



## New Substance Abuse Therapist

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

Evangeline M. Suquet is the new Mental Health Substance Abuse Co-occurring Therapist for the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center. For her clients, she provides psychotherapy and substance abuse treatment through using a strength-based approach for individuals, families, and couples along the developmental life span of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

"I come from a long history of addiction. My mother's side is Oneida Indian with a long history of alcoholism," Suquet said. "And, my father's side of the family is Porto Rican. There's a strong, strong history of drug addiction and not just minor drugs. It's heroin [and] it's very hard core drugs. And, I saw how addiction directly affects family and the functioning of that family unit. And, if I could help just one child or one family member

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## Seven New Volunteer Firefighters

The Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department has seven new certified Entry level fire fighters.

The members are Lloyd Fredenberg, Chynnia Pecore, Lawrence Curtis, John Jones, Michael Penass, Safety Officer Roger Miller, and Wayne Burr. The course which took ninety-six (96) hours to complete took place over five months of meeting on Tuesday's night from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and a couple of Saturdays and a written final. The class room portion was made up of lectures and practice using the skills they learned by hands on training. The Saturday's class was up in Merrill at North Technical College at their burn center. There they were exposed to actual fire scenarios, using ladders, and search and rescue techniques.

There was also an eight (8) hour hazardous awareness class requirement. With the training they have received they will be a vital part of the community. The Fire Department would like to congratulate them and thank them for their dedication.

The next level of training is a twenty-four (24) hour hazardous operation class and State Certified I and State Certified II classes. A few of these students have shown an interest in completing these classes.

Mr. Alan Teetzen, instructor for North Technical College, would like to extend his appreciation for the Fire Department and the Community for hosting the class here.

These classes are only held if there at least twelve individuals interested or that need the class so when a department host the class, it is opened up to other departments who have new members, in this class we had fire department members represented from Wittenberg, Tigerton, and Bowler.

## Veterans Honor Fallen Ancestors



Roger Miller smudges an ancestor's grave as JoAnn Schedler offers a prayer with tobacco

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

One-hundred and fifty years ago Native Americans fought side-by-side, against each other, and even against their own brothers during a war that would save a divided nation, free 4 million slaves, and take 620,000 lives. What many people do not know about the Civil War is that American Indians played a major role in the war that would take more American lives than any other war.

On the weekend of Veteran's Day, November 9-10, 2012, Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members Roger Miller, JoAnn Schedler, and Don Coyhis honored their fallen ancestors at two neighboring cemeteries: Poplar Grove Cemetery in Dinwiddie County near Petersburg, Virginia, and City Point National Cemetery, in Hopewell, Virginia.

"Many people didn't want Native Americans fighting in the war because they didn't know who they were fighting for. But as soon as the war started, Native Americans volunteered and they quickly proved themselves in combat." Mohican Veteran Roger Miller said. "There were 20,000 Native Americans who fought in the Civil War and that's counting soldiers who fought on both sides.

There were at least 58 soldiers from our tribe [counting only the Stockbridge-Munsee soldiers who lived in Wisconsin] and large contingencies from the Midwest. Michigan had a full company of Native American sharpshooters," Miller explained.

According to Civil War enthusiast and Mohican Veteran JoAnn Schedler, approximately 600 Wisconsin Native Americans joined the Civil War. Stockbridge's, Menominee's, Oneida's, and Brothertown Indians all fought in the Petersburg Campaign. In fact, many Wisconsin Native Americans were among the 70,000 casualties during this nearly 10 month long siege, in which the Union fought to cut off the Confederate's primary supply chain.

On Friday, November 9, Miller, Schedler, and Coyhis toured this battle site and were shown by National Park Service Historian James Blankenship where the Stockbridge-Munsee Indians fought and most likely died. At the City Point National Cemetery in Hopewell, they visited the grave of JoAnn Schedler's ancestor Levi Konkapot, Jr. For some unknown reason, his name was on the back of another soldier's headstone. At the Poplar Grove National Cemetery in Dinwiddie County, **Vets continued on page Eight:**

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## A Brief Explanation of Land Ethic

Greg Bunker, Manager, Environmental Office.

Let us imagine for a moment that there was a perfectly good town, equal in all regards. A shopping district, a school, entertainment areas, mills and factories for jobs, fire stations, police stations and a nice lake and golf course for recreation on one side, rugged hills on the other. Everybody liked their town. It is easy for everybody to go anywhere. There are no dead end streets, they go in all directions. All folks are about the same.

