



Library Museum Tour Guide Retires

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

After five and a half years of working for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Nation as one of the Library Museum Tour Guides, Betty Groh was presented with a Pendleton blanket for her years of service to the Tribe.

In July of 2007, the Library Museum Manager, Nathalee Kristiansen, offered Groh the job. The position "was just everything I ever would've wanted it to be. I really did learn a lot about my Tribe," Groh said.

She was so good at her job that Kristiansen spoke only praise of her former employee. "She was always happy to see new faces visit the Library Museum. She always enjoyed telling the history of our tribe and every now and then she would share one of her own stories or memories," Kristiansen said.

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Home Health Aide Retires

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

Born and raised in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Jayne Pecore witnessed many changes while living on the reservation. "It's sure different," Pecore marveled. "We used to know every car by the sound of it, you know, because there wasn't much traffic. A car would go by and we'd say, 'Oh, that's Wally Raasch.'" Not only has she learned a lot about the community from a lifetime of experience but also from 22 years of listening to Elder's stories.

From 1990 to her retirement last month, Jayne Pecore worked as the Tribe's Home Health Aide where she assisted Elders, or anyone with physical limitations, with a wide variety of tasks. On an average day, she would meet with two people, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. "Some of them I'd have to do their wash, some of them I'd have to take to buy groceries, some of them I just straightened up around the house," Pecore explained. "If they wanted to visit, we were supposed to visit with them, but I always kept busy. It was something different every day. And that's what I liked. You never knew what you were going to do for that day. Sometimes you had to go jumpstart cars. Some of the people had strokes, so I had to help them take a bath or wash their hair. They asked me to do all kinds of things."

She loved the job and she kept Pecore continued on page Six:

Popular Native American Author Coming to Bowler

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

American Indian writer Joseph Bruchac is visiting the Bowler and Stockbridge-Munsee Community on Thursday, February 21, 2012. He is of Abenaki, Slovak, and English ancestry. Bruchac grew up in Greenfield Center, New York, which is a town at the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. He still lives in the same house where his maternal grandparents raised him. His family is dedicated to preserving Abenaki culture, language, music, and, tradition.

On Thursday, February 21, Joseph Bruchac will perform two programs at Bowler School, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Then, he will perform again at the Mohican Family Center (MFC) at an event that will last from 5 PM – 7 PM. The MFC will serve traditional food and give away autographed Bruchac books as door prizes. Bruchac will also sign autographs at the end of the event.



Over the years, Bruchac has won many literary awards including the American Book Award for *Breaking Silence*, the Hope S. Dean Award for Notable Achievement in Children's Literature, the Parent's Choice Gold Award for *Crazy Horse's Vision*, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas, the Jane Addams Children's Book Award for *Heart of a Chief*, and many more.

His vast body of work includes poems, anthologies, articles, picture books, books of fiction

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New Tribal Investigator

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter



Not everyone knows exactly what they want to do when they grow up or where they want to be for the rest of their lives. This was not the case, however, for Adam Hoffman, the new Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Investigator. When Hoffman was asked if he always wanted to work in Law Enforcement, he replied with no hesitation or uncertainty. "Actually, yes, I have,"

Hoffman said. "My dad has been in Law Enforcement pretty much since I was born, and my brother is a deputy for Shawano County Sheriff's Department. So seeing both of them do their jobs inspired me to be a law enforcement officer also. My brother is four years older than me, so I look up to both him and my dad. I also have an uncle who works for Fox Valley Metro Police Department and my brother's wife works for Shawano's Police Department."

Hoffman also knew what community and what department he wanted to be in as well. "I've been wanting to work here for awhile. It's closer to family. They currently live in the Gresham area," Hoffman explained. "This is pretty much going to be the last department I'll work for. I know that for a fact. The detective role is a big step up in my career."

