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

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

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.

"We were able to show for a few fleeting days and weeks, the beautiful unity of our strength and togetherness that is inside of us. My relatives, we truly are related and on the same team, but sometimes we don't

realize it without that common cause," he said.

Besaw said that he is an educator, having taught as a K-12 teacher, a vice principal, a principal, a curriculum director, a superintendent, and a vice principal and dean of student services in a college.

"Demographically we are a minority and face many of the challenges of other minorities living in a majority society, but we are not simply a minority group like others. We are different. Native Americans have special interests and perspectives in the issues we all face. But we are not simply another special interest group. We are different," he said.

Native Americans are citizens of their own nations, as well as citizens of Wisconsin and citizens of the United States - nations that existed long before there was a United States of America or a state of Wisconsin, he said. There are 11 nations in the state of Wisconsin and are about 567 nations in the United States.

Many people don't understand that Native Americans are present in society today and contribute to the advancement of all people, he said.

His daughter Kara attends UW - Madison and was recently given a test about Native Americans. Some of the true or false questions were like, "Native Americans in the state don't pay taxes," "Native Americans have a genetic disposition to being alcoholics," "the Native Americans in Wisconsin are one big tribe."

"We are disappointed because nothing has changed. I had a class here at the UW in the 1990s and was asked to critically review all native references in the then current mainstream social studies text. What I found

was over 90 percent of the references to us were only in the past tense, like they were teaching about ancient Greeks or Romans," he said.

"So you can see yet another reason why we ask that race based mascots be removed from our public schools. Not only are they hurtful to our children, a propagate the stereotypes our children must live with every day," Besaw said.

Back in the 1990s, Besaw had a textbook review that had things like, "Native Americans lived at one time in Wisconsin." "Native Americans had contributed greatly." "Native Americans once were great warriors."

"Well, I'm here to say we are not past tense references. We are still here today," he said.

Native Americans probably have the highest rate of service of any race, and Menominee County, which shares the most coterminous exterior boundaries with Menominee reservation, is listed percentage-wise as one of the top counties in the entire United States, he said. Wisconsin has the honor of hosting three tribes as code talker units: Ho - Chunk, Menominee, and Oneida.

The deer can't raise a hoof and say 'Vote respectfully, Mr. Chairman, I vote no on this item.'

"Most of our languages do not have English equivalents, like for the word please. It denotes good manners today but in our teachings if you were asked to do something, it was expected you would do it if you could. No need to beg," he said.

"The Menominee, and I'm sure other nations, do not have a word for natural resources. To us, everything is alive and is to be respected. To call these living things



Providing the State of the Tribes address at the state Capitol, former Chairman Gary Besaw explains that the Native American tribes and state lawmakers must work together.

natural resources needs to commodify them, to demean them, to think about them just as objects for man to use and gain wealth from," Besaw said.

"No. Our elders taught us different. Now we know that we are a part of a bigger industrial world and were not Luddites," Besaw said. "We know society must use resources today, but we tried to do that in a more sustainable way. We just see the world differently."

Besaw offered some successes accomplished this past year.

The first success is Wisconsin has been a leader in model in the development of a state tribal consultation policy. It is based on Executive Order 39, which was signed in 2004 and continues to be honored by the current administration. It provides a forum for the

executive Cabinet agencies to consult with the Native American nations.

"Our second success is with the special committee on state tribal relations. As you know, this joint legislative counsel serves to provide the legislature with legal advice, guidance, and

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Dysfunction in implementing the policy of the Nation

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Editor

Year after year, tribal members question their sanity of attending the General Council meeting, especially when tribal officials continually fail to implement the policy passed by the General Council.

General Council members diligently spend a Saturday presenting, listening, discussing, and voting on proposed policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation. To me, these resolutions are the marching orders for the four branches of our government.

If the government had goals, they'd be derived from these resolutions.

Years ago, the General Council would set its agenda and only get half way through it before adjourning. The un-addressed resolutions would be tabled, and often times, never be visited again.

Among the members, the constitutionality of questionable resolutions was talked about during the discussion portion of the process. We'd always hear why we can't do this or that, but never heard ways to make the resolution possible.

Last year, we saw how officials from the other branches held their tongues as General Council members, only to present objections within our

Judiciary from the Legislative or Executive branch.

This begs the question, should officials, who claim to work around the clock, be allowed to receive payment as General Council members? Or should they be barred from attending all together?

After all, tribal members are barred from "executive session."

When it comes to Constitutional deadlines being met, even the judicial branch doesn't consider the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

In matter of implement-

ing the resolutions that were passed at the General Council, the Supreme Court ought to be hearing a case of why the Legislative or Executive branches haven't acted upon the resolutions within the Constitutional deadlines.

Original jurisdiction means as a court's power to hear a case for the first time. So in cases of General Council resolutions, the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court possesses the power to make findings of fact.

Yet currently, we have the trial court hearing the case

filed by the General Council against the Legislative branch officials concerning the implementation of the 2017 General Council resolutions.

We are a young government and still have kinks to work out, thus this may be why the dysfunction still exists. The amendment was adopted six years ago, in 2012.

It's time for our Constitution to be upheld by our officials.

If we want our policies to matter and functioning government, we must hold our official accountable.

Influencing trials

The Legislative and Executive branches used Hocak Worak to spread misinformation. The "Legislative Special Edition" dated January 17, 2018 and the Attorney General's "legal opinion" on the annual General Council meeting crossed the lines of separation of powers.

Our Constitution is very clear on separation of powers: "No branch of the government shall exercise the powers or functions delegated to another branch."

Who authorized and paid for the Legislative "Special Edition" with ongoing court cases CV-17-35 and CV-17-34 involving sovereign General Council Branch and Legislative Branch? In the end, tribal members paid for it.

The irony is that the Legislature used tribal members' money to pay to influence a case against those very same tribal members.

This "Special Edition" is called, "influencing," an illegal activity per Wisconsin SCR 20:8.4.

The Attorney General is influencing with her Executive Branch "legal opinion" on Sovereign General Council Branch's set policies.

"Wisconsin SCR 20:8.4 Misconduct. It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to state or imply an ability to influence improperly a government agency or official or to achieve results by means that violate the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law."

The Executive and Legislative branches' opinions have nothing to do with Sovereign General Council's powers or functions. If they have something to say about General Council, they can stand in line and voice their concerns like the commoners.

Shouldn't the Constitution be amended before dissolving GCA?

The Attorney General told the Executive and Legislative Branch to amend the Constitution prior to dissolving GCA. No plans to amend the Constitution have occurred since 2016.

Our Constitution is the Nation's "supreme law over all territory and persons within the jurisdiction of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

How is General Council expected to be cognizant of "the latest version" of our Constitution unless all amendments are reflected?

The Ho-Chunk Nation should stop trying to follow America's failed political system.

Where are the resources of all amendments for General Council's reference?

Our Constitution must reflect all Constitutional amendments.

Why is the Legislature trying to take over the General Council?

They wrote, they are not trying to take over in the "Special Edition," but passed the Office of the General Council Establishment and Organization Act (1HCC18) that reads:

Section 6. Reporting.

a. **The Office of General Council SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE and/or any delegated Legislative Committee, on a quarterly basis as to its activities and planning.** Further, the Office of General Council shall develop a method of reporting to tribal membership on the activity and planning of the Office, and report the same.

b. **The Office of the President may administratively oversee time and attendance approval relative to the General Council Advocate.**

The Office of the General Council Establishment and Organization Act not only violates our Constitution, contrary to whoever wrote the misinformation Q&A, it created the "Political Takeover of General Council."

General Council's only representation in the tribal government to accomplish the tasks mandated by the General Council is the Office of General Council, or as the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution reads, the General Council Agency.

The illegal 1HCC18 NOW has Office of General Council reporting to the Legislative and Executive Branches.

Applicable Complaints against attorneys involved with Influencing will be filed with the State Bar of Wisconsin for Misconduct.

Bill Winneshiek Jr, 2747

Tribal members need to push for the transparency they deserve

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Now that so many discussions are taking place behind the closed doors of executive session, tribal members should be pushing for more transparency from Legislature.

They should know everything their elected officials do.

Every member of the tribe should be able to access information regarding the Nation's finances, as well as the actions of their public officials.

However, legislators have not been so keen on sharing this information.

They recently passed a set of resolutions that enforced fines against Ho-Chunk's gaming commissioners. Yet the same resolutions allowed those officials to remain on the agency after breaching the law.

Their decision to let the

commissioners remain in power went against the advice of the Ethics Review Board, which had recommended that Legislature remove the appointed officials from their positions since they violated the Code of Ethics.

The resolutions themselves were not what upset people who had been following the case, though. The fact that legislature chose to discuss the resolutions in a closed-door, executive session was.

For the case involved public officials of the Nation.

Discussions regarding the actions of public officials should not take place behind closed doors. They should take place in open session, where all tribal members can take part in the discussion – or at least hear what's being said.

Tribal members should know how their government representatives reach every

decision that they make, and all the factors that they are and are not consider during their discussion.

Attaining that level of accountability could take some work.

But if they really want more transparency, then tribal members should be letting their legislators know. They should speak up at area meetings, and the legislative meetings in Black River.

A General Council resolution calling for freedom of information might be something to consider. The United States has already adopted such a law, and it has since proven to be one of the most important laws in the nation's history.

Perhaps tribal members should fight for similar legislation, so that they won't have to worry about getting left in the dark anymore.



