



Governor Walker pictured with Tribal Council Member Joe Miller on a visit to the Community in the summer of 2011.

More than one million signatures collected to recall Walker

Statement by WEAC President Mary Bell and Statement by The Friends of Scott Walker

The grassroots organization United Wisconsin today (Tuesday, January 17) announced that more than 1 million signatures have been collected to force a recall election of Governor Scott Walker. The following statement may be attributed to Mary Bell, a Wisconsin teacher and president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council, the state's largest union of educators:

"Today's announcement is resounding proof that residents from every part of the state intend to stand up for Wisconsin values by recalling Governor Walker. We are proud of our members and leaders

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New Tribal Deputy Tribal



By Jeff Vele Mohican News Editor

Ashley Bennett has been hired as a new Tribal officer for the S-M Police Department. Ashley is an enrolled Tribal member who grew up, went to school, and graduated in Gresham. Bennett said the late Mr. B of Gresham was her grandfather and she has two children, Tristan and Jayden and her significant other is Mike West. She graduated from the Technical Institute (ITT) in Green Bay in 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. She also attended NWTC where she was successful in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program and gained further schooling in Nursing and Early Childhood Development. Ashley said she has held a number of jobs leading up to her career choice of police officer; she has been a florist assistant, an auto parts driver, housekeeper, and hotel front desk clerk. Bennett loves working with people and actually began her educational pursuit with an idea in mind of becoming a probation and parole officer.

In her spare time, Ashley loves music, reading, and spending time with her family doing things such as camping, fishing and other outdoor activities. Ashley said life led her down the path to a police officer and she is happy to be where she is today.

Elders Celebrates 98



Gin Johnson enjoys a taste of her birthday cake

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Family and friends of Virginia "Gin" Johnson got together at the Groove of the Mohican North Star Casino/Resort on January 10, 2012 for a birthday party to celebrate her 98th birthday. Several Tribal Council members were on hand to celebrate with Gin. President Chicks welcomed everyone to the celebration and Vice-President Wally Miller read the following proclamation from Tribal Council:

WHEREAS, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe and the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council is the recognized governmental body of the Tribe;
WHEREAS, Virginia "Gin"

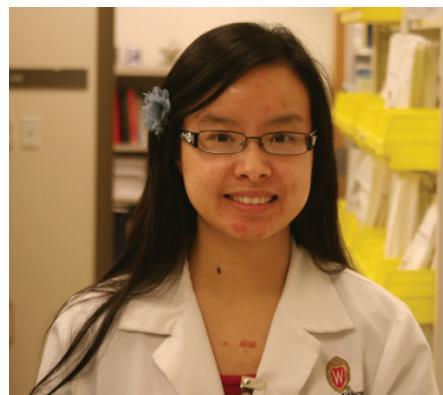
Mohawk Johnson is the last surviving full-blooded member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community;

WHEREAS, Family is important to Ms. Johnson and she raised 5 children of her own with her late husband Leonard Johnson, but also helped to raise 6 foster children and other children that happened along, and now has numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has worked with various tribal youth programs, was honored for her contributions to the community in 1996, was named Elder of the Year by the Education Program in 1998 for her work with the youth and has served on the Elder Steering Committee and the Historical

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New Student at Stockbridge-Munsee Pharmacy



Phueng (nickname "Pie") Cha is a fourth year pharmacy student from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Pharmacy. She is currently working at the

Stockbridge - Munsee Health and Wellness Center from January 9th, 2012 to March 3rd, 2012. Pie was born in Thailand and grew up in Milwaukee, WI with her four brothers and one sister. She was a pharmacy intern at Wal-Mart pharmacy for over 2 years and will graduate in May 2012. Her career goal is to be employed in a position that allows her to assess and implement projects to meet healthcare needs, and she plans to pursue a rigorous administrative residency. In her free time, she enjoys bowling, singing to the radio, watching movies, and just relaxing at home.

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A recipe For Climate Action



An Editorial by Janet Redman
I relocated to California for several weeks last year to avoid the dog days of summer in the nation's capital. During my sojourn, state officials announced that they were closing Los Angeles' infamous 405 Freeway — America's busiest highway — for a July weekend. The authorities warned inhabitants of the car-crazed city to stay off the road to avoid the impending "Carmageddon." It worked. Instead of a traffic apocalypse, the streets of L.A. were stunningly quiet. Sixty-five percent fewer cars took to the road. How were Angelinos convinced to leave their wheels parked in the driveway? The answer, according

to Suzanne Shu of UCLA's Anderson School of Management, comes from the pages of the marketing playbook: fear. Fear can be turned into action when a problem is "not too scary and it's very clear what you have to do to avoid...bad outcomes," Shu said. A visceral understanding of the impending disaster, such as unbearable hours of parking-lot-simulating traffic, helped move people to change their behavior. L.A. drivers were offered a specific problem and clear solution. If they'd hang out at home for two days, they'd miss the mother of all traffic jams. The lesson is that it's not impossible to get Americans to change the way they operate on a daily basis, an essential aspect of any plan to slow the pace of global warming. I'm especially concerned about this since returning home from the international climate summit in South Africa, where virtually every country in the world agreed to postpone action on this crucial issue for eight more years. While governments procrastinate, the planet slips deeper into ecological crisis. In the United States alone, families spent \$53 billion last year coping with weather-related disasters. Yet conventional wisdom holds that comprehensive climate legislation

is off the table. Climate change is a huge, amorphous, diffuse, and long-term problem that's unlike anything we've seen before. Activists like me need to talk about it in a way that neither trivializes the seriousness of the problem nor freezes people in their tracks. One good option is to pick up where Shu leaves off. We need to help people understand what climate change feels like in a personal way. What hit home for me were the pictures of families searching through the rubble of last year's record tornados for vestiges of the "normal" life that had been destroyed. The floods, storms, heat waves, and wild fires that experts say will increase with more warming will likely be the first way that Americans internalize climate change. We know what we have to do to curb global warming: Stop releasing the greenhouse gas pollution that causes it. We even have good examples of how to do this. From the Navajo Nation to Appalachia, communities are shutting down dirty coal-fired power plants and demanding renewable energy in their place. There's a campaign for a federal tax on carbon that would discourage pollution and raise money for the public goods we need. And in California, as well as in Germany

and other countries, policies like low-carbon fuel standards and price supports like feed-in tariffs are bolstering clean energy. But the long list of things we can do doesn't get to the heart of the problem. Our economy is built on the premise that we can consume infinitely, even though the laws of science tell us that oil, fresh water, and many of the other resources we consume are non-renewable — at least not in our lifetimes. It's time to mobilize a bold movement to force all levels of government to make a systemic shift to ecologically sane policies. The thousands of people now occupying city parks and the hundreds of thousands of others who are helping them make it through the winter might form the backbone of the peaceful uprising needed to motivate millions of Americans to take action. That makes me hopeful. Still, I'd be lying if I said I weren't scared stiff by the specter of climate chaos.