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POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has begun the process to become a state-recognized law enforcement department. This recognition will mean tribal law enforcement officers will be able to enforce Wisconsin law without being a sheriff's deputy. As part of this process, the Tribe is establishing a Police and Fire Commission. The Tribal Council adopted By-laws establishing the Police and Fire Commission in 2011. It will be a 5-person advisory body for the Tribal Council and will also function as an appellate body for allegations of officer misconduct and/or disciplinary actions.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Police and Fire Commission must meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Must be an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community;
- (2) Must be 25 years of age or older;
- (3) Must cooperate with the completion of a complete background investigation by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's Compliance Department. The Compliance Department will forward their findings to the Tribal Council for consideration

as part of the appointment process. Applicants who have one of the following issues are prohibited from serving on the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Police and Fire Commission:

- (A) A felony conviction in the State of Wisconsin or any conviction of a crime in another state that would be considered a felony conviction if the offense and adjudication occurred in the State of Wisconsin.
- (B) A felony arrest which results in a misdemeanor conviction due to a plea arrangement.
- (4) Must submit to drug testing prior to appointment and on an annual basis;
- (5) Must not be an employee of the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department, Stockbridge-Munsee Volunteer Fire Department or any employee the Police Chief or Fire Chief supervises, Tribal Court, Legal Department, or Tribal Council;
- (6) Shall attend applicable training;
- (7) Must be a person of known good standing in the community.

The initial appointment of Police and Fire Commission members shall be for 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years and 5-years with such terms designated by lot. Thereafter, all appointments to the Police and Fire Commission shall be for five (5) year staggered terms.

If you would like to be considered for an appointment to the Stockbridge-Munsee Police and Fire Commission, please contact the Tribal Council Secretary at (715) 793-4387 or jerilyn.johnson@mohican-nsn.gov for more information.



WOPUNNUHKEH WACHPASCHÉSAK (Eastern Tribe Soldiers)

The Mohican Veterans are looking for a person (s) to design/make a Mohican Veteran Princess Crown. The crown must be designed to fit any Princess. We will be looking for designs by **April 1, 2013** and person (s) to complete the Crown.

Send all Designs and financial considerations to:

Mohican Veterans
Roger E. Miller, Financial Officer
W13455 Camp 14 Road
Bowler, WI, 54416

roger.miller@mohican-nsn.gov 715-793-5070

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From the Department of Economic Support

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services receives numerous reports that participants of the FoodShare program may be misusing their Wisconsin QUEST benefits card. Participants are reminded that it is illegal for anyone to receive FoodShare benefits and then sell them or trade them for something else.

The application that participants sign contains the Food Share Penalty Warning (see below). It is important to abide by FoodShare Program rules.

FOODSHARE PENALTY WARNING

I understand that any member of my household who intentionally breaks any of the following rules can be barred from the FoodShare program for 12 months after the first violation; 24 months after the second violation or for a first violation involving a controlled substance; and permanent for a third violation.

- Giving false information or hiding information to get or continue getting FoodShare benefits.
- Trading, selling, or altering FoodShare benefits.
- Using FoodShare benefits to buy non-food items, like alcohol or tobacco.

Depending upon the value of misused benefits, an individual can also be fined up to \$250,000.00, imprisoned up to 20 years, or both. A court can also bar an individual from the program for an additional 18 months. You may also be permanently disqualified if you are convicted of trafficking FoodShare benefits of \$500.00 or more. You will be ineligible to participate for 10 years if you are found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to identity and residence in order to receive multiple benefits at the same time. Contact the FoodShare office @ 715-793-4860 if you have any questions or concerns.

Settlement Payments: Department of the Interior to Participate in National Congress of American Indians Webinar

WASHINGTON, DC— On Wednesday, January 16, 2013, the Department of the Interior will participate in a 2:00 pm (Eastern Time) conference call and webinar hosted by the National Congress of American Indians to inform and clarify roles and responsibilities regarding the recent *Cobell* Settlement trust administration class payments. Representatives from the Department of the Interior, *Cobell* plaintiffs' legal counsel, and the court appointed Claims Administrator (the Garden City Group) will provide important information to tribal leaders across the country regarding the status of the payments to members of the historical accounting class and the next steps in the process of finalizing this historic Settlement.

Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, "and OST and BIA leadership are working closely to ensure the OST Trust Beneficiary Call Center and the field operations in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee are providing this information in a timely manner."

Eligibility determinations and payments are made exclusively by Garden City Group, and they can be reached at www.IndianTrust.com or 1-800-961-6109.

To update addresses or identify "Whereabouts Unknown" Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts, please contact Garden City Group. Garden City Group will work with OST to update your information.

For more information, please visit the Department of the Interior *Cobell* website at <http://www.doi.gov/cobell>.

"The Department is committed to providing accurate and current information to our beneficiaries regarding the historic *Cobell* Settlement," said Assistant

The Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library-Museum is 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!



Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Conservation Department

N7689 Koan Tuk Dr. Bowler, WI 54416

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Community Reminder

Hunting and Fishing Permits

Direct Decedents, Spouses, and Legally Adopted Children are required to obtain an annual hunting and fishing permit from the land and enrollment office prior to hunting and or fishing. This shall include gaining access through tribal trust and fee land for purposes of hunting and fishing. If you have any questions please call or stop by the Conservation Department, or refer to Chapter 21 Fish and Wildlife Ordinance.

ATV Registration

The Stockbridge-Munsee ATV Safety Ordinance Chapter 47-A.5 (D) states, "All ATVs must be registered with the Department of Public Safety within 15 days of purchase, transfer or delivery on the reservation. There is no fee for the ATV registration and the ATV registration does not need to be renewed unless sold, transferred or gifted to another buyer."

The Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Department will be registering and issuing registration stickers for ATVs. If you currently have registered your ATV with the Conservation Department and have lost or need a new sticker, a new sticker will be issued to you. If the old sticker is still clearly visible and readable you do not need to be issued a new sticker. If you have any questions please call or stop by the Conservation Department.

ATV Permits

Direct Decedents, Spouses, and Legally Adopted Children are required to obtain an annual ATV permit for riding ATV's on the reservation. Please refer to Chapter 47-A.5 for further information or call or stop by the Conservation Department.

Dog License and Registration

The Conservation Department will be issuing, registering, and verifying rabies immunization for your dog(s). Under the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Peace and Good Order Ordinance, the owner of a dog, shall annually, upon presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, pay the dog license fee of \$2.00 and obtain a license. Each license will have a serial number specific to each dog.

Owners of dogs shall insure that the dog is immunized against rabies and the immunizations are administered every 3 years. Owners shall obtain a rabies certificate from the veterinarian which properly identifies the dog by name, species, breed, physical description, and which clearly states the date of the immunization and the due date for the next immunization.

Owners of dogs shall pay the fee of \$2.00 to Norma Flauger at the Stockbridge-Munsee Administration Office and obtain a receipt of payment before registering your dog(s) with the Conservation Department. Owners shall also provide the rabies certificate when registering your dog.

The licensing fee shall be collected and used for rabies clinics, public awareness and other programs related to the care and control of animals on the Reservation. If you have any questions please call or stop by the Conservation Department. You may also refer to the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Peace and Good Order Ordinance Chapter 16.10 Animal Control.

Respectfully,

Beau Miller
Sterling Schreiber
Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Wardens



Major Upcoming Events for February

February 5

Mohican Family Center: 5 – 7 PM Youth Night

Tribal Council Meeting: 5 PM

February 7

Mohican Family Center: 5 PM - Midnight Pay Your Own Way Movie, 7th – 12th Grade

Elderly: Green Bay Shopping, First Thursday of the month

February 8

Mohican Family Center: 8 PM Midnight Girl's Night

February 11

Mohican Family Center: Community Meeting at 7 PM
After School Program: Swim Trip 5 - 8:30 PM; 5th - 8th Grade

February 12

Elderly Steering Committee: First Tuesday of every month at 10 AM

Mohican Family Center: Family Fun Night at 5 PM
MFC Board Meeting at 5 PM

February 14

Elderly Valentine Party: Noon meal, music by John Doxtater and his group, door Prizes

February 15

Mohican Family Center: 8 PM – Midnight All Male Night

February 19

Tribal Council Meeting: 5 PM

February 21

Mohican Family Center: 6 – 8 PM Tween/Teen Night and Storyteller Joseph Bruchac performing 5 - 7 PM

February 28

Elderly Birthday Meal, Music by Skip Jones

Elderly: Shawano Shopping every Friday

New Online Services Available with a *my Social Security Account*

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, today announced the agency is expanding the services available with a *my Social Security* account, a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits. More than 60 million Social Security beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients can now access their benefit verification letter, payment history, and earnings record instantly using their online account. Social Security beneficiaries also can change their address and start or change direct deposit information online.

Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients with a *my Social Security* account can go online and get an official benefit

verification letter instantly. The benefit verification letter serves as proof of income to secure loans, mortgages and other housing, and state or local benefits. Additionally, people use the letter to prove current Medicare health insurance coverage, retirement or disability status, and age. People can print or save a customized letter. People age 18 and older can sign up for an account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Once there, they must be able to provide information about themselves and answers to questions that only they are likely to know. After completing the secure verification process, people can create a *my Social Security* account with a unique user name and password to access their information.