Then the Interstate highway comes through. The owners of lake front homes and golf side residents do not want the highway in their neighbor-hood. Downtown cannot be split. The factories could use an exit to lower delivery costs, thus the interstate highway goes past the factories. All the other roads are now dead-end roads against the highway. The people living in the neighborhoods between the interstate and the hills have only two overpasses to get to work, schools, shopping, church, lake or golf recreation, or the theaters, where they use to have 30 streets. The traffic in at the overpasses is too dangerous for walkers or bikers, and young children now are kept from their former friends. Busses now

take kids to schools on the other side of the monster highway. Shopping trips take longer, traffic is a pain and access to movies and recreation and parks is limited. Value of homes drops on the one side of the highway, and increase on the other side of the highway. City services are not as good on the factory side, and in response to all this, social problems arise in the divided community. Dozens of other effects took place also, too many to mention. Have you ever heard the saying "the other side of the tracks"? This was often used in urban areas to describe the conditions outlined above. People can see this, it is what we live. It is cured by removal of the divides. Like the Berlin Wall, once down, healing began, and now the entire town of Berlin Germany is healthy and whole.

Nature has its neighbors also. Upland hardwoods, lakes, rivers, meadows, wetlands, conifer forests and many other habitat types are "neighborhoods" of nature. They need connection. To see change, it takes more training and the response is oftentimes slower in nature than in a man-made urban area. Over the years all road-kill like mink I have seen were forced to go up and over the waterway rather than get through the poorly made stream crossing.

When River Road Bridge was replaced, the Tribal Environmental Department made the BIA put dry crossings "under" the bridge so raccoon, mink, otter and rare wood turtles would not have to cross over the road and chance being killed. It seems to have helped.

Within the reservation, we can see where old steam-hauler roads, logging roads or railroads have changed natures neighborhoods. Timber has been lost and streams

degraded. I just got back from a conference, where Native American elders gave prayers to guide us in protecting and restoring the earth for all creatures, all our brothers who fly, walk, hop, climb, swim, slither and crawl, for the trees and plants, and for the air, soils and waters as well as leaving out lands better for the next seven generations. Sometimes it is not about what we want, but about what our children's children need

## Monthly Parent Meeting at Stockbridge Munsee Head Start

The monthly meeting and presentation for parents and staff at Stockbridge Munsee Head Start was held Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Antoinette Davids and Mary Windmiller, from The College of the Menominee Nation, presented information about programs and classes at the college that will be brought to our area. The classes presented by CMN included Home Health Aide and Microsoft Word which is a two-credit college course. As part of the Head Start Program, the staff is encouraged to do continuing education.

The Home Health Aide class will be held at the Church of the Wilderness on Mondays and Thursday evenings. Adults and students who are at least sixteen years of age are eligible to enroll

in the class. Once you have completed the program, your potential earning power is ten to twelve dollars an hour. As a registered home health aide you will know the roles and ethics of the occupation along with developing your interpersonal, understanding personal care and restorative skills, CPR and first aid training, safety and infection control, nutrition and community resource awareness. Upon completion of the class you will receive free of charge a set of scrubs, watch, gait belt, carry bag, workbook and a \$30 shoe voucher. The college has funding to present this class for no cost to the student. The funding does not last forever, so the college encourages people to take it soon while the grant money **Meeting continued on pg Eight:**

Express your thoughts and opinions. Let your voice be heard. We welcome your letters to the Editor and the Community.

### Community Voices

Letters of opinion can be dropped off at Mohican News in the Tribal Offices or can be mailed to:

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To my family and friends  
Who have helped in anyway.  
From; Yvette Malone and her  
Grandchildren

***It Doesn't Seem Enough***

We want to tell you "Thank you"  
But it doesn't seem enough.  
Words don't seem sufficient—  
"Blah, blah" and all that stuff.

Please know I have deep feelings  
About your generous acts.  
I really appreciate you all;  
You're all very special, and that's  
a fact!  
Poem by: Joanna Fuchs

**Government Funds  
Available for Housing in  
Rural Communities**

Shawano, WI - - - - The United  
States Department of Agriculture  
(USDA) Rural Development still  
has loans available to rural com-  
munities in Wisconsin with afford-  
able monthly payments.

Direct Single Family Housing  
loans are also available with no  
down payment for lower income  
households. These are for a  
period of 33-38 years. The current  
interest rate is 3.125 percent, and  
in some cases may be subsidized  
down to one percent.

USDA Rural Development also  
offers Home Repair Loans and  
Grants. Funds can be used  
to repair or replace furnaces,  
electrical, foundations, siding,  
roofing, windows, plumbing,  
wells, septic systems, and other  
health and safety hazards as well  
as improving and modernizing a  
home.