While we have the gift of life, it seems to me the only tragedy is to allow part of us to die - whether it is our spirit, our creativity, or our glorious uniqueness.

Gilda Radner (1946 - 1989)
Comedian

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Monday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday : 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 – 4:30 pm

The Education Department is here to serve the needs of the SM-Community. Please contact us if you have any questions, and we will be happy to assist you.

Tribal Members that firewood permits are available at the Forestry Office from 7:30 to 8am each morning or by calling Tom Kazik at 715-881-0590.

The Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library-Museum is now on Facebook. On our page you will find notices of our new exhibits, new acquisitions, tribal historical facts and tidbits, and old photographs. We will also post photographs for help with identification. We welcome you to "follow" us Facebook!

Dear Editor:
Anything I write is my own opinion, and may not reflect the opinion of anyone else. I say this because I have no wish to have anyone blamed for anything I may say. I am very frustrated at the length of time our people have been forced to wait for consideration and approval of a new Tribal constitution. American Indians across the United States are amending their Tribal Constitutions to focus on transparency and accountability, creating laws that apply to the issues on their individual reservations. Correcting the flawed Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) documents adopted by more than 170 Tribes since its' enactment in 1934. Each IRA constitution is identical, from the Preamble to the very end. Separate Tribes need only to fill in the blanks for name, jurisdiction, and so forth. Prewritten articles slyly removed all sovereign powers of self governance from voting members, and handed it over to the elected governing body, in our case, the seven member Tribal Council.

There are no qualifications for becoming an elected member of the Tribal Council, no education requirements, training or experience, no consideration of reputation or mental capability, special skills; candidates may be felons, thieves, liars, alcoholics, or even mentally [handicapped]. No accountability to the voting members, only to the Secretary of the Interior. The only restriction is that they must be residents of Red Springs or the reservation. These are a few of the major flaws of the outdated constitution and by-laws. Nearly seventy-five years later, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Robert Little for District 21 Supervisor



I am running for the position of County Board Supervisor of District 21 Shawano County. I will represent the people in this district, not as a politician with a lot of fake promises, but to further the wishes of the 1500+ constituents in this district. I grew up on a small farm in the township of Redsprings and have come to know most of you, so would appreciate your vote on April 3, 2012.

is deeply indebted to another Tribe. How did this happen? Isn't our Tribal government a constitutional democracy, by the people and for the people? How is it possible that only the Tribal Treasurer and elected President, have the authority to borrow millions of dollars without the express approval of the voting members? Remember, there is no direction for the SM Tribal Council to follow. Article VII, section (e) authorizes them: To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Community in accordance with the terms of a Charter that may be issued to the Community by the Secretary of the Interior; too bad! No Charter-the Tribal President had it revoked, or repealed in 1994. This action required a Secretarial election just as is required by the Tribal Constitution, was there a vote by the members to dump the Charter? I cannot remember one, but the lack of a Charter removed financial controls, so perhaps our millions of dollar indebtedness may be blamed on that lack.

1937 constitution has had only one amendment, and that has never been used. In 1937 one hundred and nineteen members approved this constitution, although the 1940 census report contains the names of 460 SM Indians and their spouses, all residents of the reservation. There are no records to show who was permitted to vote, or if any were denied. On December 29, 1994 the Tribal Council received a letter from Robert Jaeger, then Superintendent of the BIA at Ashland, Wisconsin. This was following the '94 Tribal uprising. Mr. Jaeger blamed the lack of



I Miss Dave Besaw

I will miss Dave Besaw. He did so much in regard to his contributions to community health and well-being through his years of service as director of the clinic. That must have been a real challenge. I admired his traditional ways and the fact that he integrated natural healing plants with modern medicine. He had the vision and understanding to see good wherever it might exist. He was modest, too. I never once heard him going on about his accomplishments.

The presentation that Dave and Misty Davids Cook gave at the history conference last fall was outstanding. Misty did a marvelous job of presenting. Her speech was filled with facts that were presented with warmth and humor. Her respect for Dave was evident as was the fact that he had chosen to pass on his wealth of knowledge to a most

worthy apprentice. I had tears in my eyes when he surprised her and Jermaine and Woody with her 'official' graduation certificate. I guess we all knew that Dave was saying good-bye yet, I think, it was clear that he was comfortable, maybe relieved, to be passing the mantle to Misty.

I grew up with Dave and it is hard to say good-bye. There are so many happy memories. It cannot have been easy to live alone most of your life like Dave did and to suffer with major health conditions. He had been near death before and knew he was living on borrowed time. Yet he stayed active in the community and stayed in touch with those of us who live away. I can hear him singing "We-nay-yuh" about the wind passing through the trees. I will think of him when the wind blows. I would like to think that it might be Dave's spirit passing by. Judy (Putnam) Hartley

To all of the Reservation residents:

In the contract between the solid waste collector and the tribe, each household is allowed to put out a total of four cubic yards of recycling and garbage each collection. Four yards is equal to roughly seven 50-gallon bags or containers. Harters has had some cases where residents have put out an enormous amount of garbage and recycling. In one case there was twelve 55 gallon carts. In another case there were thirty-two 55gal bags and with two 55 gallon carts. This is by far way to much!! If this was a commercial operation, then a commercial hauler and a dumpster should be contracted. Both of these were in one week. This would have filled the truck.

If you need suggestions as how to reduce the amount of solid waste that you generate, contact the environmental office. **Remember, every thing you buy or use must be mined from the earth or cut from a forest. By buying so much "stuff" that will soon be garbage, you are contributing to mother earth being mined and deforested. This is not nice. I believe we can learn to live in a more responsible way with the only earth we have.**

Please pass this on to persons who live on the reservation and do not receive this e-mail.

Greg Bunker
Manager - Tribal Environmental Department

updating of the 1937 Constitution for much of the problem, and a lack of an internal forum to resolve internal Tribal disputes. He also wrote that there is a need for change to prevent any future disruption. Today, we have a chance to make sure that our Constitution clearly declares the will of the members, as Mr. Jaeger stated, through amending the 1937 Constitution, or if necessary, a complete revision. In 2002 the Tribal Council appointed members to accomplish this, and the work began. Needed are strong laws to protect the assets of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community today. Developers are anxious to use gullible, easy to fleece Tribal leaders, to their advantage.

