whitetail Crossing Nekoosa purchase of tobacco or gas, good for a same day purchase. See the Rewards Club Booth for details.

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NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS** and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.

(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:

Ho-Chunk Nation President
July 2019 - June 2023

LEGISLATURE:

District 1, Seat 2
July 2019 – June 2023

District 2, Seat 1
July 2019 – June 2023

District 3, Seat 1
July 2019 – June 2023

District 3, Seat 3
July 2019 – June 2023

District 4, Seat 2
July 2019 – June 2023

JUDICIARY:

Supreme Court Chief Justice
July 2019- June 2025

Supreme Court Associate Justice 2
July 2019-June 2023

Trial Court Chief Judge
July 2019-June 2023

Trial Court Associate Judge 1
July 2019-June 2023

Trial Court Associate Judge 2
July 2019-June 2023

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on **Thursday, January 3, 2019**. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Board Code Sec.11 (c)*.

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii. (Deadline Wednesday, February 13, 2019).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

After 4:30 pm and the weekend please call (715)299-6104

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Thursday, February 14, 2019 @ 4:30 pm.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Friday, **February 22, 2018 by 4:00 pm.** See *Election Board Code, section 13(a), i*

Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or

typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day.

NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS. POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.



CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:

There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, December 3, 2018

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, February 1, 2019

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Friday, February 22, 2019
4:00 pm.

GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
Tuesday, June 4, 2019

SWEARING IN CEREMONY
Wednesday, July 3, 2019

**POLLING PLACES:
OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND
CLOSE AT 7:00 PM.**

•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
INDIAN MISSION
COMMUNITY BUILDING
W8813 Mission Road
(715)299-6104

•TOMAH, WI
BLUEWING COMMUNITY
BUILDING
320 Epinal Avenue
(608)377-3787

•LA CROSSE, WI
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 Main Street
(608)783-6025

•BARABOO, WI
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 Whiteagle Road
(608)355-1254

•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
CHAK-HAH-CHEE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715)886-5444

•WITTENBERG, WI
SIGA FUNMAKER
COMMUNITY CENTER
W17634 Radke Rd
(715)253-4407

•CHICAGO, IL
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
(773)202-8433

•MILWAUKEE, WI
MILWAUKEE BRANCH
OFFICE
3501 S. Howell Avenue
(414)747-8680

•MINNEAPOLIS/ ST PAUL, MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH
OFFICE
1724 Selby Ave
(651)641-1801

•MADISON, WI
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
(608)277-9964

•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
INDIAN HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY BUILDING
N957 Dyer Avenue
(715)299-6104

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BRANCH OFFICE
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(920)490-2774

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