These loans are at one percent  
interest for a maximum term of 20  
years. The loan amount depends  
on the ability to make a monthly  
payment based on required  
income guidelines.

Applications for these programs  
are currently being accepted. For  
**FREE** prequalification, contact  
Rural Development at (715) 524-  
8522 ext. 4, Monday through  
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by  
e-mail at [RD.Shawano@wi.usda.gov](mailto:RD.Shawano@wi.usda.gov).

**Accelerated Language  
Learning for Adults**

By: MiiKwan (Nikole Webster)  
and  
Wasalaangweew (Molly Miller)

**Every Monday  
5-5:45pm**

At the Arvid E. Miller Memorial  
Library/Museum

**Call to register: 715-793-4834**

Thanks from the "Guida Welch"  
family!

We would like to thank everyone  
for all your kind thoughts and  
deeds during a difficult time of our  
mother's death.

Thank you to all who attended her  
funeral and all those who wished  
to attend and couldn't, and those  
who brought food and flowers.

It made our hearts glad to see so  
many come and know that Mom  
was loved by many.

Thank you and God bless you,  
The Welch Family

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**NOTICE**

**COMMUNITY MEET-  
ING**

**To Discuss the  
Taconic & Koan Tuk**

**Subdivisions**

**Tuesday, January  
8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Bingo Hall**

**Your participation  
will be greatly ap-  
preciated.**



**Tribe Unable to  
Help with the Cobell  
Settlement**

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News  
Reporter

The Cobell settlement does not  
affect all Native Americans. It  
only applies to American Indians  
who were involved in the federal  
government's mishandling of land-  
trust royalties.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of  
Mohican Nation cannot assist in  
Cobell settlements. The Tribe does  
not send checks or Individual Indian  
Money (IIM) account numbers to  
community members. The Tribe  
does not have any records of IIM  
accounts since they are "Individual  
Indian Accounts" and not directly  
related to the Tribe. Any payments  
due to participants will come from  
the U.S. Department of Treasury.

If someone believes they are a  
Class Member but are unsure of  
whether Indian Trust has their  
current contact information, please  
call their toll-free help line (800-

**Thank You**

The Elna Cuish Pfannerstill family  
wants to thank everyone who  
contributed in any way to the care  
of our loved one, the Ella Besaw  
Center, the Medical Transportation  
people, Kori and Penny from the  
Elderly department, the Health  
Center staff.

A special "thank you" to Shirley  
Metoxin who accompanied her to  
doctor appointments, and to the  
medical transport drivers, Squeek,  
Kori, and Crystal who did the same  
at times.

A very special thank you to  
Southern Care Hospice, they were  
a God send.

Sincere Thanks,  
Gladys Jacobs

961-6109) or email Indian Trust at  
[IIMInfo@IndianTrust.com](mailto:IIMInfo@IndianTrust.com)

Here are two other websites that  
might be helpful:

<http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/mywmsp/documents/collection/idc010124.pdf>  
<http://www.indiantrust.com/>

**Fit & Lean in 2013**

**8 week incentive**

*Start: January 7th 2013*

*End: March 1st 2013*

*Where: Mohican Family  
Center*

You must workout 30 minutes 3  
times a week at the Mohican  
Family Center to be eligible for  
the weekly prize.

You must sign in and out on the  
appropriate sheets. Print your  
name clearly, if staff cannot  
read your writing your time  
will not count.

Must be 18 years or older to  
participate.

MFC hours: Monday-Friday  
6am-9pm. Saturdays 2:30-  
7:00pm  
Your time will only count  
during MFC operational  
hours and workouts done  
inside the building.

You must complete 7  
out of 8 weeks to be  
eligible for the Grand  
Prize.

Sign-up by December  
20th @ 4:30pm. Return  
sheets to Occupational  
Health or Fitness Staff.



# Elder Wisdom

## 2012 Elder Christmas Party By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

The 2012 Elder Christmas Party was held on December 8 inside the Bingo Hall at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort. The Elderly Steering Committee, Elderly Services, and the North Star Casino all worked together to throw together a successful dinner party. Additional assistance came from Lenard "Mr. Bingo" Welch and Molly Welch, who dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Clause, and Santa's little elves: Mohican Veteran Princess Arell Miller, Cassandra Komanekin, Ellana Kaquatosh, Ethan Peters, Kennedie Malone, Lannie Posselt, Lee Allen Malone, and Wekah Malone.