The SM Constitution Committee has planned for a General Council,

and in early drafts it was called the Governing Body, holding all Tribal governing authority, and delegating certain powers to elected and employed members. Priority should be on qualifications, and duties and responsibilities, a separation of powers, and term limits. Why are term limits important? Term limits prevents one person from gaining too much power and representing only one faction of the public. It brings newcomers into office so they represent different parts of public interest.

A Tribal Constitution is your will for how you want to be governed, we must not let intimidation, or fear of loss cause us to keep quiet, or not speak for our rights, and the future of our descendants.

Eleanor



Elder Wisdom



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S/M Elderly Services is pleased to announce our participation in the Wolf River Region ADRC as a satellite office. DeAnna DeNasha is The Information & Assistance Technician as well as the Elderly Benefit Specialist.

It is important to stress that DeAnna will be available to ALL community Elders and still may be reached at 715-793-4237. The services for Elders has NOT changed but being a satellite office for the ARDC will enable us to reach more clientele and get them in touch with valuable resources & information they may be seeking.



The Mohican Veterans are selling Stockbridge-Munsee Flags and the C-store will be selling Mohican Veterans T-shirt's.

The Mohican Veterans are selling the Stockbridge-Munsee flags for \$65 for the 4x6 and \$30 for the 2x3. T-Shirts available at the Little Star Convenience Store in various sizes and colors selling at \$25 each. Contact Robert Little at 715 787-2535 or Gregg Duffek at 715 793-5007

Boosting your retirement plan contributions

By Jason Alderman

For the first time since 2009, the IRS has increased the amount people can contribute to their 401(k) and other defined contribution plans. Effective January 1, 2012, the maximum annual contribution grows by \$500 to \$17,000, thanks to an increase in the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U), a common measure of inflation the IRS uses to determine whether or not to increase dozens of tax-related numbers from year to year.

Here's an overview of what will and won't change in 2012 with the more common retirement savings plans:

Defined contribution plans. In addition to increasing the maximum allowable annual contribution to 401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and federal Thrift Savings plans to \$17,000, these additional factors apply:

- People over 50 can also make an additional \$5,500 in catch-up contributions (unchanged from 2011).
- The annual limit for combined employee and employer contributions increased by \$1,000 to \$50,000.
- Because your plan may limit the percentage of pay you can contribute, your maximum contribution may actually be less. (For example, if the maximum contribution is 10 percent of pay and you earn \$50,000, you could only contribute \$5,000.)
- Company-matching contributions do not count toward your maximum contribution.

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). The maximum annual contribution to IRAs remains unchanged at \$5,000 (plus an additional \$1,000 if 50 or older). Maximum contributions to traditional IRAs are not impacted by personal income, but if your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits, the maximum you can contribute to a Roth IRA gradually phases out:

- For singles/heads of households the phase-out range

is \$110,000 to \$125,000 (up from \$107,000 to \$122,000 in 2011). Above \$125,000, you cannot contribute to a Roth.

- For married couples filing jointly, it's \$173,000 to \$183,000 (up from \$169,000 to \$179,000 in 2011).

Keep in mind these rules for deducting IRA contributions on your federal tax return:

- If you're single, a head of household, a qualifying widow(er) or married and neither spouse is covered by an employer-provided retirement plan you can deduct the full IRA contribution, regardless of income.
- If you are covered by an employer plan and are single or a head of household, the tax deduction phases out for AGI between \$58,000 and \$68,000 (up from \$56,000 to \$66,000 in 2011); if married and filing jointly, the phase-out range is \$92,000 to \$112,000 (up from \$90,000 to \$110,000 in 2011).
- If you're married and aren't covered by an employer plan but your spouse is, the IRA deduction is phased out if your combined AGI is between \$173,000 and \$183,000 (up from \$169,000 to \$179,000 in 2011).
- For more details, read IRS Publication 590 at www.irs.gov.

Retirement Saver' Tax Credit: As an incentive to help low- and moderate-income workers save for retirement through an IRA or company-sponsored plan, many are eligible for a Retirement Savers' Tax Credit of up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 if filing jointly). This credit lowers your tax bill, dollar for dollar, in addition to any other tax deduction you already receive for your contribution.

Qualifying income ceiling limits for the Retirement Savers' Tax Credit increased in 2011 to \$57,500 for joint filers, \$43,125 for heads of household, and \$28,750 for singles or married persons filing separately. Consult IRS Form 8880 for more information.

EARN (AND KEEP) MORE MONEY

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Once you have reached your full retirement age (age 66 for anyone born between 1943 and 1954), the earnings test does not apply and you may earn as much money as you can without any effect on your benefits. However, if you are younger than full retirement age, collecting benefits and still working, we do offset some of your benefit amount after a certain earnings limit is met. For people under full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$14,640, and if you do reach that limit, we

withhold \$1 for every \$2 above that limit from your monthly benefit amount. For people who retired early, continue working and will obtain full retirement age in 2012, the exempt amount is \$38,880 and we will withhold \$1 for every \$3 you earn over the limit prior to the month you attain full retirement age from your monthly benefits. You can learn more about the earnings test and how benefits may be reduced by visiting our website, www.socialsecurity.gov, and searching on the topic "earnings test."

Rambling through history... ...with Dot Davids



HISTORY OF THE ARVID E. MILLER HISTORICAL LIBRARY MUSEUM



It was a long time ago, 1974, that we held our first grand opening of the Historical Library Museum. It sounds like ancient history now, but the Stockbridge-Munsee, due to strong leadership, had survived eight removals, the Great Depression, the dire poverty of the 1930s, World War II, the Relocation Program and the threat of termination.

When the Historical Library opened there was no Casino or Bingo. There were no legal offices, no tribal court, no tribal vehicles, no fire department, no Family Center, No Health and Wellness Center (although there may have been a clinic). There was no per capita and no gas mileage. It was a time before the Stockbridge-Munsee tribal government became the bureaucracy it has become with policies, procedures, committees, and per diems. (I wonder how many of you remember the "People's Committee." When problems arose in the community a group simply called for a meeting of the people and as many as eighty or more community members would arrive. By consensus, we arrived at a solution to the problem and made sure changes occurred. This was true democracy.)