HO-CHUNK NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: HCN Office of General Council

From: President Wilfrid Cleveland

Date: Friday, February 16, 2018

Re: 2018 General Council Date

Under Article IV, Section 5 Annual Meetings. "The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meeting of the General Council."

Therefore, I, President Wilfrid Cleveland under my constitutional delegated authority as President do hereby officially call the 2018 Annual Meeting of the General Council on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

Thank you,

Wilfrid Cleveland
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Ho-Chunk Nation President

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Stewards of the Earth: gone with the ice

Dear Editor:

I was sitting in the library the other day minding everybody else's business but my own when I happened to reach down and pick up a copy of a periodical published by Red Card Media out of Madison, Wisconsin. I couldn't help but notice that the cover story appeared to be far more interesting than a pottle of boiling lobster and by the time I negotiated the final sentence I had to grab my cup of morning joe and sip the situation over.

Enter stage left: Adam Matthew Hinterhuer. Isthmus. "MELTING AWAY: According to science, we're losing something magical." Volume 43, Issue 5, February 1-7, 2018, page 15. According to what my eyeballs were soaking in, Mr. Hinterhuer postulates that due to global warming the four lakes of Madison (tribal territory of the Ho-Chunk Nation) are now experiencing one month less of ice than in years gone by. It would appear that if we don't do something soon to climate change, climate change will soon do something to us. In his feature story article Hinterhuer wrote eloquently of his Hallmark moment when, once donning a pair of skates, he went slip sliding away out on Lake Mendota to ponder the effects of the industrial world. Heart warming. Truly. Like a cup of hot chocolate next to a blazing fire. I could feel the tug of the tear when I read his words: "The impact of change is, perhaps, best summed up by John Magnunson, the former director of the Center for Limnology [the study of inland waters], and a lifetime lover of Wisconsin winters, saying, "Human beings have a strong sense of place. They get homesick or long for the country they emigrated from and, in Wisconsin, our sense of place includes...winter. This sense of place affects how we see ourselves and what we do in our lives and what we hope our children will get to do in

their lives.""

Hinterhuer laments that his children and their children will inherit an environment vastly different than the one he's inherited. To that I say, the future holds no ice. Thank you very much, global warming. As for the Hinterhuer lamentations, I can't help but to think of what I like to call the "plight of the vanishing islands of the Carribean." Bear along with me here. This is where the pot begins to boil. I postulate that due to the effects of global warming, climate change will usher in a brand new era of worldwide awareness for the indigenous sovereignty of the western hemisphere. Case in point: the Guna Yala and all its glory (a glory that will soon go the route of the lost city of Atlantis). What is Guna Yala, you wonder? Only a small token of the ancient homelands of the Guna Indians of Central America. You see, once upon a period of a real long time ago, the Guna Indians occupied what is now known as Panama. Their territory has twindled down to a small area on the map the size of a gumdrop, a map of the northeast side of the Panama peninsula, facing the Carribean Sea, stretching 232 miles long, including an archipelogo of 365 islands, one for each day of the week, if you can stand it. The Guna Indians could stand it. That's why they left their ancestral rainforests

Err, no. Wait a minute. That's not why they left their ancestral rainforests. They left their ancestral rainforests because they couldn't stand the insects, the diseases, the conquistadors. But soon that cause will no longer be important. What will be important is the cause that actually returns them to their ancestral rainforests, that cause being global warming. According to sources (see David Dudenhoefer. Indian Country Today. "That Sinking Feeling." Vol. 2 Issue 39. October 17, 2012. p36), "The islands are becom-

ing increasingly valuable, since Guna entrepreneurs have opened rustic lodges to accommodate travelers who come to enjoy the ivory beaches, turquoise waters and Guna culture. Yet those idyllic atolls are threatened as the polar ice caps melt, the sea level rises and waves whipped up by seasonal winds erode their beaches." In order to stave off the erosion, the natives "fortified the ocean sides of the islands they inhabit with walls of stone and coral to keep the waves from entering their homes..."

Also in quoted feature story article above, "Atencio Lopez,

president of the Institute for Research and Development - an office of the Guna General Congress - notes that removing coral from nearby reefs to build those seawalls actually exacerbated the problem, since coral reefs serve as natural barriers, causing waves to break before they reach the shore." [Lopez stated,] "Climate change is going to cause the sea level to rise and that our territory is one of the most vulnerable regions." It is the plight of the vanishing islands of the Carribean. The industrial nations are polluting the worldwide environment to such an extent that the contamination will be irreversible. For now, the four lakes of Madison are experiencing a shorter ice season. By the time the Guna's territorial islands are inundated by rising sea levels, our own environment will be inundated with carbon poisoning. As stewards of the earth, shouldn't we as Ho-Chunk people stand up and fight for those who can't stand up and fight for themselves, whether 'those' things be people, places, or things - or is that Ho-Chunk tradition another thing that is gone with the ice?

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

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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.

The proposal received heavy criticism from the sponsor’s fellow legislators, and Native American tribes.

“What they tried to do with the burial mounds before was atrocious,” said Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay). “And the tribes really stepped up

and said, ‘This isn’t right.’”

Hundreds of activists gathered at the capitol to protest AB620 while it was making its way through the Assembly. Due to such heavy opposition, the measure would never make it to a vote.

Nevertheless, the failed proposal would draw attention to the existing statute pertaining to burial-site preservation – which dates back to the 80s, and makes no mention of effigy mounds.

To address the outdated law, Legislative Council formed a study committee to draw up new legislation.

“It was good bipartisan work,” said Sen. Luther Olsen (R-Ripon). “It’s good that all interested parties sat down together and compromised, and came up with the bill that we have today.”

The study committee helped state representatives draft the current proposal – AB 118. It would increase the amount of land surrounding a burial site that one cannot disturb, and require sellers to disclose the presence of any such sites on their property.



The five-member Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy discusses Assembly Bill 118 during an executive-session meeting in January.

The majority of Wisconsin legislators have praised all the hard work put into the bill, and have voiced their support. “Everybody came together,”

Senator Hansen said, “worked together and came up with a solution. And I think it’s the solution that is going to make a difference going ahead.”

He and his fellow sena-

tors could be voting on the measure as soon as March, he said.

Statement on Tribal Nations concern on the President’s FY2019 Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, more than 500 tribal representatives from across the United States raised a unified voice in opposition to the FY 2019 President’s Budget during the Third General Assembly at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2018 Executive Council Winter Session (ECWS) in Washington, DC.

NCAI President Jefferson Keel, on behalf of the NCAI

Executive Committee, voiced concern for the untenable cuts proposed for programs that directly uphold the treaty and trust obligations of the federal government to tribes.

“We seek only those things promised to us and every citizen by the U.S. Constitution, and the solemn treaties and agreements reached between our Tribal Nations and the United States. At the founding, the United States dealt with our tribal governments as

sovereign equals. In exchange for federal protection and the promise of certain benefits, our ancestors gave forever to the people of the United States title to the very soil of our beloved country. To settle the process for admission of new states, the thirteen original states agreed to transfer western land claims to the United States under the principles in the Northwest Ordinance, including:

The utmost good faith shall always be observed towards the Indians; their land and property shall never be taken from them without their consent; and, in their property, rights, and liberty, they shall never be invaded or disturbed, unless in just and lawful wars authorized by Congress; but laws founded in justice and humanity, shall from time to time be made for preventing wrongs being done to them, and for preserving peace and friendship with them.

These provisions signify the intent of the Framers to provide for the governance of Indian Country, a compact between the original states and all that followed. We have

never asked anything except that these protections be continued. Today the federal government is threatening to limit this protection and these benefits.

The proposed budget cuts to tribal governmental services, if enacted, would represent a clear retreat from the federal commitments and treaty promises made to tribes.

This week, we see the President’s budget would cut the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by about half a billion dollars, or 15%. BIA Social Services would be reduced by more than 30%, Indian Child Welfare by more than 25%, and critical human services programs, law enforcement and courts programs, environmental protection, housing, and education programs would face unconscionable reductions. Infrastructure programs such as the Indian Community Development Block Grant would be eliminated, and the Indian Housing Block Grant and road maintenance would be reduced.

We support proposals that treat tribal governments equitably, such as the proposed

budgetary set-asides in the Department of Justice for tribes. Tribal parity should be the guiding principle for every other department or initiative as well, including addressing the opioid epidemic and building and repairing infrastructure.

We call on Congress to uphold the federal government’s trust responsibility to tribal nations. When tribal nations agreed to accept a smaller land base, the federal government promised to safeguard our right to govern ourselves and to enable tribal governments to deliver essential services, and provide them resources to do so effectively. That is the trust relationship embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Congress and the Administration are responsible for carrying out that trust in the federal budget.”

NCAI released the Indian Country FY2019 Budget Request and provided an in-depth analysis of the impact of the President’s proposed budget on tribes.



Pres. Donald Trump’s 2019 Budget eliminates and cuts funding for American Indian programs and services.

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

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

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.

"As gaming grew bigger here, we've seen the local community grow as well," Garvin said.

Two projects are yet to be finished, with a projected completion date of April 24. Those projects include a porte cochere, or drive-up entryway canopy, and a veterans memorial walkway.

The new 123-room facility will be used in conjunction with the older 59-room hotel. However, the new hotel is totally nonsmoking, while the third floor of the older hotel is for smoking guests.



Executive Manager Greg Garvin offers his thanks to all the people who made the expansion projects possible.