*Eunice Stick looked like she was having fun at the party.*

This year the meal was served family style rather than buffet style like in year's past. "The Family Style Meal went very well. Everyone was served quickly. We had a lot of compliments," Elderly Center Manager Kristy Malone said. The generous dinner consisted of chicken, beef tips, dinner rolls, a vegetable medley, garlic mashed potatoes, cranberries, coleslaw, and Christmas cookies and bars.

Fish Fry or the Saturday Prime Rib Buffett at the Pine Hills Golf Course and Supper Club, six pillows from the Health and Wellness Center Chiropractor Dr. Wargo, ten poinsettias, three wreaths, and four trees. Additionally, every eligible Elder received a gift card from Walmart and a goody bag with candy and fruit inside.

Prize giveaways included twenty \$10.00 gasoline gift cards at the Little Star Convenience Store, two gift certificates for the Friday

**(Editor's Note: See the color pages in the center of the Mohican News for pictures of this event).**

## Error on Your Credit Report? Here's Help

By Jason Alderman  
If you've ever tried to remove inaccurate or fraudulent information from your credit report and gotten the runaround, take heart: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is now on the case.  
In July 2012, the watchdog agency, formed as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, gained authority to supervise all of the major consumer reporting agencies.  
The CFPB now advocates for consumers who have complaints regarding interactions with credit bureaus and identity theft protection services. This adds to the agency's consumer grievance oversight which already included mortgages, bank accounts, consumer loans and private student loans.  
"Credit reporting companies exert great influence over the lives of consumers," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray in announcing his agency's new responsibility. "They help determine eligibility for loans, housing, and sometimes jobs.

Consumers need an avenue of recourse when they feel they have been wronged."  
You can seek assistance from the CFPB if you have issues with:

- Incorrect information on your credit report;
- How a consumer reporting agency is handling its investigation of your complaint;
- The improper use of a credit report;
- Being unable to get a copy of a credit score or file; and
- Problems with credit monitoring or identity-protection services.

Here's how the new system works: If you believe your credit report contains incorrect or fraudulent information, you should first file a dispute with and get a response directly from that credit reporting company before contacting the CFPB. The same goes if you have an issue with how the company is handling its investigation of your grievance – for example, if they don't respond in writing within 30 days.  
If, after filing your grievance, you are dissatisfied with the resolution, you may file a complaint with the

# On the Trail Home



## Elna Cuish Pfannerstill

Elna Cuish Pfannerstill, age 74 of Bowler, passed away Saturday December 15, 2012 at the Ella Besaw Center. Elna was born on March 20, 1938 in Tomah, the daughter of the late Lucy Cuish. She lived most of her life in Milwaukee and moved to the Bowler area several years ago. She attended the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church in Morgan.

Elna is survived by a sister, Gladys Jacobs of Bowler, a nephew,

Brendan and a niece, Rhiannon, plus numerous cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Laureen on July 14, 1989.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church in Morgan with the Rev. Karl Thompson officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. Visitation was at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services. [www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

CFPB using any of the following methods:

- File online at [www.cfpb.gov/complaint](http://www.cfpb.gov/complaint)
- Call toll-free at 855-411-2372
- Fax it to 855-237-2392
- Mail to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 4503, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244.

Once your complaint has been logged, you'll be given a tracking number to check its status. Each complaint will be processed individually and sent to the credit bureau in question for response. The CFPB expects companies to respond within 15 days with information about the steps they have taken or plan to take. You'll have the option to dispute the company's response to your complaint.  
Credit reporting companies issue more than 3 billion consumer credit reports a year and maintain

files on more than 200 million Americans. Among other things, they track the number and types of credit accounts you use, how long they've been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.  
"The consequences of errors in a consumer report can be catastrophic for a consumer, shutting him or her out of credit markets, jeopardizing employment prospects, or significantly increasing the cost of housing," noted the CFPB's announcement.  
You can order one free credit report per year from the three major credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. (Order through [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com); otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) Proactively ordering your reports on a regular basis can help identify bad credit behavior and spot fraudulent activity or errors before they can damage your credit.

## Health Careers Scholarship

The Amy Hunter-Wilson, MD Scholarship Fund will be offering assistance to Native Americans who are pursuing training as nurses, doctors of medicine, or in related health careers.

In order to be eligible; a student must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and enrolled at an accredited technical school or university in a medical or health-related program. Preference will be given to candidates from Wisconsin who are attending an educational institution in Wisconsin.

For more information visit the website: [www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/foundation](http://www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/foundation) or contact the Education Office at 715-793-4100 **Deadline: February 1, 2013**

## S-M After School & Teen Prevention Family Services

Our program offers participation incentive field trips. Youth earn points for attending the weekly lessons. We encourage youth of all ages to check us out if you haven't been in lately. You will find our monthly planning calendar on our website under the Family Service heading. Van transportation will not be available on the days school is closed due to severe weather/emergencies. Please call: #715-793-4085 and ask for Lai Lonnie, Linda or Lenore "Punkin."