But back to the Library Museum. Shortly after Arvid E. Miller, who had been Tribal President for 26 years, passed into the Spirit World, Bernice's house caught on fire. She was afraid that all his historical papers might have been destroyed in the fire, but then discovered that the neighbors had passed the papers, records and artifacts out through the back window of her burning house. For while, all these materials were kept in a huge army tent in her yard, later in an old trailer. In 1972, the Tribal County granted us the use of the east wing of the old CCC building which stands on the corner of Fairview and Mohheconnuck Road.

(A historical note within this historical piece now: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) building was used in the late '1930's as offices for the programs that were developing on the "new" reservation. It was later used as a church, a crafts center, offices for the Great Lakes Inter-tribal Community Action staff, and later as the Stockbridge-Munsee youth center. The building was later remodeled and used as the Personnel Office and now houses the Land and Enrollment and other offices.

That building itself has quite a history. Back in the 1970s, we cleaned and patched the room that would become the first Stockbridge-Munsee Library Museum. Then we wheel-barrowed the papers and artifacts over to the new space and piled them in the middle of the room. We were fortunate to have the volunteer services of Pauline Angione, a friend of Ruth Gudinas, and a student working on her graduate degree in library science at the University of Chicago. Pauline told us to get 500 file folders, a file cabinet, and a roll of shelf paper and then guided us in sorting, filing, and labeling the documents. Leila Murphy, Thelma Putnam, Dave Besaw, Tina Mae Williams, Blanche Jacobs, Beryl Putnam Schwab, Bernice Miller, Ruth Gudinas, and Bernice's daughters Sheila and Leah all helped sort and make decisions about file labels. Sheila and Leah served as our first librarians, archivists and file clerks.

Within a year we had outgrown the Youth Center and learned from Jack Miller, tribal president, that the tribal council had received a grant and was building us a new library museum on land released by Bernice Miller, wife of Arvid. They may have been of the first family to move to the new Reservation in the 1930s. The new library museum, a beautiful log structure, was dedicated in 1977.

Meanwhile, through our reading and studying of the library materials, we discovered many handwritten pages which were the result of Arvid Miller's research. We found important government papers and old Tribal Council Minutes as well as copies of speeches that Arvid Miller or

other tribal council members had given. It was truly a deep historical experience and further whetted our interest in tribal history. The Historical Committee decided that, as our goal, we would try to collect everything known about our tribe.

(Note: Rambler, during this time was working in Madison with the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Center for Community Leadership Development. This was a group charged with development of leadership among so-called "grass-roots" people ... those who did not serve on county, town boards, tribal, or other government boards. Needless to say, none of these boards cared to share their "power" with non-bureaucratic people, so, in some cases, so simply, there had to be "take-overs." Do you remember that in 1994, the people, supported by the elders in the community,

took over the tribal building? We occupied the building, with the support of the community, for 66 days. The same thing happened on other communities.

I still have some memories, and also my journals from this event. It sort of reminds me of the "Occupy" and the '99%ers" events of today.

Thus the dynamic activity began . . . more next time, about our dynamic history.

I believe that to win in life, you've got to become a dreamer again. You've got to become excited and "turned on" about your life and your future...And all most people really need is to know that there's a chance - an opportunity - for their dreams to come true.
Art Williams
Business Leader



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Gin has a great sense of humor and is always ready for a laugh!

Gin cont from page One:
Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of Ms. Johnson's birthday and in appreciation of her sharing her life and experience with the Tribe, **BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, on behalf of itself and the

tribal community, hereby extends its congratulations and wishes a happy birthday to Ms. Johnson.

As the Eldest and last full-blooded Tribal member, Gin is held in the highest regard by those in attendance and many more friends and relatives.

Tending the Lawn

"The grass is not, in fact, always greener on the other side of the fence," writes Robert Fulghum in *It Was on Fire When I Lay on It* (Villard Books). "Fences have nothing to do with it. The grass is greenest where it is watered. When crossing over fences, carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you may be."

Hello,
Pictured here are some common myths about smoking. Check it out and see how you score on your knowledge.
If you or someone you know needs assistance with quitting the abusive use of commercial tobacco, please contact myself, Dave Axt or Lydia Vitort.
My contact info is below and I am here to assist as needed.
Punkin

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Tobacco



Is what
you know about
smoking
wrong?

The 2010 Surgeon General's Report reveals new facts about smoking. Some may surprise you. This new research shows how tobacco smoke causes disease and addiction. Maybe it will change what you think about smoking.

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who volunteered their nights and weekends to help contribute to the success of this grassroots effort. It's been amazing to witness the energy and excitement coming from many individuals who have never been politically active before, but who want to take action to help reclaim Wisconsin." The Friends of Scott Walker campaign issued the following statement from Governor Walker today regarding the deadline for collecting signatures on recall petitions:

"I look forward to talking to the people of Wisconsin about my continued promises to control government spending, balance the budget, and hold the line on taxes. In my first year in office, we did just that by eliminating a \$3.6 billion budget deficit without raising taxes; all while the state added thousands of new jobs. Instead of going back to the days of billion dollar budget deficits, double digit tax increases and record job loss, I expect Wisconsin voters will stand with me and keep moving Wisconsin forward."

STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE COMMUNITY TEMPORARY FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2012

DATE	TIME	LOCATON
Wednesday March 14	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Wednesday May 16	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Wednesday June 13	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Thursday Aug 9	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Wellness Center
Friday Aug 10	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Wednesday Oct 17	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center

Per Tribal Code, Food Handler's Training and a Food Sales Permit is a requirement prior to selling food products within the Stockbridge Munsee Community.

Food Handler's training is made available six different times a year. Training is for anyone interested in safe food handling or planning to work a future food sale. This requirement does not apply to pot lucks or other events where food products are not being sold.

For first time Food Handler's as well as the experienced Food Handler's that need to renew their training (which is every 2-years) must register to attend one of the above listed trainings.

For more information, to register for training, or to request a Food Sale Permit please contact Gregg Duffek, Health Director, Mary Murray or Julie Casper at the S-M Health & Wellness Center at 715-793-4144.

Myth 1

Smoking is just a choice.

- The first time? Yes. After just a few cigarettes? No.
- Addiction to nicotine can happen quickly. It changes the chemical balance in your brain. Smoking may seem like it's just a choice or a habit. In fact, most people who use tobacco are addicted.
- Breaking nicotine addiction is harder for some people than others. Quitting can take several tries. But don't give up.
- If you need help to quit, ask your doctor about nicotine replacement, medicines, or coaching.

Myth 2

Filters make cigarettes safer.

- Filters do not protect you. They are designed to make smoke particles smaller. That makes nicotine easier to absorb. This increases addiction.
- Cigarettes have been engineered to speed up nicotine's path to your brain. Their design feeds addiction.
- Light or low-tar cigarettes may sound less dangerous. They aren't. These misleading labels are no longer allowed.
- No cigarette is safe. Tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals. At least 250 are toxic.