At the conclusion of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Miron Construction, the firm that completed the hotel and casino addition, presented a present to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The gift is a scaled replica of the U.S.S. Mitchell Redcloud Jr., which is on display in the hotel lobby. The ship was named for Redcloud, who was given the Congressional Medal of Honor. Redcloud Jr., a Ho-Chunk, is considered a hero and was killed in action during the Korean War.

Before the actual cutting of the ribbon, a short ceremony was held in the casino bingo hall.

"Through the years we look forward to this day. It actually started quite a few years ago," Garvin said. "I actually saw some of the parents here at the Valentine's luncheon with their children. I saw some of you there. A lot of the kids there weren't even born yet when this started. It was really neat sitting across from my daughter when I thought of that. She wasn't even born when we start planning this."

"And that's the kind of vision that comes with this. This all started long before us long before any of us were here. Our ancestors tried their best to pave the way for us, to make a road for us to follow so we could continue on as a people as a nation and these are the fruits of those labors. They're the ones who sacrificed," Garvin said.

Garvin praised the employees all the extra time they put in, they came in on their days off just to make sure things are done right the hotel staff. They didn't stick to the job description only. Marketing did an outstanding job. They got the rooms ready, run the vacuum cleaners and they set up for the guests the previous night.

"We had some VIPs come in and test the rooms out. They gave us some feedback we're really grateful for their efforts. They made it happen and it looks like they're making it happen again," Garvin said.

At the ceremony, Sen. Tammy Baldwin's office was represented, along with Rep. Ron Kind's office, and Wis-



Hotel Front Desk Supervisor Tonie Lewis shows one of the more deluxe rooms in the new Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls Hotel.



Descendants of Col. Mitchell RedCloud Jr., (from left) granddaughter Tris Harris, daughter Annita RedCloud, and granddaughter Cori Blaschke, stand behind the newly-donated scale model of the U.S.S. Mitchell RedCloud Jr.

consin Secretary of Tourism and former Miss Wisconsin Stephanie Klett.

Klett said that the new facility continues as a major hub of tourism in Jackson County. Last year they saw 700,000 through their doors, contributing to \$54 million spent in the county.

The goal of the casino officials is to reach one million visitors, now that the expansions have been completed.

Hill International Project Manager Harry Corken said they had a trial run in the hotel the previous night, just for invited guests.

"We had only two complaints. One is that the guest didn't know how to use the TV remote and the other complaint is that the bed was too high," Corken said.

Chief Clayton Winneshiek said that the new additions helps to keep cultural traditions going.

"So, when we expand and do these kinds of things to keep going as Ho-Chunk people, not only are we helping the western world (side



Hotel Manager Lani Blackdeer cuts the ribbon to open the new hotel with the help of the supporting crew.

of what we do here, but we're helping to continue on with our traditions," Winneshiek said. "So I want to thank our president, the legislature, and especially Miron Construction for the job. Well done. That addition looks really nice. My prayers my thoughts are with everybody who are here."



The more luxury rooms in the hotel offer a mini-kitchen area and the first-time guests on Wednesday received sparkling grape juice and a complimentary bag full of treats.

Ho-Chunk Nation pharmacies welcome new customers

Submitted by Abigail Moore, HOW- Pharmacist

The Ho-Chunk Nation Pharmacy Department is excited to welcome and provide quality care to all of our new customers with the Ho-Chunk Auxiant insurance changes. Effective March 1st 2018, all Ho-Chunk employees are required to use the Ho-Chunk pharmacies to fill their maintenance medications. Maintenance medications are taken regularly over a long period of time which generally help with conditions like diabetes, blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Another way to think about it is if you need to take it longer than 2 months on a regular basis it is likely a maintenance medication. Ho-chunk elders are excluded from the changes.

There are a few types of medications that are excluded from this requirement and are able to be filled at any pharmacy of your choice.

1. Medications that need to be started right away like pain medications or antibiotics for example.
2. Schedule 2 controlled substances which generally include strong pain medications and medications for attention deficit disorder (ADD). Some examples include Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Adderall, and Ritalin.

There are 2 Ho-Chunk pharmacy locations that are open Monday to Friday 8am-5pm:



House of Wellness Pharmacy
S2845 White Eagle Road
Baraboo, WI 53913
608-355-5177



Health Care Center Pharmacy
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
888-685-4422 ext 5312

We understand that these locations may not be convenient for everyone and that is why we offer to mail prescriptions for FREE. We offer this service to all of our pharmacy customers. Just call at least 5 business days ahead of time in case we need to contact your doctor or order your medications. An added benefit for non-tribal customers with have the Ho-Chunk Auxiant insurance is when you fill a generic medication at the Ho-Chunk pharmacies there is a ZERO co-pay!

- How do I transfer my prescriptions to a Ho-Chunk pharmacy?
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Banner Journal's Indian Report

Printed from February 23, 1938
Written By Charles Low Cloud



The 4-H club meets next Saturday at 3:30. Lunch will be served.

Banner Journal \$2.00 per year in advance. \$1.00 for six months.

Mrs. Archie Perry is cooking for our school children last six months. She is faithfully.

Supt. Christy of Milwaukee, visited the Hotonga school one day last week. We are always glad to see him.

Joe Koranda is teaching the boys how to do coping saw work and the boys were pleased to learn these things.

Jacob Stucki, Jr., is cleaning the Indian cemetery besides planting trees and painting the fence. Mr. Stucki always busy doing some things, every day, and he is one was born here at Indian Mission.

The Indian reported had a letter from Chicago last Sunday. It was that letter written March 18, 1938. We will have that letter next week.

Three boys want work at farm hand. These boys had experience to

work on farm so you don't have to teach anything.

Last Saturday night the Indian Missions play yesterday and today at Neillsville. Quite a few Indians were there to witness. Rev. Ben Stucki says he had invited some white people, it was too late, and also he was going to show some pictures which he had taken from Indian pow-wow ground and some other place. This play was pretty good, to see it, and Verda Olson was play piano, and she play violin too.

Frank C. Thunder passed away on March 14, 1938, 2 a. m. at Hunter Bridge. Frank is always had trying to do good to other people and it seemed always happy to see him, and they are very sorry for him those who knew him. Sympathy goes to his wife, his brothers, Tom Thunder, Johnny Thunder, both of Hunter bridge, Joseph Thunder of Wyeville, his sister Mrs. David Little Soldier of Hunter Bridge and other relatives too.



Ho-Chunk Nation HIV Prevention Program



Presents:

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Event

When: March 20, 2018

Time: 11am to 2pm

Location: House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd,
Baraboo, WI 53913



Activities:

11am to 12pm: Educational Booths, HIV Testing

12pm to 1pm: Lunch and Presentations

1pm to 2pm: Educational Booths, HIV Testing

Presentations:
Ho-Chunk Nation Community
Member's personal story

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Please Contact:

Pam Reimer, CHN/RN at 715-323-3566 with Questions!

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➤ **March 12th & 13th, 2018**

Classes are held from 8:00am- 4:30pm at the **Nekoosa Health Office**.

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Lunch will be provided.

This workshop will consist of **2** consecutive days of classes. Pre and post labs and health history assessment are required to attend these classes!!

➤ **February 27th & 28th, 2018**

Classes are held from 8:00am- 4:30pm at the House of Wellness in the Alberta Day Conference Room. This is the new SDPI Diabetes Curriculum, brought to you the Health and Wellness Division of Community Health.

Lunch will be provided.

This workshop will consist of **2** consecutive classes. Pre and post labs and health history assessment are required to attend these classes!!

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Apr 9	May 7	Jun 11	Jul 16	Oct 22	Feb 18
Apr 16	May 14	Jun 18	Jul 23	Nov 26	Mar 18

Contact Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851, Ext: 5039 to sign up. Pre-labs and a brief assessment are required to be completed prior to starting classes. This class will only be offered once a year and is a yearlong commitment.

State of Tribes address

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research on tough issues and to recommend solutions," Besaw said.

The study committee is a rather progressive legislative form designed to provide tribal nations input into developing legislation or developing recommendations on specific issues that impact tribal nations.

On another subject, Besaw addressed the need to recognize tribal IDs for legal functions.

"Each tribal citizen today holds a tribal - issued photo identification card that is recognized by the federal government. A proposed bill, which you will be voting on later today in the assembly, will allow tribal members to use their tribal IDs for certain similar purposes to that of a Wisconsin drivers license - things like picking up prescription medications at pharmacies, using it for registering to vote, and using it for alcohol or cigarettes purchases," he said.

Besaw also recommended passage of the TAD bill, or treatment and divergent grants. This bill will clarify that tribes are eligible for TAD grants, even though we know that tribal eligibility has already been recognized.

"The Indian burial mounds bill is something tribes have been working with the legislature on during the past two years. It's an issue very important to tribes in Wisconsin. AB - 118 is the product of many months of work by another study committee, the study committee on preservation of burial mounds. The committee membership included the tribal historic preservation officers from Menominee and Ho-Chunk," he said.

A new law that was not initiated by a study committee, but is important to tribes is Act 100, or the hemp bill. Under Act 100, DATCP is mandated to, and is currently finalizing, administrative rules that may allow for planting of hemp crops as early as this spring, he said.

In the last state budget, funding for a tribal adolescent treatment center was discussed.

"We are not walking alone in this effort to fight the alcohol and drug abuse crisis in our communities. Whether tribal community or small-town Wisconsin, or big-city Wisconsin, we know that

drugs know no boundaries," Besaw said. "The state budget included \$200,000 for a feasibility plan for a tribal Nations adolescent treatment and wellness center, one centrally located, shared center."