### All Families & Youth MUST:

1. Be enrolled in our program and
2. Maintain a current MFC Family Membership

**Monday** K-2<sup>nd</sup> gr. Tobacco Tales puppets 4:10-4:30 P.M.

**Tuesday** 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> gr. 5:30-7:30 P.M. **YOUTH NIGHT** - Snack, Lesson, Activity & GameRoom

**Wednesday** 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Prevention Activity 4:10-4:30 P.M.  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. 5:30-7:30 P.M. **TEEN NIGHT** - Snack, Lesson, Activity & Game Room

**Thursday** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr. 5:30-7:30 P.M. **TWEEN NIGHT** - Snack, Lesson, Activity & Game Room

## Plan now for possible problems

(MADISON) – A strong winter storm affected much of Wisconsin Wednesday night 12-19-12 and lasted through Thursday 12-20-12.

The National Weather Service predicted snowfall reaching almost 12 inches from Grant County northeast to Door County with smaller but significant accumulations elsewhere.

Here in the Bowler area we received approximately 10 inches of snow.

It is definitely time to get ready for snow. Get your vehicles and home ready. Here are a few things you can do:

- Have an **emergency winter weather survival kit** in your vehicle. Your kit should include water, snack food such as energy bars or raisins, first aid kit and booster cables. If you have a cell phone make sure you have a power adapter you can plug into the lighter. You can find more tip kits on our website... <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>
- **Check the roads and take your time.** You may need to delay or cancel travel plans on Thursday. Call 511 or go to [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov) for the latest road conditions across Wisconsin. You can also go to our website for a regional travel map which covers North and South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin. <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/511/default.asp>. Make sure you plan extra time if you travel. Roads may become icy and snow packed. Also, keep at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle in case of an emergency and let friends and family know where you are traveling to and when you should arrive.
- **Get supplies for your home.** Make sure your home emergency kit is stocked with food that can be stored and eaten without electricity, in case there is a power outage. Also, make sure you have extra water, flashlights with extra batteries and medications. For a complete list of kit items go to our website: <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/kit/GetKit.asp>
- **Stay informed.** ReadyWisconsin will keep you posted on any emergencies that occur during the storm. Follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/readywisconsin](http://www.facebook.com/readywisconsin)) or Twitter ([www.twitter.com/readywisconsin](http://www.twitter.com/readywisconsin)) for updates.

## MOHICAN FAMILY CENTER RECREATION

January 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Gym Closed Basketball Camp 9-5	31 <b>Holiday Closed</b> All Male Lock-In 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Up Starting at 8 PM	1 <b>Holiday Closed</b> All Male Lock-In 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Up Until 8 AM	2 12-1 Noon-Ball 5 Tai Chi	3 12-1 Noon-Ball 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition	4 <b>5-9:30 Swim Trip 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	5 Open Gym 2:30-7
6 <b>Belly Off Incentive for Girls ages 12-18 Starting January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013</b>	7 12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -1:30 Round Dancing <b>1:30 MFC Staff Meeting</b> 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition	8 12-1 Noon-Ball 1-3:30 Sewing Circle 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition <b>5 Board Meeting</b> 6:30-9 Regalia	9 12-1 Noon-ball 1-1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Tai Chi	10 12-1 Noon-Ball <b>1 CTP Meeting</b> 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition <b>5-Midnight Pay Your Own way Movie 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	11 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time 6 Volleyball Night	12 Open Gym 2:30-7
13 Closed	14 12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition <b>7 Community Meeting</b>	15 12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -3:30 Sewing Circle 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6:30-9 Regalia	16 12-1 Noon-Ball 1-1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Tai Chi <b>6-8 Tween/Teen Night</b>	17 12-1 Noon-Ball 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Cooking Class	18 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time <b>8-Midnight Girls Night</b>	19 Open Gym 2:30-7
20 Closed	21 Holiday Closed	22 12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -3:30 Sewing Circle 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition <b>5-7 Youth Night</b> 6:30-9 Regalia	23 12-1 Noon-Ball 1-1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Tai Chi	24 12-1 Noon-Ball 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition	25 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time <b>8-Midnight All Male Lock In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Up</b>	26 <b>Midnight-8 AM All Male Lock In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Up</b> Open Gym 2:30-7
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**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

