

Hocak Worak Newsletter thrilled to announce latest transformations

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

In this issue, we welcome and introduce Reporter Elijah T. Smith. The other reporter position appears in the Ho-Chunk Nation's job posting, and we are currently in the hiring process. We are also currently in the process of updating camera equipment. Last but not least, the Newsletter is now offering email notifications of new publications.

Recently hired Reporter Elijah Smith brings superb photography and graphic design skills to the Newsletter Division. Mr. Smith occupies the position previously filled by Gary Garvin. Mr. Garvin decided to concentrate on his academic career, and the Newsletter wishes him much success in his endeavors.

When the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Finance Commit-

tee was reviewing the 2020 budgets, I requested reinstating a reporter position and eliminating the Editorial Review Board from the Newsletter's budget. The Newsletter has a more significant chance of covering events and issues with two reporters available.

Besides, the Editorial Review Board would have delayed publication and added additional cost beyond regularly scheduled meetings. Content is consistently submitted after deadlines by various sources. Last-minute decisions on adding and cutting material happen with every publication. Typically, these last-minute decisions occur while conducting the layout of the next edition.

Ultimately, the Finance Committee approved my request.

The recently vacated reporter position appears in the Ho-Chunk Nation's job postings.

This is a full-time permanent position and applications are still being accepted. Ho-Chunk Nation's job postings and applications can be found at <https://ho-chunknation.com/home/employment/>.

The Newsletter is in the process of acquiring updated camera equipment with assistance from the Ho-Chunk Nation Information Technology Division and direction from Elijah Smith. This purchase will allow us to serve the Ho-Chunk Nation membership better. Newsletter last purchased cameras back in September 2013.

My goal is that these cameras will allow the Newsletter to provide a professional social media presence and superior digital photos.

One camera will have excellent quality videography and Wi-Fi accessibility. Current cameras do not possess either of these capabilities.

Last but not least, the Newsletter is now offering email notifications of new publications. The body of the email will contain a link to the latest Hocak Worak Newsletter. Notifications will appear on the same day of publications.

To sign up for these email notifications, email tobNewsletterDepartment@ho-chunk.com or call (715) 284-9343 extension 1006. Provide your first and last name, email address, and tribal ID number. A subscription fee is charged to those without tribal ID numbers.

As with any new process, logistics need to be worked out. I ask that you remain patient with the Newsletter Division during these times.



Editor Ardith Van Riper announces staff changes, camera upgrades, and email notifications of new publications.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Aug. 2nd which will be published on Aug. 9th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 1006 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Newsletter Reporter introduction

Elijah T. Smith
Reporter

My name is Elijah Thomas Smith and recently hired as Newsletter Reporter. My parents are Rosalind Falcon and Kevin Smith. I have a brother, Averie Tom, and a sister, Adriana Tom. I am a member of the bear clan. My grandparents are Emmanuel Falcon and Rose Dixon Falcon.

I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Santé Fe, New Mexico. I first started to enjoy photography as a young kid, being able to capture time in a photo. Photography shaped the value of moments with my family, friends, pets, and achievements to be the forefront of content in my personal life.

So, photography and graphic design are the crafts that I would like to have an expertise in. Crafts that would seem fit for a job such as a reporter for the Hocak Worak.

As a reporter for the Hocak Worak, my overall goal is to keep the people of our Nation well informed of events, upcoming deadline reminders, important announcements, and program updates and outcomes at the most present date possible.

So with that I encourage Ho-Chunk Nation departments and employees, community members, teachers, students, parents and guardians, and the Ho-Chunk membership to contribute or share story ideas.

Departments and employees



Elijah T. Smith is the newest reporter for the Hocak Worak.

continue submitting upcoming event flyers. In addition, submit guides to navigation your program and services. Help the Ho-Chunk membership troubleshoot and prepare relevant materials.

Contact me at extension 1005 so that together we spotlight an outstanding employee or a special project.

Parents and guardians submit success stories of your child or children, notify us of sports teams compromised of Ho-Chunk players. Community members notify us of events you'd like to see in an upcoming issue of the Hocak Worak.

Please do not hesitate, we welcome all submissions and leads. Article submissions accepted via email at Anna.Reichenbach@ho-chunk.com or tobNewsletterDepartment@ho-chunk.com. Our fax number is (715) 284-7852. Our telephone number is (715) 284-9343.