On another issue is Act 31.

"You will hear us refer to Act 31 as it relates to public school education regarding our 11 tribal nations. The tribal nations are developing recommendations to strengthen Act 31 without adding on to extra work for teachers in public schools. We hope to have legislation ready for the next session to address the history, culture, sovereignty, and treaty rights of the 11 tribal nations," Besaw said.

"Remember, an educated child is a child ready to contribute to a just society, to compete with or grow the economy with their neighbors. These amendments provide the tools to do that. The Wisconsin Indian education Association, a group of volunteer professionals from across the state, are working hard on these improvements," he said.

Besaw thanked the legislators for their support in 2015 when they expanded charter school authorization to the two tribal colleges in the state colleges of the Menominee Nation and Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College, to sponsor up to six total charter schools between them.

The tribal colleges have been approached about planning for potential requests for charter schools with many different themes, all aimed at improving cultural identity and improving the quality of education, he said.

"Menominee is piloting a daycare birth to two language immersion classroom as we develop more adult speakers to be teachers. Other tribal immersion schools today include a kindergarten through grade seven school in Lac Courte Oreilles, Ho-Chunk Immersion Daycare, and Lac Du Flambeau Headstart Immersion," he said.

Safe Haven bill amendments, AB 113 is the biggest disappointment with bills recommended by the special committee on state tribal relations, he said. They have worked diligently to improve the Safe Haven law to ensure that Wisconsin's Safe Haven law maintains anonymity, but is consistent with the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act

or WICWA and the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

The growing drug epidemic is creating real problems within the tribes, something that needs more effort and help.

"We asked legislature to help us by providing assistance and cooperation in our tribal action plan efforts to combat drug abuse in our shared communities. Many of our tribal action plans use trauma informed care as a component of these plans. We are seeing preliminary good results from these efforts," he said.

Besaw is concerned that the animals, plants, soil and waterways also need some attention.

"Closely related to our health, is environmental health. This is part of the reason, I believe, that Menominee was requested to provide this speech. The two legged, four-legged, finned, winged, and the plants, are all our relatives. We are all related," he said.

"When I first was voted onto our tribal legislature, several of my aunts and uncles took me aside, and reminded me of my responsibilities. I was told when I vote that I am to remember that I'm not just voting for humans, and also voting for all those who cannot vote. The deer can't raise a hoof and say 'Vote respectfully, Mr. Chairman, I vote no on this item.' No fish or bird or otherwise can vote directly either. It is through our vote that we consider their welfare and vote for what is in the negotiated best choice for us all," he said.

"Further, we are told we have a compact of sorts, or an agreement, that we made way back when humans and animals could still communicate. That compact was that we humans could harvest these animals and fish and other beings, but only take what we needed for us and for our young to survive, and we would, in turn, help protect the survival of their homelands and their young - a trade-off, a compact," he said.

Besaw said that the DNR and DATCP need to provide strong protections for the wild herds of deer in Wisconsin from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). One of the major concerns is the inadequacy of game farm regulation.

"But the question comes next, what about stricter actions after we get CWD positives? The Ojibwa enjoy court affirmed treaty hunting, fishing and gathering rates in the northern one-third of Wisconsin and other tribes enjoy those same rights on our trust lands. Our treaties, signed for ceding this beautiful land, allows for certain rights forever and the lack of an aggressive common sense prevention and intervention plan regarding stopping CWD puts our court affirmed treaty rights, as well as the Wisconsin public tourism and hunting, in peril," Besaw said.

Next was his perspective on mining. He said certain types of mining, as such as



During Besaw's one-hour long State of the Tribes speech, he touches on several issues that concern the 11 tribes in Wisconsin.

gravel mines, seemed okay. When the mining moratorium law was passed in 1998, it included a common sense provision that any metallic sulfide mining attempts in Wisconsin must first prove that the same type of mining it was operated for 10 years and then closed for 10 years and there was no environmental degradation or pollution emanating from it.

"So basically, when technology caught up with mining and could prove it could happen and what hurt us or our environment, Wisconsin would agree to monitor it and allow it. But this year the mining moratorium law was repealed. This reversal of much of the protections of the law goes against all knowledge and common sense," he said.

"We aren't allowed, ethically, to put our future babies' world at high risk. We must look at alternatives such as recycling or no mines near water. "We are no one's enemies when we oppose this law change and still do believe it was a mistake and should be amended," he said.

He has the same concerns over reducing state regulations over certain types of wetlands and has concerns over altering the balance of wildlife by removing the alpha predators, the wolves, from their rightful role in keeping the balance.

"Finally, we are disappointed at our states in actions regarding the potential permitting of the Aquila Back 40 open pit sulfide mine along the Menominee River in Menominee County, Michigan. Because this is an interstate, intercommerce boundary waterway, we believe the federal government mistakenly is giving regulatory authority to the state of Michigan. The state of Wisconsin seems to have given away the concerns of its citizens to either another state. The waters of this interstate dictate mandatory federal authority," he said.

Last month, the Menominee tribe sued the federal government over an open-pit mine, which would be located close to the Menominee River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Besaw said Wisconsin tribes are disappointed in Wisconsin's inaction regarding the

potential permit, as well as the repeal of Wisconsin's so-called "mining moratorium" law.

For the Menominee, construction of the mine means desecration and destruction of burial mounds, graves, and sacred sites, along an extended ancient village setting.

"We urge our legislators and agencies to heed a warning. If allowed, this open pit sulfide mine, located just 50 yards from the Menominee River, will put, either now or by accident, toxic sulfuric acid into the groundwater that will pollute the Menominee River, Green Bay, and Lake Michigan. Wisconsin homes and businesses in tourism along the river and lake shore will be harmed. Would you sit back if a risky action were being taken on the Minnesota side of the Mississippi River or the St. Croix River that could impact your Wisconsin district? Would you sit back if Lake Superior were threatened by some action again in Minnesota or in Ontario, Canada?"

When the state legislature reconvenes for its 2019-2020 session, he hopes they will reconsider this and other environmental concerns, he said.

"It's a hope. My relatives were told this path we walk is hard, and as humans we are not alone. We should see ourselves as strands in this beautiful environment here for a fleeting minute, and join in it, not put it at risk," Besaw said.

"We just must see the world differently. As tribal leaders, we have inherited different non-negotiable responsibilities to our great grandchildren. It's how we lived on this land for almost 15,000 years. Seven generations ago, my ancestors believed in this rule and here I stand, benefiting from their sacrifice and wisdom. If every generation follows this rule, we are guaranteed a good world forever," he said.

"So the tribal nations invite you to visit our lands to learn about our businesses, our laws and our cultures," Besaw said.

In reaching out to everyone, he quoted Hunkpapa Lakota Sioux, elder Sitting Bull, who lived from 1831-1890.

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."



Besaw talks to one of several state legislators following his speech at the Wisconsin State Capitol building.

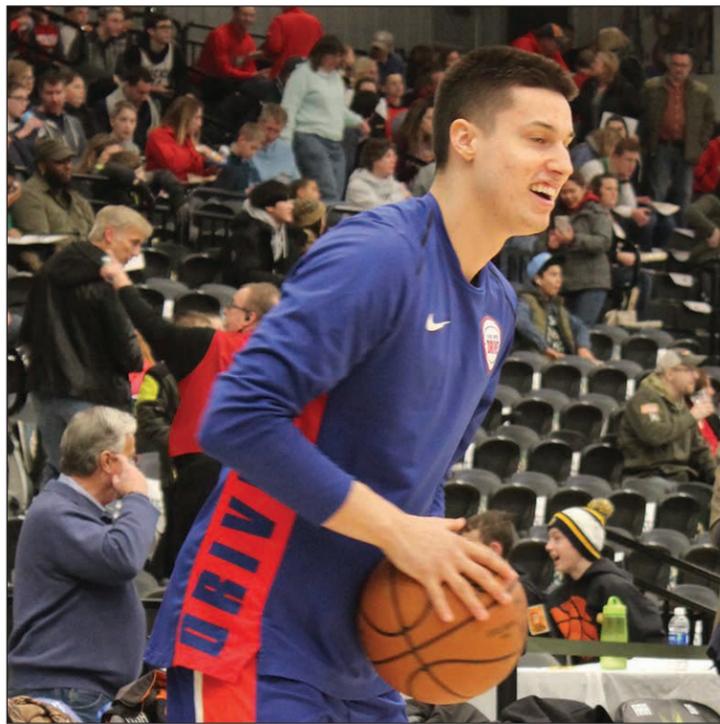
Koenig and the Drive return to Menominee Nation Arena, upsetting Wisconsin 102-78

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

The Grand Rapids Drive played their second game at Menominee Nation Arena this

month, against the Wisconsin Herd.

Once again, the visiting team would come out on top. "We're just playing really



Grand Rapids rookie Bronson Koenig warms up before his team's second matchup against the Wisconsin Herd.

well in this stretch right now," said Grand Rapids head coach Ryan Krueger. "We want to force our way into the play-offs, and winning games is the only thing that does that."

His team's defense held the Herd to just 78 points – the least scored by an opponent all season. The pressure placed on go-to players such as Marshall Plumlee and DJ Wilson simply proved too much for Wisconsin's struggling offense.

Forward Derek Willis discussed the Drive's winning strategy.

"Our team really locks in defensively," Willis said. "And we lock down on people. We put our best defender on Wilson, and he did a really good job on him. He made him frustrated."