# 2012 Elder Christmas Party



**Deanna DeNasha and Santa draw prizes**



**Veterans Princess Arell Miller and D.J. - Buckle**



**Lynne Miller, Kerrie Nieto, and Clifford Church**



**Ellana Kaquatosh and Cassandra Komanekin**



**North Star employee Ethel Schavske enjoys her birthday with Santa**



**Lee Allen Malone and Wehka Malone**



**Lynne Miller won a poinsettia**



**Ethan Peters**



**Kori Price helps pass out the wreaths, poinsettias, and tree giveaways**



**Ruth Peters, Ellen Moore, Al and Barb Peters**



**Joann Davids**



**Sheila and Matt Powless**



**Jerry Davids**



**Lynne "Squeek" Welch, Loraine Welch, and John Welch pose with the Claus's**



**Marty and LaiLonnie Kosowski won Poinsettias**



**Jerilyn Johnson, Mabel Miller, Ellen Schreiber**



**Leonard "Mr. Bingo" Welch and Elda Dickie**



**North Star employee Travis Grignon**



**Molly Welch and Roger Malone**



**(Top) Ron & Teri Vigue, Jodi Butler, Georgia Burr (Bottom) Donna Burr, Jermain & Woody Davids**



**Shirly and Quentin "Manny" Bowman**



**Bernard and Betty Bowman**



**Shirley Turpin and Peena LaPlante**



**Claudette Weiterman and Keith Rudesill**



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they visited the burial site of Don Coyhis' great-great grandfather, John B. Coyhis. His headstone was misspelled, "J. B. Cochis," and like the other gravestones around it, his headstone was laying on the ground.

"In the 1930's, people cut the headstones down and laid them on the ground because they thought that would be better for maintenance," Schedler said. "Someone later took the material from the gravestones to build a house. "But the headstones are wearing away now. They need to be renovated and that's why the Park Service consulted our tribe. They saw these Native names and began to identify them," Schedler explained. "I knew that John B. Coyhis had died at that time and was buried there, but an anthropologist that was out there found his name spelled incorrectly." Schedler said, "Don Coyhis didn't even know his great, great grandfather was in the war until we informed him of how his family was buried there."

Roger Miller honored his tribe's fallen ancestors by smudging the graves of Levi Konkapot and John B. Coyhis. "I was honored to be involved," National Park Service Historian James Blankenship said. "It was very moving. It was a highlight of my career. Probably no one has visited these graves. Ever. It is extremely rare to find known burials in a National Cemetery because the majority of these soldiers did not have dog tags. If you were killed in battle and if no one knew who you were or if you were so disfigured from a wound, you were listed as an unknown. For them [the Mohican Veterans] to call up and have these two [soldiers'] names, and for us to be able to find them is amazing." Poplar Grove has approximately 6,200 Union burials but only 2,100 are identified graves.

On Saturday, November 10, boy scouts, girl scouts, and soldiers from Fort Lee lit more than 6000 luminaries to honor the 6200 soldiers buried at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. Ancestors of soldiers who fought in the Petersburg Campaign as well as actors in period dress were stationed at a few different graves to inform the visitors about the people who were buried there. About 300 people attended.

Miller, Schedler, and Coyhis were stationed by John B. Coyhis' grave. They talked about the Native American's major contribution to the Civil War and pointed out that Lieutenant Colonel Ely Parker was a Seneca Indian. Parker's cabin was located just a few feet from Grant's cabin two miles east

of City Point National Cemetery. As General Ulysses S. Grant's adjutant, or "administrative assistant," Parker wrote the final draft of the Confederate surrender terms at Appomattox.

Roger Miller also explained to attendees how the Mohican Veterans have authentic letters written by Stockbridge-Munsee Civil War soldiers. "We told the visitors that our people were very, very well educated," Miller said. "In those letters, you can see the eloquence with how people spoke in those days. They really used true English because they were taught that way. They're writing is very fluent, very descriptive."

During his presentation, Miller said, "A lot of the people who came there did not know that Native Americans fought in the Civil War. One of the unique questions that was asked several times was: 'You guys couldn't vote. You were not citizens of the United States, so why did you guys join the military?' And I said, 'It's an individual's decision but there is this warrior concept in our culture to protect our family and land. That's why a lot of Native American's joined.'"

Later, Miller smudged the National Park Service staff, including their anthropologist Julie Steel, superintendent, and historians. "We thanked them all for taking care of all our cemeteries where our people are buried," Schedler said. "Don Coyhis blew the eagle whistle in four directions. Shortly after, an owl which was right behind us hooted."