Myth 3

An occasional cigarette is no big deal.

- Smoking doesn't just cause diseases for heavy smokers or longtime smokers.
- The 2010 Surgeon General's Report shows how breathing tobacco smoke can cause immediate harm. Tobacco smoke can trigger sudden heart attacks and death, even in nonsmokers.
- Each cigarette you smoke hurts your lungs, your blood vessels, and cells throughout your body.
- Smoking a few cigarettes a week can cause a heart attack.
- Cutting back is not enough to protect you. You have to quit entirely.



Family



March WIC
6th - Cert day
7th - Check day
15th - Back-up day

If you have any questions please call Mary Murray 793-5006 or Julie Casper 793-5013.

Clarence Chicks at Haskell

Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas was originally called United States Indian Industrial Training School. It opened in 1884 with 22 students. Within one semester the student body grew to 400. In 1927, high school classes and post high school training were added. Industrial training became an important part of the curriculum in 1930s. During

the depths of the Depression many Stockbridge tribal members attended the college for education and for the room and board which was provided by the school. The following is a brief description of my story at Haskell. I attended in 1932 to 1937.

In 1932, Gresham had only two years of high school. I went there and had to share a desk with someone else. I left at lunch time

and said I never was going back. In the meantime, there had been a lot of talk about Haskell Indian School and several other tribal members were going there. Among them was Lawrence Jacobs, Vic Martin and Minerva Miller (my Uncle Ken's future wife).

Ma and Pa had to apply for me to have tuition, room and board paid for. The main reason they sent me was to get an education. Also, the free room and board

helped the family. I finally found out that I was accepted, but didn't have much time to prepare. I had to go to Keshena to get a physical and pack to go.

Haskell paid for your trip there and your trip home when you graduated. Any other trips home had to be covered by your family. My sister, Arminta said that Ma was afraid she wouldn't see me

Clarence cont on page Ten:

MOHICAN FAMILY CENTER RECREATION CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>February</h1>		1 10 Headstart to Fitness 12-1 Noon-ball 12:30 Round Dancing 3:35-4 Circle of Nutrition 3:45-4:30 Karate Class 4:45-5:30 Zumba 6-8:30 Teen Night 6:30 Round Dancing	2 12-1 Noon-ball 3:35-4 Circle of Nutrition 6-8:30 Tween Night	3 3:35-4 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time 6-9 Healthy Potluck 10-Round Dance	4 Fitness 9-Noon Open gym 2:30-7 Pow-Wow Trip Pending?	
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Happy 98th Birthday Gin Johnson



Bob Chicks, Gin, great-g-daughter and Verna



Gin and Chris Blum



Gin and her children



Ellen Schreiber was trying to keep her distance but Photoshop took care of that



Joe Blum and Gin



Gin & grandchildren and great-grandchildren



George Johnson and Gin



Gin and three of her great-grandchildren



Mabel Miller, Donna Bucholz and Gin



Rainer Posselt and Shannon Holsey



Ron Blum and great-children with Gin



Gin and V. P. Wally, who read the Proclamation



Bonnie Welch, Bill Terrio, and Kirby Welch, Sr.



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Clarence cont from page Seven:
for 3 years. I was 15 years old at the time and had never been away from home or even anywhere further away than Shawano.

So, at the end of August 1932, a group of us, including Roland Miller and Puga Martin, left Shawano for Kansas. One of the girls from the Greuenwald family who lived close to us (we called it the Ranch) had a boyfriend with a car. He took us to the train station in Shawano at about midnight. There we met 4 or 5 Menominee students who we got to know very well on our trip down. In Shawano, we all boarded a beat-up train which took off to Milwaukee. Everyone had a lunch packed since no one could afford the dining car, if there even was one.

Immediately, upon getting on the train, I felt homesick and continued being homesick for about a month after I got to Haskell. It was the first time I had been away from my family. There was no money for phone calls. Anyway, my folks didn't have a phone. We could only communicate by letter. And it took a while for mail to arrive. Students wrote home, received stamps from home and sometimes money, probably quarters. Since we were so far from home, I was glad there were other students there that I knew.

We changed trains at Chicago, and headed to Lawrence, Kansas. The trip took a day. When we got to Lawrence, Vic Martin met us at the train. Vic had a friend who owned a car. Otherwise, we wouldn't have known anyone. We arrived late at night and were shown to our rooms. We had a room which was too small for a bed. So, we slept on the Sleeping Porch which had no heat but we had plenty of blankets. The next morning we had our first breakfast, which probably was cereal and milk, in the dining room. I took my very first shower ever that day.

At the time, Haskell had about 900 students. There were two dormitories for girls and two for boys. Girls had a matron and boys had a boy's advisor, who had an office in the boy's dormitory. Two people were assigned to a room. There were also those Sleeping Porches for overflow. With plenty of blankets these rooms were ok for sleeping. My first room was shared with Roland Miller and Clifford Madosh.

Haskell had a 900 acre farm with milking cows. Mules did the farming. The school grew tomatoes, potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn and pigs. They

had a big root cellar and fed the students well. Food was pretty good considering what supplies must have been available. There was meat every meal. They had a very good bakery. We probably had fresh bread every day with butter. I learned to love liver there. They baked it with bacon wrapped around it.

At mealtime, we sat at tables and food was served family style. The first year it was divided; girls at one table, boys at another. The 2nd year I was there, 3 girls and 3 boys were at a table. In addition to the cafeteria there was also a restaurant close by that I think may have been run by the school. You could get a hamburger for 5 cents and chili for 10 cents.

Everyone got assigned chores either in the dorms, on the farm or in the laundry. My least favorite chore was in the laundry. It was hard work taking the wet sheets out of the washer. On Saturday morning you took your sheets off your bed and got clean sheets, work clothes, overalls and work shoes.

We had roll call every morning in the basement on benches. Classes started at 8:00 and went for only a half-day. The other half of the students went to trade school or work. Classes included Science, English, Math, and History and Health class. They didn't have a college preparatory program or a 12th grade. The Superintendent was Dr. Henry Roecloud, either from the Ho-Chunk or Sioux tribe. He graduated from Yale University. He would often address the whole student body.

Teachers were good, plus they didn't give too much homework. Every class had a different teacher. My science teacher was way ahead of her time, talking about harnessing the power of the atom. I remember that my English teacher was very strict and didn't allow the students to show any misbehavior. Each evening at the school, one hour was designated to work on homework.