Another factor contributing to the win was Grand Rapids' effectiveness shooting the ball – led by KJ McDaniels and first-year-player Bronson Koenig. In one of his best performances, Koenig scored 17 points and had a career-high seven rebounds.

The rookie said he feels like he has begun to adapt to the G League.

"I think I've done a good job of adjusting over the past few months and just honing in on my shooting ability," Koenig said. "I just need to keep it up."

Coach Krueger agreed, complimenting Koenig on his



Kentucky-grad Derek Willis waits for a pass on the left wing, during a Feb. 9th away game against Wisconsin.

recent performance.

"He's doing a lot of good things," Krueger said of the 23-year-old. "He's taking good shots. He's making a really high percentage, and he's just an efficient player on both ends. We love what he's bringing to the table every night."

Wisconsin's coaching staff conceded that the visitors played well, but mostly blamed themselves for the loss. Assistant coach Justin Wetzel attributed it to many of his team's ongoing struggles.

The coach expressed his frustration in a post-game interview.

"It's not just Grand Rapids in particular," Wetzel said.

"We haven't really been playing up to our potential lately."

The Drive have now moved ahead of Wisconsin in the standings, and are currently second in the division. If they can continue to extend their six-game win streak, they could find themselves in the playoffs come March.

"We can't control how many games we have left," Coach Krueger said. "All we can control is how well we play, how hard we play, and let the chips fall where they may."

Grand Rapids would play its next game on Feb. 23, against the Greensboro Swarm.

Winter Camp 2018 Recognition

The Heritage Preservation Department express our deepest gratitude to all who have made Winter Camp 2018 a memorable experience for all those who joined us. We'd like to share a list of contributors although there are so many behind the scenes individuals to whom without their help, the event wouldn't have been the success it was.

If we forgot to mention anyone, we certainly didn't mean anything by that. Our teachings have always told us the Creator and Spirits know you have done well for others and will take care of each of you for that.

Winter Camp 2018 Recognition:

1. Heritage Preservation, Language (Henning Garvin, Dana DeBoer, Randall Blackdeer II, Kirsten Day), Veterans, Enrollment, Cultural Resources, Museum
2. Donations from Health (Bluetooth speaker, KT gift cards, Fitbit2), Legislature (Seminole doll basket, stained-glass feather, beaded eagle design belt buckle, Velma Lewis oblong basket, beaded dream catcher and \$20), Office of the President (gift bags and wristbands), DNR (firewood) Dan Libke (venison), Perry Carrimon (venison, pork, ham), Jean Stacy-Snow (meat & cheeses), Katie Funmaker (hot water), April Daniels (earrings), Samantha Skenandore (pizza), Margaret "Muggs" Garvin (frybread and Great Seal medallion), Richard & Cheri Snake (necklace & earring set), Adrienne Thunder (2 pairs beaded

- earrings, Pendleton purse, coral necklace), Erwin & Faye Begay (4 pr screen-print socks, 6 golf balls w/Native design, 2 mens sweatshirts, 2 coffee mugs/screenprinted coaster sets, 2 Native print baseball caps, 1 Native design belt buckle, 4 Unite as One notecards sets, 2 t-shirts), Josie Lee (yarn garters), Heritage Preservation (exercise set basket), Ken Lewis-Business (10 Great Seal patches, 40 black HCN lanyards, 25 round black beaded lanyard attachments, 15 brown/turquoise dream catchers), ECWP (3 Ho-Chunk girls dresses, 1 applique towel set, 2 golf cart towels, 3 hoodie scarves, 1 beanie cap, 11 earrings sets, 4 necklace/earrings sets, DVD player, 3 drum sticks, 1 t-shirt, 1 bear towel rack, 2 cap/scarves & mitten sets, 1 polka dot picture frame)

3. Department of Housing (social tent), Elder Work Program (Richard Snake, Gladys Ebata, and Dale Littlejohn), Treasury, Maintenance workers, Admin/Facilities workers, Labor (Curtis Redbird)
4. Presenters
 - Roger Littlegeorge
 - Levi Blackdeer
 - Verna Blackdeer
 - Henning Garvin
 - Kjetil Garvin
 - Josephine Lee
 - Gordon Thunder
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Westminster Dog Show provides top challenge for Greendeer

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The 142nd annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, televised nationally on Feb. 12th and 13th, is considered at the Super Bowl of all dog shows, and is also the second oldest sporting event in the country.

To achieve an invitation to compete in the prestigious event, you have to have one of the best dogs in the country, as well as one of the best handlers in the country.

Brittany Greendeer, daughter of Jon “Maasuga” Greendeer and Stacy Sieber, has achieved such an honor.

But getting there wasn't easy. Brittany has been competing at shows throughout the country all year to be

able to enter the show, held at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

“Westminster is the most intense and most competitive dog show on the planet. In order to get into Westminster either you're in the top five dogs in the breed or your dog is an AKC Champion of Record,” she said.

“I had a lot of fun. There's a lot of tension, but it's all in good fun—everyone had a great time,” Brittany said.

There are many things to do besides being in the ring, she said. There's New York to hang out in, she said. She went to Central Park and Times Square. The only other time she had been to the Big Apple was during a high school orchestra trip.



Brittany shows Zilean, her Australian Shepherd, during the individual breed competition at annual Westminster Dog Show in New York City.



Zilean enjoys gliding around the ring, eager to show his best for the top dog show in the country.

Photo courtesy of Joe Galka Photography

The show is not as glamorous as it might seem to the casual viewer. It requires a lot of dedication and hard work behind the scenes.

“You have to get there pretty early in the morning. On Monday, I left my hotel at 5:30 am, got on a shuttle bus and headed over to the piers, where breed judging is held” she said. “You can only take the dog in that you're going to show that day so when I was showing Zilean, Quill was at the hotel and vice versa.” At the hotel, an assistant was hired to care for the other dog during the daytime, as well as move the heavy grooming equipment around.

“When you arrive, you're assigned a bench space, which is like a cubbyhole that you can put all of your stuff. You can get your grooming table and crate set up, but you have to stay there until 5 p.m.,” Brittany said.

Westminster is only one of three benched shows in the country. At every other show—which happen nearly every weekend of the calendar

year—you can come and go at your convenience. “You actually need to be there during the specified benching time and they do come around to check to make sure you're there. You can get into a lot of trouble if you're not.”

Although two of her qualified dogs were left home for various reasons, the other two did get their chance to shine. The first was her own dog, an Australian Shepherd named Zilean, more formally Grand Champion Riot's Chrono-keeper. The other was a rare breed of hunting dog called a Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla. Champion Zoldmali Fanni “Quill” was the number one female of the breed in 2017. She is owned by Megan and Eric Wallendal of Grand Marsh, WI.

On the first day, Zilean—a dog she bred out of her first grand champion show dog and raised from puppyhood—was the youngest dog of his breed to compete by a wide margin, despite an large entry of 31 champion Australian Shepherds.

Though Zilean didn't win any awards, Greendeer was not disappointed. “He wasn't there to win in any way, shape, or form though it would have been exciting.” Her goal was for other breeders and exhibitors of Australian Shepherds watching around the world to see him at this level of competition. “You want to show them what you have. That's why Zilean was there.”

Quill, however, was there for another reason. After spending a year campaigning across the country, she secured her place as the top female in the country, and was just a couple of points shy of being the top overall Wirehaired Vizsla. She did not disappoint at Westminster either. After an intense competition and performance, the judge chose another male for Best of Breed, and Quill for Best of Opposite Sex.

As for the future, the own-

ers of Quill plan to have her bred this year and the best of those puppies will follow in their mother's pawprints. In the meantime, she will continue to be shown. Zilean's mother, Rhea, will also be welcoming a litter of puppies, one of which will go to Brittany's own sister, Rio.

“We're going to have a lot of puppies this year,” she said.

Quill's owners will be also be importing two new dogs, also Wirehaired Vizslas, from Hungary in late March. “If they do well, we will show them seriously, like Quill,” Brittany said. “If not, we will bring Quill out for another year or two.”

Once the dogs arrive, she will start training them to show and getting them ready, getting the distinct harsh, wire coat prepared. It can take up to six weeks to prepare a coat for the ring. Brittany plans to start showing them later in the year and will make a decision on which dog to go forward with. “I have a pretty good idea at this point but until I see them in person, I won't be able to make that call,” she said.

“I'm really thankful for all the support that I have, not just from family and friends, but the whole nation. I knew when I stepped in the ring, I wasn't just there to represent myself or my breeding program. I was there for the Nation and to represent our people in a sport with a fairly biased demographic. It would have been a much different experience without that support and I may have shed a couple tears.”

If anyone wants to contact her, if he or she are thinking about getting started in dog shows, she is willing to offer her help. Her email address is bgreendeer@gmail.com.

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Election Board Meeting
Saturday, December 30, 2017
Election Board Office-Black River Falls

I. Call to Order by the EB Chairperson Myrna LittleWolf at 9:00 am.

II. Roll Call:

Devin Funmaker, BRF	Francis Decorah, Tomah
Ethel Funmaker, Lacrosse	Cher Laubmeier, Madison -9:02 a
Estelle Greendeer, Baraboo	Shirley Petersen, Wittenberg
Barbara Smith, Wisconsin Rapids	Cynthia Tack, Wisconsin Dells
Mary Lopez, Green Bay	Valerie Kempen, Milwaukee
Karen Hopinkah Ramberg, Chicago	Libby Fairchild, Mpls/St. Paul
Connie Radtke, Wittenberg	Dave Radtke, Green Bay

Morningstar Strait, Milwaukee 9:09

EB Staff: Melissa Olvera

Others present: Amanda WhiteEagle AG

Quorum established at 9:01 am.