After the event, Schedler sent the National Park Service's gravesite renovation proposals to Tribal Cultural Preservationist Sherry White. White will work with the NPS to make sure no Native American artifacts or skeleton bones will be stolen or disturbed. "Our tribe has a protocol on how [the repatriation of human remains] are supposed to be handled," Schedler said.

"People who are interested in our organization can come visit our memorial wall, and we have a lot of Civil War Veteran's there," Roger Miller said. "We're still finding out about more veterans and placing more on the wall every year as part of our dedication to our service personnel." Schedler, who is currently writing a book on Mohican Veterans of the Civil War, agreed saying, "There are about 12 or 13 Stockbridge-Munsee Civil War Veterans that we are still looking for."

The Mohican News would like to thank Nation Park Service Historian James Blankenship, Jr. for contributing to the accuracy of this article.

**Therapist cont from page One:**

break that cycle of addiction, I would feel like I'm doing something for the world."

Suquet is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and a mother of three children: Anthony, 21 years old; Benjamin, 18 years old; and Elisabel, 14 years old. She currently lives in Green Bay but is considering relocating closer to the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center. "I was given the okay to do so by my daughter who just started high school at Green Bay West," Suquet explained.

Evangeline Suquet's extensive educational credentials begin in 2000 when she received an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (A.O.D.A.) Counseling from Fox Valley Technical College. Some of the courses she studied include Group Facilitation, Understanding Addictions, and the Assessment and Diagnosis of Substance Abuse. During this degree, she had an internship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin. In 2004, she took classes in Professional Communications, Language in the Arts, and Research Methods to earn her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Silver Lake College. Suquet furthered her education at Lakeland College and later received a Master in Arts Degree in Counseling in the year 2007. While studying Counseling Theory, Assessment in Counseling, Social and Cultural Issues, and Group Processes, she took her Practicum Placement at Oneida Behavior Health.

"I worked full time during the day and I went to school at night. And, so I sacrificed a lot, but not so much that I missed a lot of my children's activities," Suquet said. "They were actually great motivators for me. When I felt like quitting they really encouraged me. You know,

**Meeting cont from page Two:**

is available to the college.

Microsoft Word is a college-level course that will help a student better understand the application of beginning to intermediate word processing functions including: tables, charts, graphics and forms are introduced along with business writing. CMN hopes to bring this class to Bowler High School on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30.

'Mom you raised us not to be quitters. How are you even talking about dropping out or dropping a class? You can do this!' So, they were always good cheerleaders for me to keep me motivated in my course work. So, I did something right as a parent," Suquet laughed.

From 2009 to 2012, Suquet was a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor for the Oneida Tribe where she provided extensive individual and group counseling, kept case notes, and assisted in staff team meetings and taught counseling skills.

When asked how she likes her job at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center, Suquet said, "Oh, I love it. It's so very different from the environment that I was working in. Just the minimal about of paper work [I have to do] as opposed to where I was working before. This gives me the opportunity to really focus on the client and work with the client. You know, assisting them in obtaining the tools that they need in order to live a happy, healthy lifestyle, instead of trying to get 12,000 sheets of paperwork done."

Suquet's hobbies and interests include: reading, walking, beadwork, arts and crafts, and spending time with her family and friends.

As a single mother who worked full time while going to school, Suquet believes all her hard work has paid off. She hopes other single parents can accomplish their goals as well. "I would just really encourage them to continue working at obtaining their dream because it is obtainable. There are sacrifices that need to be made, but in the end when you finally obtain that goal, it's so, so satisfying. Your kids can say, 'Even though we struggled, she's successful and she did it with honors and she did it with every fiber of her being'."

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**On Tuesday, December 18, 2012, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made, carried, defeated or died:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

**Add:** Forestry Minutes after the Swearing In of Officer Hoffman

Newton Proclamation after the Forestry Minutes

Headstart Grant Application after Selection of Education Board Member

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revised Regular Tribal Council agenda of Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. (adding a personnel issue to Executive Session) Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION-Scott R. Vele, Tribal Council Member**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Proclamation for the Newton Community, whereas, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council is the recognized governmental body of the Tribe; whereas, senseless acts of violence occurred on December 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut, that resulted in the death of 20 children and 6 adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School; whereas the Tribe grieves with the families of the victims and the Newton Community over the loss of their loved ones; and whereas, the Tribe wishes to support the survivors of this tragedy as they deal with the aftermath of the horror and loss that they have suffered; now therefore, in honor of all the victims of this tragedy and in fellowship and support of the survivors, be it proclaim, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, on behalf of itself and the Tribal Community, hereby extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of all those involved in this trauma and orders that all flags at Tribal facilities be flown at half-staff through December 21, 2012. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICE HOFFMAN-**

President Chicks administered the Oath of Office to Officer Adam J. Hoffman.