After being at the school for several months, I found that I liked the classes and really loved to learn. My favorite subjects were science and math. I got good grades and helped other students with their studies.

Haskell also offered more activities than just the regular course work. There also was a music department and a band. Haskell also had a good athletic department and always had good football teams. I was on the track

team and ran the mile and the quarter-mile. I earned my letter, which among other things let you into all sporting events free of charge. There was a basketball court to play during free time. We couldn't afford basketball shoes so we all played in our bare feet.

Among the exciting events at the 1934 Homecoming game, Jim Thorpe gave an exhibition of drop kicking. At that time, Jim Thorpe was already famous as a football player and athlete when he attended Carlyle Indian School in Pennsylvania. My uncle Bert Miller actually roomed with him one year there. At least that is what the family remembers.

Haskell also had a hospital with a full-time doctor on campus. Later on, my brother John and I became patients at the hospital when we had our tonsils removed the same day.

Riding the Rails: First Trip Home

Since Haskell did not cover your trips home while you were in school, some kids stayed there all year long because they could not afford to make the trip home. My first summer, my Dad gave permission to come home hitching a ride on the freight trains.

At that time, during the Depression, many people traveled on empty boxcars. They just jumped on the train while it was waiting in the railroad station. Along the way, there were many "hobos" who knew how to travel and could tell people which train went where. Of course, no schedules were available for these "passengers". There certainly weren't many 15 year olds traveling the freights alone.

That summer a Chippewa friend who lived in Phelps, Wisconsin decided to catch the freight trains with me. My dad had sent \$5 for food so I shared this with my friend. With the \$5, we were able to purchase a can of beans, a loaf of bread and some baloney.

During the first leg of our journey, we hitchhiked to Kansas City. My dad had told me anytime you get lost or need help, tell a policeman. So we went to the police station and the policeman helped us find a place to stay for the night. We got a room and a dinner meal at the Salvation Army. We could have had breakfast there the next morning but we were anxious to continue on our way home.

At that time, there were over 400 hobos riding the rails throughout the area. Every town had a Hobo Jungle near the railroads. The hobos directed us to a train heading for Chicago. Unfortunately, we didn't know the train was going to split and go two different directions. Half went to Chicago and half went to Des

Moines. And of course, we ended up on the train to Des Moines. We had to get off the train there because that was the end of the line.

We were able to find a train headed to St. Paul. Our plans were to get a train from there to Northern Wisconsin. When we arrived we bought that loaf of bread, a can of beans, and baloney. That night we slept on park benches and covered ourselves with newspapers. It was not the most comfortable night but we were able to sleep.

Next morning we caught a train going to northern Wisconsin. Because we didn't have the best night's sleep and were tired from traveling, we both fell asleep. When we woke up, we found we had gone too far. We were in Superior. We started hitchhiking and stopped at a filling station to get a drink of water. The owner asked where we were going and asked us if we would like breakfast. He cooked a big breakfast for us.

We continued on our way. We were able to hitchhike to Ashland where we caught a train going south. My friend got out at Phelps. I continued on to Antigo. I got off the train in Eland, Wisconsin and started walking to Shawano. At the time, I thought I would have to walk to Shawano in order to get to Gresham. But walking along, I came upon a sign that said "Gresham 7 miles." When I arrived home I was so glad to finally arrive.

All of this time, my folks did not know where I was or when I would be getting home. The best thing about the trip is that it taught me that I could rely on myself.

Returning to Haskell

Returning to Haskell, my dad had to sell a whole field of corn to get a train ride from Chicago to Lawrence. This was the year of 1933. There was a World's Fair in Chicago and there were excursion trains to Chicago. So, once we reached Chicago, we were able to buy bus tickets to Lawrence, Kansas.

Final Years

My last two years I took Commercial course/business. This included: Shorthand, typing, Business English and Accounting. I graduated in 1937 and got my first job in the depths of the depression. This job paid a salary of \$90 per month. When I told this to my nephew, he said "You meant \$90 a week, didn't you?" I worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in St. Louis. It was in a warehouse which shipped supplies to the Tribes. I lived in a boarding house which was a \$1 a day and included food. I wasn't able to return home until I had enough money to buy a car.

Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center
Community Health Department
Diabetes Prevention Group

The community Health Department is starting a new group for individuals that are not diabetics but are at risk for the disease.



We will be focusing on individual goal setting and discussing how exercise and nutrition plays a huge role in prevention

Deadline for signing up is **February 1st.**
This will be a 26 week group that will **start February 1st.**



You will be working with a fitness assistant and dietitian to assist you with your nutrition and exercise goals in the program.



If you would like to join or have any questions please call:
Sera Jagemann @ 715-793-5064 or
Mary Murray @715-793-5006



Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center
Community Health Department
Diabetes Prevention Group

The goal of this program is to help reduce your risk of diabetes.
It will start February 1st and run 26 weeks

For this program you must do the following:

- Meet with the fitness assistant once a week
- Meet with the dietitian or the diabetes nurse educator once a week
- Not miss two consecutive weeks, and not miss more than 4 weeks total

Education: The focus will be on goal setting, exercise, and nutrition.

Did you know that losing 5-10% of your weight, plus physical activity can cut your risk for diabetes in half?

You must be the following to participate in this program:

- Stockbridge-Munsee Enrolled, Descendent, or other tribal affiliation
- Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center must be your primary care facility
- You must NOT have diabetes

This program and the incentives are to help encourage a healthier lifestyle and the ultimate prize is your better health!

Elena Cox -Diabetic Nurse - 715-793-5060

Mary Murray - Dietitian - 715-793-5006

Craig Kroening Jr. - Fitness Assistant - 715-793-4080

If you have any questions call Community Health Representative
Seralee Jagemann @ 715-793-5064

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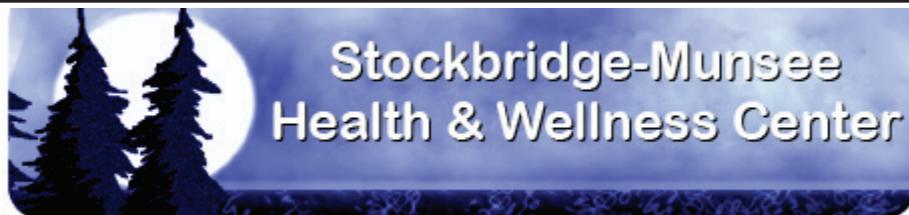
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Phone Home _____

By signing below you understand, and agree to the rules of this voluntary program.