Opening Prayer: Moment of Silence/Cynthia Tack

Motion: Cynthia Tack made a motion to accept the Election Board Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017 with changes and attach each approved resolution, Second by Estelle Greendeer, 10-2-0 (LF, KR) Motion Carried.

Motion: Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda with the changes and adding the secretarial election for discussion, Second by Devin Funmaker, 12-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Mary Lopez made a motion to enter executive session at 9:24 am, Second by Barbara Smith, 12-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Cynthia Tack made a motion to exit executive session at 10:08 am, Second by Karen Hopinkah Ramberg, 12-0-0 Motion Carried, (ML out of room, DR voted).

Motion: Barbara Smith made a motion to take at 10 minute break at 10:15 am, Second by Cher Laubmeier, 11-0-0 Motion Carried. (LF out of room)

Meeting back to order at 10:29 am,

Roll Call:

Devin Funmaker, BRF	Francis Decorah, Tomah
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EB Staff: Melissa Olvera

Others present: Amanda WhiteEagle AG

Quorum established at 10:29 am

Motion: Karen Hopinkah Ramberg made a motion to have both candidates for Election Board Chair leave the room and remain out of the room while they are called in individually to answer Board Members questions and the Vice Chair run the meeting, Second by Cher Laubmeier, 11-0-0

Motion Carried (FD out of room).

Vice Chairperson Cher Laubmeier takes over the meeting at 10:32 am.

Francis returns at 10:32 am

EB Chairperson Myrna LittleWolf takes over the meeting

Motion: Libby Fairchild made a motion to accept Election Board Administrator report, Second by Cher Laubmeier, 12-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Cher Laubmeier made a motion to accept Libby Fairchild as the Election Board Chairperson with 7 votes and Myrna LittleWolf with 5 votes, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, Second by Karen Hopinkah Ramberg, 12-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Cher Laubmeier made a motion to post vacancy for delegate Area 5 Mpls/St. Paul, Second by Shirley Petersen, 9-0-3 (BS, CT, DF) Motion Carried

Motion: Francis Decorah made a motion to adjourn at 11:36 am, Second by Barbara Smith, 12-0-0 Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Myrna LittleWolf
EB Chairperson

EB Approved 01/27/2018

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Carrie Winneshiek, W1627 Taima Lane, Lyndon Station, WI. 53944, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 18-03

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Carrie Winneshiek

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and HCN Children and Family Services, Petitioner, v. Krystal L. Cloud, Respondent.
Case : CS 18-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Krystal L. Cloud

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

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

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The shall be held at **1:30 pm** on the **02** day of **April, 2018**. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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

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

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA, State of Wisconsin and Dawn M. Burket, Petitioner, v. Lawrence J. Hengel, Respondent.
Case : CSFJ 17-40

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Lawrence J. Hengel

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

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Housing, "Home Ownership Program", Plaintiff(s), v. Travis Oknewski, Personally and Individually, and TJ Rayne Designs, LLC, R10542 River Road, Ringle, WI. 54471, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 18-05

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Travis Oknewski

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

DEADLINE FOR BIDS OF THESE VEHICLES MARCH 22TH 2018

SEALED BID RULES AND REGULATIONS

Property Sale March 22, 2018 Bid Deadline

Used Vehicles -Transportation Division

The Transportation Division (“Seller”) is pleased to offer the following used vehicles referenced above available for sale. Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation interested in purchasing one of the vehicles listed, we invite you to submit a sealed bid offer under the following terms and conditions:

1. The information provided represents the extent of the information available from Seller. Bidder understands the Offering Memorandum contains selected information pertaining to the vehicles and does not purport to contain all of the data a prospective purchaser may desire. Bidder agrees to conduct their own independent investigation of the vehicles to verify the accuracy and completeness of any and all information obtained from the Offering Memorandum. Bidder hereby acknowledges that neither Seller, nor any person acting on their behalf, have made any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information or their contents or the suitability of the information contained therein for any purpose. At any time, this information is subject to among other things, correction of errors and omissions, addition or deletion of terms, change of price or terms, withdrawal of Property from market without notice, and prior sale.
2. Seller’s intent is to obtain the highest value for the Property.
3. **ONLY ONE VEHICLE ONE BID PER TRIBAL MEMBER** will be accepted.
4. All bids will be date and time stamped.
5. All vehicle maintenance questions will be directed to Tomah Transportation Shop mechanics
6. **SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE.** Bids for all vehicles will be due in Transportation office, at the address below, by no later than 4:00 p.m., March 22, 2018, Attn: Mar Auction Bids
7. Bids for the vehicles shall be submitted on the Sealed Bid Submittal Form. Make additional copies as necessary. Handwritten bids, if legible, are acceptable.
8. Seller reserves the right to select the best bid, or counter any bids, or remove the item from the market in its sole and absolute discretion.
9. The successful bid may or may not be the highest bid submitted and may be dependent on financial stability of bidder. Payment will be expected in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of bid in the form of a cashier’s check prior to removing the vehicle from Ho-Chunk Nation Property.
10. All bids shall be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked “Vehicle# ”. Bids may be hand-delivered to Tomah Transportation Shop or TOB Transportation Office or mailed to HoChunk Nation Division of Transportation, Attention: August Action, PO Box 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615.
11. The successful Bidder must be able to remove the vehicle from the current site no later than March 30th, 3:00pm. All expenses for moving vehicle will be that of the Bidder
12. The vehicles are being sold as-is with all faults. **It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to inspect the Property prior to submitting their bid to satisfy itself as to their physical and environmental condition, value and extent of needed repairs, if any.** Bidder shall waive any claim for allowance, adjustment or rescission based upon failure of the vehicle to correspond to any expectation or standard.
13. Vehicles can be viewed by appointment only by contacting Transportation at 1-608-374-1216 or 715-284-9443 Ext 1039.
14. There will be no test driving, cars will be as is with maintenance records available for viewing.
15. There will be no required minimum bid.
16. In the event of identical high bids, names will be dropped in a hat and chosen by luck of the draw.
17. Once you win and accept a vehicle through the Division of Transportation surplus vehicle auctions you are no longer eligible to bid on future Division of Transportation surplus vehicle auctions.
18. The Nations has the right to cancel auctions at anytime if determined it is not in the best interest of the Nation.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS

#	Year	Make	Model Car	Approximate Mileage	
57	2007	Ford	Fusion	96864	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
56	2007	Ford	Fusion	121540	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
44	2008	Ford	Fusion SE	97876	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
41	2008	Ford	Fusion SE	76565	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
214	2008	Ford	F450 w/plow	96330	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
18	1971	Ford	F250	12245	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
110	2003	Ford	E350 Super Duty-Van	106856	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
94	2003	Ford	E350 Super Duty-Van	149075	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED
113	2009	Ford	Fusion	133431	NO MINIMUM BID REQUIRED

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation
NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED



**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
SEALED BID FORM**

BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER MARCH 22, 2018 4:00pm WILL BE INVALID

Please complete the following form for the vehicle being bid on. Fill in all blanks. For those

Blanks not applicable to your bid, please write “N/A”.

Please sign and date the blanks provided below. Forms submitted without a date and signature Will NOT be accepted.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: _____

***ONLY ONE VEHICLE MAY BE BID ON PER TRIBAL MEMBER ***

Faxed or Emailed bids will not be accepted

Bid Submitted By: NAME: _____

TRIBAL ID: _____

PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Identify below your bid offer (there will be no contingencies allowed to be attached to the bid):

Offer Price: _____ (must be within minimum bid allow range)

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Time and Date RECEIVED IN OFFICE _____ INITIALS _____

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation
PO Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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Black River Falls, WI 54615

NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg unveils 86-room hotel

Katrina M. Wychesit
Senior Public Relations
Manager | Ho-Chunk Gaming
Wittenberg

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



An artist rendering shows what management envisions the property looking like once Project Forward is completed.



A picture provides an inside look at one of the 86 new hotel rooms at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wittenberg.

conference room for their next business meeting, luncheon, or celebration.

The launch of the new Ho-Chunk Wittenberg Hotel is just a slice of the excitement this year. An extensive expansion project is nearly complete with a 24,884 square foot gaming floor equipped with a wide variety of slot machines, electronic table games and video poker.

Guests are encouraged to enjoy a home cooked meal at the Rivers Edge Restaurant or stop in for a quick bite at the

Forest Edge Snack Bar. Cocktails, top shelf beverages and superior customer service are served daily at the attractive new full service Village Bar from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

"The Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Hotel is an admirable addition to our property and it will certainly enhance our guest's gaming experience," said Fletcher Collins, Executive Manager. "Staying with us will allow you to stay and play at your leisure. We have provided over 60 new employment opportunities

and hope to aid in supporting tourism within the Wittenberg community and Shawano County all year around." A grand opening celebration is tentatively set for spring 2018.