**FORESTRY MINUTES-Beau Miller, Forestry Committee Member**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the Regular Forestry Meeting minutes of Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Regular Forestry Meeting minutes of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and to

approve the recommendation for the Asa Doxtator lot clearing request and permission grant to all non-tribal attendees of the Inter-Tribal Timber Council Symposium Tour on Tribal Lands. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

**FY2012 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT-**

**Randy Young, Director of Housing and Lori Robinson, Housing Accountant**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of the Housing Director Randy Young, for the President to sign the FY2012 Annual Performance Report as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**FARMLAND BIDS FOR 2013-15 GROWING SEASON-Chad Miller, Land Management**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to award the agriculture leases for five farm fields in Red Springs to Travis Andrus for \$198.00 per acre, per year. Seconded by Joe Miller.

**Roll Call:** Scott no, Terrie yes, Shan yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

**FY2013-14 EPA CLEAN WATER GRANT APPLICATION-Luke Hennigan, Hydrologist**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the application for the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Section 106 Water Pollution Control Program funds FY2013-2014. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

**FY2012 ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION GRANT-Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the recommendation of Crystal L. Malone, the Assistant Director of the Economic Support Department for the FY2013 Wisconsin Tribal Elderly Transportation Grant Program Application, as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**DNA TESTING LABE RECOMMENDATION-Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Crystal Malone, the Economic Support Assistant Director, to accept the bid from DNA Diagnostics Center Inc, of Fairfield, Ohio, for the DNA Testing Lab and that it should be run through legal for review. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY ROOF BIDS-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the recommendation of the



Facilities Manager, William Terrio, to award Joseph Templeton the bid not to exceed a set amount for the Arvid E. Miller Library Museum Roof. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker amends motion adding: alternate number two for a price of not to exceed a set amount. Second concurs.

**Roll Call:** Scott yes, Shan yes, Terrie yes, Wally yes, Doug no and Joe no. Motion carried.

**MOHICAN NORTH STAR GAMING & RESORT AUDIT-Mohican Gaming Commission**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of the Gaming Commission, after review of the Tribal Council and the staff at North Star Casino to accept the Mohican North Star Gaming and Resort audit as presented. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

**SELECTION OF EDUCATION BOARD MEMBER-**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to appoint Dawn Espinoza to the Education Board. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

**HEADSTART GRANT APPLICATION-Delores Meek, Headstart Manager**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Delores Meek, the Headstart Manager, to approve the Headstart year one of three federal grant application for the funding year of 2013-2014, as submitted. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 5:40 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried at 6:11 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on the enrollment minutes, a personnel/human resource matter and a Tribal Member Request.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll Cam Johnson. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion maker amends motion to include: with a blood degree of 97/256. Second concurs.

**Roll Call:** Scott yes, Shan yes, Terrie abstain, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to offer the position of CFO to Tammy Wyrobeck. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

**Roll Call:** Scott no, Terrie yes, Shan yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas William Huck to appoint Terrance Miller and Tammy Wyrobeck as the interim casino general manager. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

**Roll Call:** Scott no, Terrie yes, Shan yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

**OPEN AGENDA ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried at 6:19 PM.



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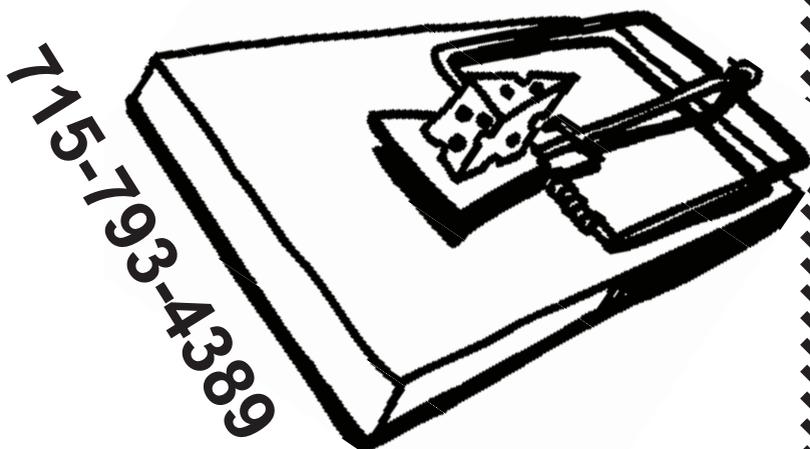
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