Sign _____ Date _____



National Native Network Launches Updated Site to Keep Tobacco Use Sacred

Sault Ste. Marie, MI – The National Native Network, a national tribal commercial tobacco abuse prevention network, based at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM), has recently updated their website www.KeepItSacred.org, adding new events, articles, sections and publications. Visitors to the site can now review updated material for cultural specific use for tobacco. “We are working to make our website more interactive with the most up-to-date news and information on the dangers of commercial tobacco use and the harmful effects of second- and third-hand smoke,” said Kim Alford, National Native Network Program Manager at the ITCM. New features to the site include: news articles in the Headline Stories section; media center materials such as billboards and advertisements; an updated Tribal Smoke-Free Policy Toolkit; view and print the Indian Health Service (IHS) Fieldbook for Implementing Tobacco Control into the Primary Healthcare Setting. In addition, there is a new section for information and articles regarding chronic

diseases relating to commercial tobacco abuse as well as a tab specifically targeted to youth. The group recently contracted with Osियो Communications, a Native-American owned public relations, advertising and promotional firm from Oklahoma in the heart of the Cherokee Nation that works closely with tribes and rural communities across the U.S. “We are working diligently to be a one-stop shop for all tribes to find information on the dangers of commercial tobacco use, and ways to keep traditional tobacco sacred in our Native communities,” Alford said. “This issue is important to all American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the future of all tribes for many generations to come.” Anyone wishing to contribute a native-specific article for publication, event, media resources, or sample policies or resolutions, on the site can contact Kim Alford at 1-906-632-6896 ext. 139, or by email at admin@keepitsacred.org. For more information or to become a member of the site, visit www.KeepItSacred.org.

February is heart month

While everyone ought to take care of his or her heart since heart disease is the leading cause of death in America, for diabetics the risk of heart disease is 2 – 4 times higher than it is for the general population (Healthy people 2020). There are plenty of things you can do for your heart this month (eating old fashioned oatmeal for breakfast, doing aerobic exercise, losing weight, taking your cholesterol lowering medications every night, etc.).



One thing many people want to avoid doing is eating more fish. As conventional wisdom has taught us fish stinks (and if you participated in the family nutrition activity on calcium and vitamin D you would agree with that), but actually frozen or fresh fish fillets shouldn't smell all that



fishy, unless of course they are no longer good to eat. If you notice an odor when you bake fish it can help to bake it at a lower temperature (try about 400°F depending on your oven). Whatever temperature you set it to make sure your fish fillets reach an internal temperature of at least 145°F.

If you have tried fish and decided you don't like the taste, or that only fried fish is good, I would encourage you to give it another try this month. Fish can take on many different flavors based on what it is cooked with. Usually dried dill, ground red (cayenne) pepper, Cajun seasoning, rosemary, garlic, and lemon are good with fish. It might help to pick one seasoning and try it alone so you can tell if you like that taste or not. Seasonings can also be added to breading or fish can be marinated such as with a little French salad dressing and chopped vegetables. Keep an open mind and enjoy the flavors.

Taken from: <http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/overview.aspx?topicid=8>



Here are the winners from Bowler School's Geography Bee held this past Thursday at the school for fourth- through eighth-grade students. Jared Rickert, left, an eighth-grader, was crowned as the overall champion for the second straight year. Eddie Dispensa, a fifth-grader, took runner-up honors, while seventh-grader Brooke Breitrick finished in third place. Jared now qualifies to take a written state test to compare his geography knowledge with students from across the state.

Sustainable Living in February: Conserve Energy College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute KESHENA – WI - January 19, 2012

A few simple tweaks in your everyday routine can make a global difference. Living sustainably is not only easy to do with small steps, but is necessary to ensure a better quality of life for today and the future. With a few tips from the Sustainable Development Institute at College of Menominee Nation, the community and surrounding areas can work toward taking steps to a greener community in easy and rewarding ways.

"Sustainability" includes many facets, but living in harmony with the natural environment is a major theme. Reducing human impact on the environment can be done through simple changes in everyday habits. Reducing water waste, using less electricity, and gardening are a few examples.

In February, one way to begin living a more sustainable life is to keep an eye on energy usage—with more time spent indoors, less daylight, and cold Wisconsin weather, being aware of where your energy comes from and where it goes is a great stepping stone to saving not only money, but reducing energy use as well. It is important to monitor and conserve energy as it contributes to air pollution and greenhouse gasses. Mining, river damage, and toxic waste disposal are also associated with energy production.

At home, be sure all lights are shut off when no one is in the room, unplug unnecessary electronics, and make sure the TV is off before leaving the house or going to bed. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, about 75% of electricity used goes to products that are not even turned on.

Just being aware of what is

drawing energy when not in use is a good first step. If your phone is not charging, unplug the charger since it is still drawing energy.

According to the U.S. Energy Information System, 41% of energy used in homes is for space heating, followed by electronics, lighting and other appliances, water heating, and more. As we battle through cold winter weather, keep all storm windows shut and make sure to cover or plug drafty areas near doors or windows.

Here are some quick tips on energy saving:

- Replace conventional light bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs (fluorescent or LED)
- Keep lights off when not in the room
- Make sure storm windows are tightly shut
- Cover drafty areas
- Unplug appliances that are not in use
- Close an open damper when a fire isn't going, as heat still escapes here
- Wear a few more layers and keep the house temperature at a comfortable low, especially at night while sleeping or during the day when no one is home.

If you have any questions, comments, or requests on sustainability-related issues, please feel free to contact the Sustainable Development Institute by calling 715-799-6226 ext 3244 or e-mailing jedler@menominee.edu. Hopefully this column can help you begin a journey to living a more sustainable life. It is exciting and rewarding! www.sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org



Stockbridge-Munsee Community together with NTC offer a free

Goal Lab

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- ü Improve your math skills
- ü Prepare for the GED/HSED tests
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- ü Prepare for future training

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- ü Study at your own level
- ü Set your own goals
- ü Receive individual help
- ü Flexible – attend when possible
- ü Enroll anytime!

NEW LAB HOURS

Lab Hours:

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ü Use the Goal Lab to improve your basic skills and gain confidence in plans to seek a job or job training.

ü On your first visit to the Goal Lab, feel free to talk with the instructor about the skills you want to improve. You will decide together the best way to improve your skills.

ü Remember, there is no passing or failing the Goal Lab. You simply do the best and try to improve and learn more!

ü If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lynn Ninham @ 793-4582 or you may talk with our instructor, Roger Jarek, here at the Stockbridge Munsee Community Goal Lab during above hours.

On Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made and carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-STRIKE: Family Center Board Selection

Forestry Minutes of Dec. 7, 2011 Stipend Funds Request

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 as revised. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

TRIBAL FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2011-Amanda Stevens

Motion by Joe Miller to post the financials for October and November 2011. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST: AIGC-Douglas William Huck

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve to have monies taken out of donations for the American Indian Graduate Center. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY REPORTS, CASINO FINANCIALS AND BINGO FINANCIALS SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011-Brian Decorah/Beth Gilsoul

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the casino GM's report for September 2011, Casino financials for September 2011 and the bingo financials for September 2011. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the GM's monthly report for October 2011, casino financials for October 2011 and bingo financials for October 2011, the GM's monthly report for November 2011, the casino financials for November 2011 and the bingo financials for November 2011 as presented by the General Manager and the CFO. Seconded Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

CASINO JOB DESCRIPTION: PC Support Technician (revised)-Brian D./ Beth G.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the request of the General Manager to go along with the proposed revisions of the Pc Support Technician as presented and reviewed by Tribal Council. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

PROPOSED NEW 401K CONTRACTS-Bridget Swanke

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adopt resolution 016-12 which is approving the execution of the new 401k contracts which grants a waiver of sovereign immunity in relation to the contracts and the contracts are with Verisight and Wayne Hummer Investments which is part of a going trust with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in relation with Wayne Hummer Investments. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: Scott R. Vele yes, JoAnn

Schedler yes, Shannon Holsey yes, Douglas William Huck yes and Joe Miller yes. Wally Miller no. Motion carried.

CAPITAL PURCHASE REQUEST-Gregg Duffek

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve purchase of the new exam table for the Health Center.

Seconded by Scott. R. Vele.

Motion maker amends motion to say the funds are in the Health Center budget. Second does not concur.

Motion maker amends motion to say grant out of the funds out of the clinic immunization grant and nursing supply up to a set amount. Second concurs. Motion carried.

TRIBAL JOB DESCRIPTION: Police Chief, Tribal Forester & Forestry Aide-Bev M./ Jack H. Police Chief-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve position description for Police Chief as presented striking number 11 under duties. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: Scott R. Vele yes, JoAnn Schedler yes, Wally Miller yes, Douglas William Huck yes and Joe Miller yes. Shannon Holsey no. Motion carried.

Tribal Forester-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revised position description of the Tribal Forester at the posted salary starting salary at \$15.32, to remove negotiable and to go with pay grade 18 and all other revisions per the review and recommendations of the Forest Committee and the H.R. Acting Director. Seconded by Wally Miller.

Roll Call: Scott R. Vele yes, Shannon Holsey yes, Wally Miller yes, JoAnn Schedler no, Douglas William Huck no, and Joe Miller no. Chairman votes yes to break the tie.. Motion carried.

Forestry Aide-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to the approve the revisions to the Forestry Aide position as recommended by the Human Resource Acting Director, the Land Management and the Forestry Committee review and recommendation for approval that the position go to full time from pay grade 2 to pay grade 9 with a starting salary of \$9.87 and that the position be posted for hiring. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Roll Call: Scott R. Vele yes, Wally Miller yes, Shannon Holsey no, JoAnn Schedler no, Douglas William Huck no, and Joe Miller no. Motion defeated.

Motion by Douglas William Huck to approve the revised position description for the Forestry Aide as presented by Human Resources and Land Management. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Roll Call: Shannon Holsey yes, JoAnn Schedler yes, Douglas William Huck yes, and Joe Miller yes, Scott R. Vele no, Wally Miller no. Motion carried.

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-Jack Hieptas and



Larry Moede, Sr

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the Stockbridge-Munsee Community regular forestry minutes of January 4th, 2012. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST-JoAnn Schedler

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize the travel for JoAnn Schedler to attend the Delaware Water Gap Meeting with Sherry White and it's our understanding that the National Park Service will be picking up the cost of that travel. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST-Scott R. Vele

Motion by Douglas William Huck to approve up to three council members depending on schedules to attend the National Indian Gaming Association Winter Legislative Summit February 7-8, 2012. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

PSA-Ground Penetrating Radar-Joe Miller

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve request of Joe Miller to bring Radar Solutions International Employee to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for a presentation and those travels should not exceed a set amount to be taken out unallocated funds. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion maker withdraws his motion. Second concurs.

Motion by Scott R. Vele that the tribe will based on the recommendation of Joe Miller to take out of unallocated funds for the GPR survey work and the report that has been completed and to include monies of the delivery and review and discussion of those services with Radar Solutions International. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

LEAD ATTORNEY POSITION-Douglas William Huck

Motion by Joe Miller to rescind the previous council action directing the Chairperson to RFP the Lead Attorney services to an outside law firm, rescind that motion. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: JoAnn Schedler yes, Douglas William Huck yes, and Joe Miller yes, Wally Miller yes, Scott R. Vele no, Shannon Holsey no. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to direct H.R. to set up an interview with the one qualified tribal member applicant. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler.

Roll Call: JoAnn Schedler yes, and Joe Miller yes, Scott R. Vele no, Shannon Holsey no Douglas William Huck no, Wally Miller no. Motion defeated.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to have

the H.R. set up a screening for the Lead Attorney once that has been completed forward the dates for interviews. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker amends motion that the Human Resources department will set the interviews based on the best available date by the majority of the Tribal Council any time after January 20th, 2012. Second concurs.

Roll Call: JoAnn Schedler yes, Scott R. Vele yes, Shannon Holsey yes, Douglas William Huck yes, Wally Miller yes, Joe Miller no. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA SELECTION OF (1) HEALTH BOARD MEMBER-

Motion by Joe Miller to appoint Betty Schiel to the health board. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF (1) CHILD PROTECTION BOARD MEMBER-

Motion by Joe Miller to appoint Misty Cook to the child protection board. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF (1) EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to appoint Kathy Robinson to the editorial board. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into executive session. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried at 7:05 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of executive session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried 7:26 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize human resources department to negotiate the wage and starting date with the Business Developer position as discussed in executive session. Seconded by Wally Miller.

Roll Call: JoAnn Schedler yes, Scott R. Vele yes, Wally Miller yes, Shannon Holsey no, Joe Miller no, Douglas William Huck abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to forward the complaint that was filed to the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association for their review. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: JoAnn Schedler yes, Wally Miller yes, Shannon Holsey yes, Joe Miller yes, Douglas William Huck yes, Scott R. Vele no. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the audit report from the Tribal Auditor. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Shannon Holsey. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 7:28 PM.

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