Affordable Stay and Play packages are now available and include: an elegant room, Rewards Play and a food discount. Guests may schedule a reservation or request additional information by calling 866-910-0150 ext. 3133 or by visiting ho-chungaming.com/wittenberg. ##

March Elders Birthdays



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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Owen Cloud | 18 Harlan Hendrix |
| 4 Loren Rave | Virgil Pettibone Jr. |
| 5 Gary Keller | Elva Brown |
| Tammy Littlebear | 19 Dennis Whitehorse |
| Mary Brockhaus | Maureen Sanford |
| 7 Wayne Johnson | 20 Brenda Brown |
| William Payer | Carmen Farrell-Shu- |
| Jilleen Scott | bert |
| Lillian Thundercloud | Theodore Rave |
| 8 George Youngthunder | 21 Debra Orth |
| Leonard Friday | Stacy Kehrwald |
| 9 Morgan WhiteEagle | William Youngthunder |
| Debra Sturdevant | 22 Leroy Bigsoldier |
| 10 Elliott Garvin | Algie Wolters |
| Theresa Lerma | 23 Fidel Delarosa |
| Patricia Ennis | Rana Moser |
| 11 Janice Stott | Daniel Green |
| Norman Snake Sr. | 24 Loren Payer |
| Dennis Lewis | Jeffrey Goodbear |
| Mary Whitegull | Foster Cloud |
| 12 Sandra Blackdeer | 25 Helene Lincoln |
| Daniel Topping | Jeanine Catron |
| Lavon Wright | 26 Velma Lewis |
| Janice Savage | Marcella Duke |
| Woodrow White | Cynthia Wagner |
| Marsha Smith | 27 Raymond Lopez |
| 13 Purcel Delarosa | Paul Whitehorse |
| Chloris Lowe Jr. | Frieda Blackcoon |
| Andrea Storm | 28 Gloria Ward |
| Karen Ellis | Phyllis McCloud |
| Judith Ann | Walter Whitehorse |
| Thundercloud | 29 Stephanie Higgins |
| Anthony Lonetree | Maureen Decorah |
| 14 Alvin Alderman | 30 William Goodbear |
| Gloria Godfrey | Lionel Cloud |
| Bonnie Prescott | Debra Lozano |
| Mary Ellen Allowan | Priscilla Gakin |
| 15 Francis Steindorf | Linda Casper |
| 16 David White Eagle | 31 Marcella Patton |
| 17 Anne White | Delores Beatty |
| | Ronald Perry |

CHESS TOURNAMENT



DATE: Wednesday,

MARCH 21, 2018

REGISTRATION TIME:

5:30 – 5:50pm

TIME: 6:00

DISTRICT ONE COMMUNITY
CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE
ROOM

District One Community Center is
sponsoring a Chess Tournament on
Wednesday, March 21, 2018,
registration time begins at 5:30,
tournament starts at 6:00pm.

Cash Prizes:

1st Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$75

3rd Place: \$50

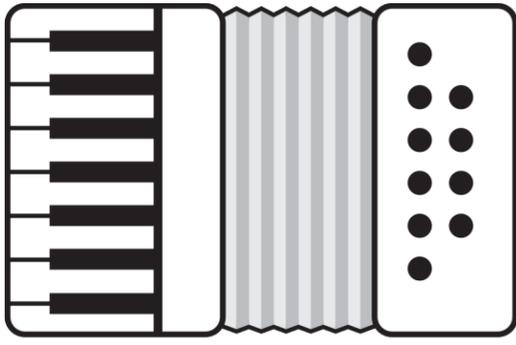
4th Place: \$25

For more information, contact:

Melissa McKee

715-284-0905 or email

Melissa.Mckee@ho-chunk.com



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FREE ENTERTAINMENT

BINGO HALL
PERFORMING FROM 4PM - 7PM

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MARCH 16 | 7PM | \$25



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TICKETS
800.657.4621
EXT 4060



COMEDY NIGHT

RORY ALBANESE | MARCH 21 | 7PM

\$10 COVER CHARGE AT THE DOOR
\$10 REWARDS PLAY WITH EVERY TICKET

HO-CHUNK GAMING BINGO HALL

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



Experience the Difference



Visit all six casinos at ho-chungaming.com



Federal Poverty Levels and Cost of Living Adjustment Information 2018

The federal government has announced the 2018 federal poverty levels, which are used to determine eligibility for Medicaid programs. The increase in the federal poverty levels will result in changes to BadgerCare Plus and some Medicaid income limits. Income limits are used in eligibility determinations for BadgerCare Plus and certain categories of Medicaid.

The new federal poverty levels started being applied for those newly enrolling in Wisconsin's Medicaid programs, including BadgerCare Plus, beginning February 1, 2018.

For a household of one the monthly gross income limit has been increased to \$1011.67 and couples to \$1371.67. **Ho-Chunk households who have previously been denied BadgerCare coverage because of their per capita income may wish to re-apply.** For more information please contact the Health Benefits Department at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness.

Joyce Rockman, Benefits Specialist x 5056
Sandy Lanier, Benefit Coordinator/Advocate x 5318
N6520 Guy Rd
Black River Falls, WI 54615
(888) 685-4422 or (715)284-9851 local
Email: Joyce.Rockman@ho-chunk.com
Sandy.Lanier@ho-chunk.com

Estelle Greendeer x 5546 or Cynthia Tack x 5525
Benefit Coordinator/Advocate
S2845 WhiteEagle Road
Baraboo, WI 53913
(888) 552-7889 or (608) 355-1240 local
Email: Cynthia.Tack@ho-chunk.com
Estelle.Greendeer@ho-chunk.com

Legal Notice Request for Proposals

RFP # 1000

Infor Lawson Software Implementation
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 proposals for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Request for Proposals document and submit proposals.

Proposals must be submitted by 2:00 PM CST on March 13, 2018. Any proposals received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the Proposer unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <http://ho-chunknation.com/Proposal>

Please call Catherine Link at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1151 or Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1243 to respond to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this _____ day of _____, 2018.

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

REQUESTS FOR VERIFICATION OF PER CAPITA RECEIVED

Requests for Verification of Per Capita received are processed by the Justice Department. Due to the large volume of requests, this task will be returned to the Treasury Department beginning **February 1, 2018**.

Depending on how per cap is received, per capita advices or pay stubs are mailed by Treasury to each tribal member as payments are disbursed. The advices or pay stubs can be used as verification of per capita received and contain year-to-date information.

For reprints of per capita advices or pay stubs plus additional verification requests, Treasury will charge a \$5.00 fee similar to the fee charged for reprints of 1099's and W-2's.

A completed notarized form along with payments can be directed to the Treasury Department Front Desk. Per Capita Verification Request Forms are available in Treasury and will be posted on the Ho-Chunk Nation website. Thank you

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY MARCH 29, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

27374 HWY 21 E, TOMAH, WI 54660
(608) 374-1225

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Vacancy Announcement

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is seeking a Delegate to fill current vacancy on the board in the District 5.

• Delegate, Mpls/St.Paul

The terms will end December 2019.

Individuals may be nominated at their local area meetings and submit a letter of interest as well as qualifying information immediately. It is very important that all districts be represented at the Election Board Meetings. The following information below is how you would contact the Election Board Office.

Libby Fairchild	Melissa Olvera
Election Board Chairperson	Election Board Office
P.O. Box 756	P.O. Box 756
206 South Roosevelt Rd	206 S. Roosevelt Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615	Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715)284.8900	(715)284-8600 FAX(800)890.0583

The following is the job description for
Election Board Members:

- The Election Board shall conduct all General and Special Elections in a fair and impartial manner.
- Shall notify the voters of the polling places not less than 15 days before the elections.
- Shall ensure that all candidates meet the qualifications for office.
- No member of the Election Board may actively campaign for the nomination, election, recall or removal of any elected official.
- The Election Board shall seek uphold and to the terms of the HCN Election Board Ordinance.
- Two consecutive unexcused absences for duly called Board meetings shall result in automatic removal from the board unless the absent Board Member establishes to the satisfaction of the Board good cause for his/her absence.
- Must be an adult enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member.
- All Election Board members shall serve two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board Members may serve more than one (1) term.
- Proof of motor vehicle operator's license/insurance are required.

HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking one (1) qualified candidate 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: April 27, 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



HO-CHUNK NATION
Insurance Department

Ho-Chunk Nation Elder

To ensure proper billing of Insurance you MUST sign up for Medicare Part B when you turn 65. You have a 7-month timeframe to apply for Medicare Part B. The deadline is (3) months prior to your birthday month and three (3) months after your birthday month. Please send a copy of your Medicare card to our office when you receive it.

If you are working Full Time for the Ho-Chunk Nation, you do not need to take Medicare until you leave employment or leave Full Time status with the Nation. This is because if you are working Full Time for the Nation, the Nation is primary and the Elder plan pays 100%.

If you or your spouse are employed outside of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have insurance through active employment, you may choose not to sign up for Medicare Part B, but the Ho-Chunk Nation Elder insurance plan will still only pay 20%. Also, contact your private employee Health Insurance plan to check their Medicare Part B sign up requirements.

The Plan Document for elders on page 67 states:

If a person eligible for Medicare fails to enroll, benefits will be paid by the plan as though the person had enrolled with Medicare. Therefore, if you do not enroll in Medicare Part A & B, Auxiant will only pay 20% of your bill and you will be responsible for the 80%.

Social Security offices in your area will be glad to assist with your enrollment in Medicare. Please make sure you sign up. Timely enrollment in Medicare is crucial because there is a 10% penalty for the monthly premium each year you do not sign up for Medicare Part B. Open enrollment is the first three months of the year, January, February and March. Medicare Part B will be effective July 1 of the year you sign up.

Your area Ho-Chunk Benefits Specialists located at the Ho-Chunk Elder or Branch Office Centers may also assist with your Medicare applications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (715) 284-4361, extension 1017.

Gloria A Ward

Ho-Chunk Elder Insurance Benefits Administrator
Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Department

Insurance Department
W9814 Airport Rd., PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 284-4361 (800) 232-0086 FAX (715) 284-9465



Wayne Falcon
Ruucgesga



On January 6, 2018 God called Wayne Falcon (Ruucgesga) home to paradise.

During this time so many people came forward and assisted our family with comforting support and words and in so many other ways. We would like to thank all that came to the hospital at his death and especially for the strengthening prayer said by his niece, Millie Decorah. Thank you to all who came and helped us during the 2 nights of devotional prayer services. Thank you to the Falcon men that dressed your Dad, Thank you to all the kind folks at Buswell Funeral home that helped us along in such a difficult time. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and Pierre Decorah Jr. for being the veterans to keep watch with him and never leaving his side during the night. Thank you to his fellow Traditional Court Judges for paying your kind respects and to his brother, Chief Clayton Winneshiek. Thank you to the pall bearers, Willie Cleveland, Wilbert Cleveland, Elliot Kolner, Pierre Decorah, Jr., Stanley Decorah, and Jackie Singer. Thank you to Stuart Lone-tree for conducting the funeral prayer service in such a fine way and to his wife Wendy for taking charge of the cooking and organization. Thank you to Stuart's helpers Dontay Cleveland (Cedar chief), Travis Cloud (drum chief), and Chester Dick (fire chief). Also thank you to the Andrew Blackhawk Ladies Auxillary for your contributions.

Thank you to all the family that helped out and came over to extend a hand, or send a card, or brought flowers or food. Even if you just thought of us - thank you. Also a big thank you to Serena Falcon and her helpers for all the clothing you sewed and dressed us with in such short notice. Please forgive us if we left anyone out. He loved each one of you so much and God blessed him for it.



Notice to Creditors of the estate of **Carol Mae Whitethunder**: You have 90 Days from the date of this fist publication of this notice to present your claim to the personal Representative.

Tina L. Brown, 114 South Red Pine Trail, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.



Love is ReZpect



Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Music, Food and Prizes!

Free to Participate

Middle School and High School Youth Event

Sunday, February 25th 2018

- 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Arrival at Black River Falls Youth Center
- 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Youth Drum
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Guest Speaker *Bonnie Clairmont*
- 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Music with Discussion
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Native's Got Talent
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Door Prizes and Closing



For more information contact:
Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division 715-284-2622 ext. 5135
Ho-Chunk Nation Black River Falls Youth Center 715-284-8378 ext. 5226

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

PINAGA GAME NIGHT

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Registration Times: 5:20 - 5:50

Games Start: 6:00

Grab a partner to play, or stay and watch! Fun will be had by all who come to the District One Community Center's Pinaga Game Night.

Cash Prizes!

- 1st Place: \$300**
- 2nd Place: \$250**
- 3rd Place: \$200**
- 4th Place: \$150**
- 5th Place: \$100**
- 6th Place: \$50**

Contact Information:

Melissa McKee
Recreation Coordinator
715-284-0905



NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON PREMISES. ANYONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND FORFEIT THE GAME

NOTICE AND RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Election Code 2 HCC § 6:

21. Constitutional Elections.

Constitutional and other Legal Requirements.

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election. The Election Code (2 HCC § 6); Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

d. Requirements for General Council Request.

(1). In an instance of a Resolution passed by the General Council, the General Council will provide the Resolution to the Election Board. The Resolution will contain the full language of the proposed amendment, the name of any attorney consulted in drafting the amendment, a vote count showing the full number of voters at the General Council, and the tally of those in favor, opposing, abstaining, and not voted. Upon receipt the Election Board will verify that a majority of voters at the General Council voted for the Constitutional Amendment.

e. Secretarial Election Procedures.

(1) Upon certification of a request via petition under Section 21.b, or General Council under Section 21.d, the Attorney General will be given thirty (30) days in which to formulate an Attorney General's opinion as it relates to the constitutionality and legality of the proposed amendment. Once the Attorney General has formulated that opinion, it will be posted in the Nation's newsletter for two consecutive printings along with the text of the proposed Amendment.
(2) After the publication of the Attorney General opinion in Section 21.e.(1) the Election Board will then post notice at the Election Board office, the Nation's Newsletter, and on the Nation's social media as to the Secretarial Election(s). The notice will contain the following:
(a) The full text of any proposed Amendments and, if more than one, their Amendment Number using Arabic numerals (Amendment Number 1, Amendment Number 2, etc);
(b) The day when Ballots will be mailed;
(c) The day, time, and location of certification;
(d) The day of the Election when Ballots must be returned.
(3) All Secretarial Elections will be conducted within sixty (60) calendar days of the posting of the Notice of the Secretarial Election.
(4) All Secretarial Elections will be conducted by mail.
(5) The Election Board will mail out Ballots no later than twenty (20) calendar days before the Election.
(a) Each Ballot will be accompanied by a packet containing the language for each proposed amendment along with the amendment number, instructions, ballot, an outer envelope, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.
(b) The Voter will mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter will then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope will be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope, then notarized, and he or she will then return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board pursuant to section 14.a.(2).
(a). The voter's signature must be notarized to be valid.
(c) The Board will verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter and is notarized. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot will be rejected. The entire rejected ballot will be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot will be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board will make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.
(6) A voter may make a request to replace a lost ballot no later than ten (10) days before the Election. The Election Board will overnight the ballot. It will be the voter's responsibility to ensure the ballot is returned by the due date.

f. Counting Ballots and Results.

(1) The Election Board will meet and count the ballots by the third day after the election. When Tallying results, the Election Board will do the following:
(a) The Election Board will first compare the number of ballots collected against the total number of eligible voters as verified by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. If the number of ballots returned does not equal 30% of the eligible voters of the Nation, then the Amendment will be declared as rejected. In an

instance where thirty percent of the ballots is a fractional number, the Board will round up to the nearest whole number in determining the thirty percent threshold.

(b) If at least 30% of the eligible voters returned ballots, the Election Board will then count the ballots. If a majority of voters voted in favor of the Amendment, it will be declared adopted. If a majority of voters voted against the Amendment, it will be declared rejected.

g. Challenges to Results; Amendments.

(1) Challenges to the results of the Election may be made pursuant to Section 18 of this CODE.

(2) The Election Board is not responsible for the legality or constitutionality of any amendments. If a member believes that an adopted amendment is in violation of the CONSTITUTION, or applicable federal law such as the *Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 25 USC Ch. 15*, such suit will be brought against the proponent of the Amendment, either the petitioner, Legislature, or General Council.

The following amendments will be on the ballot:

AMENDMENT 1

This amendment changes Article VI, Section 1(b) to read as follows:

The Executive Branch shall be composed of any administrative departments created by the Legislature, including a Department of Treasury, Justice, Administration, Housing, Business, Health, Social Services, Education, Labor, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and other Departments deemed necessary by the Legislature. Each Department shall include an Executive Director, a Board of Directors and necessary employees.

AMENDMENT 2

This amendment creates Article X, Section 2 to read as follows:

(a) The Ho-Chunk Nation, in exercising its powers of self-government, shall:

(1) Give legal standing to nature. This legal standing will enable legal structures that protect conditions necessary for the thriving of all living plants, animals and the environment in which all living entities and organisms reside. Provide legal protections to promote, protect, maintain and aid in the regeneration of natural life cycles, structure, and function.

(2) All Ho-Chunk people can call upon Elected and Appointed Officials to enforce the rights of nature under the following principles:

(i) Nature has the right to be restored. This restoration shall be separate and apart from the obligation of the Nation and natural persons or legal entities to compensate individuals and communities that depend on affected natural systems.

(ii) In those cases of severe or permanent environmental impact, including those caused by the exploitation of nonrenewable natural resources, the Nation shall establish the most effective mechanisms to achieve the restoration and shall adopt adequate measures to eliminate or mitigate harmful environmental consequences.

(iii) The Nation shall apply preventive and restrictive measures on activities that might lead to the pollution of air, water and soil, affect the abundance of surface and groundwater, destroy Ho-Chunk food and medicine plants, decrease habitat for important Ho-Chunk plant and animal communities, cause the extinction of species, lead to the destruction of ecosystems and the to permanent alteration of natural cycles.

(iv) People shall have the right to benefit from the environment and the natural wealth enabling them to enjoy the good way of living.

(v) The Nation shall give incentives to natural persons and legal entities and to communities to protect nature and to promote respect for all the elements comprising an ecosystem.

(vi) The Nation shall apply preventive and restrictive measures on activities that might lead to the extinction of species, the destruction of ecosystems and the permanent alteration of natural cycles.

(vii) The introduction of organisms and organic and inorganic material that might definitively alter the nation's genetic assets is forbidden.

(viii) Persons, communities, and people shall have the right to benefit from the environment and the natural wealth enabling them to enjoy the good way of living.

(viii) Environmental services shall not be subject to appropriation; their production, delivery, use and development shall be regulated by the Nation.

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 Code Sec. 11 (a) (6)*.

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 shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.
Section 11. c. ii.

(Deadline Friday, March 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.)

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POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results 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.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

Thursday, April 5, 2018

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, February 5, 2018

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR
TO 4:00 P.M.
Friday, March 16, 2018

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
Friday, March 16, 2018

LAST DAY TO REQUEST
REPLACEMENT BALLOT
4:00 P.M.
Monday, March 26, 2018

ALL MAIL BALLOTS DUE TO
THE DESIGNATED ELECTION
BOARD POST OFFICE BOX
BY 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 5, 2018

POSTED 2/05/2018