For more info, please go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

On the Trail Home



Irene Josephine Jacobs

Irene Jacobs, 84, of the Lac Courte Orielles (LCO) Reservation in Wisconsin, passed away to be with the Lord on January 7, 2013 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. She was surrounded by loving family and friends.

Irene was born on November 18, 1928 to William and Ida Quarderer. She was raised by her lov-

ing grandmother Elizabeth Grover after her parents passed away when she was young. Irene was well known for her commitment to the Lord and singing praise. She is survived by her children Ardelle Malone of Bowler, WI, Cheryl Jacobs of Keshena, WI, Darlene Jacobs of Milwaukee, WI, Jeanette Jacobs of Reserve, William Jacobs Sr. of Whitefish, Valerie Jacobs of Milwaukee, WI, and her loving sister Lone White of New Post. Her beloved Aunt Bernice Webster of Round Lake, 12 grandchildren 16 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren. Many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Funeral Service was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward. Rev. Marvin Wilber officiated. Burial is in Whitefish Cemetery.

Caskets bearers were Larry Bunker, Ryan Bunker, David Doxtator, Casey McKnight, Johnny Ray Smith, Tony Tucker, Jim White and Matt White. Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Wisconsin is making it easier for veterans to become commercial drivers

Veterans and current military employees who have a military license to operate military commercial vehicles, may be able to use it to obtain a Wisconsin commercial driver license (CDL) without having to take the CDL knowledge and skills exams.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb said the department's Division of Motor Vehicles worked to standardize the CDL application process to make it easier to consider military experience and skills.

"This type of recognition is significant because it acknowledges that previous military experience and skills are transferrable in the civilian labor force and employers benefit from that," Secretary Gottlieb said. "If you drove a commercial military vehicle, you can use that experience to get a Wisconsin CDL and find a good job."

"Military experience is invaluable and it is so important to recognize the high level of experience and training that comes through military service," said Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John

Scocos.

"There are plenty of good paying commercial vehicle jobs available in Wisconsin," said Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Interim CEO and Secretary Reed Hall. "This process will make it easy for veterans to be hired to drive trucks in the private sector. It also will help offset a persistent shortage of CDL drivers in Wisconsin."

Individuals must be Wisconsin residents in order to be eligible for the waiver and the waiver does not cover hazardous materials or school bus endorsements.

A web site has been developed to provide all the details on how to receive credit for military commercial vehicle experience. Go to www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/types/cdl-military.htm for information.

Governor Scott Walker has declared 2012 the "Year of the Veteran" to honor the deeds of Wisconsin's veterans and provide them with the tools they need to reintegrate into civilian society such as education, health care and employment assistance.

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance. Charles Spurgeon (1834 - 1892) Clergyman

AVOID DELAY! ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE HEAD START IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.



Head Start is a Comprehensive Early Childhood and Family Development Program for income eligible families with children ages 3 to 5. The program also serves families who have children with Disabilities regardless of income. Head Start provides Educational, Health, Nutritional, Emotional, and Social Services for each child and offers support for family members. Your child must be age 3 by September 1, 2013 and reside in the Bowler or Gresham School Districts (within the Townships of Bartelme and Red Springs).

Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, May 31, 2013.

Applications can be picked up at the Head Start Office:
Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
W13429 Cherry Street, Bowler, WI 54416

Or call to request an application to be mailed directly to you:
715-793-4993 (Office) 715-793-4994 (FAX)
Contact Delores Meek, Head Start Manager or
Julie Schultz, Administrative Assistant



February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24	25 Health Board @1:15 pm	26 Edc. Board 4:45 pm	27 Tribal Council Agenda Items due by noon	28 Enrollment Committee Mtg 4:30 pm		

All invoice received by the Finance Department by Tuesday at 12:00 p, m. will be processed for payment the same week.

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and non-fiction, and collections of traditional stories, which have appeared in over 500 publications. Bruchac has authored over 120 books for adults and children. Some of his well-known books are *Arrow Over the Door*, *The Boy Who Lived with the Bears*, *The First Strawberries*, *The Story of the Milky Way*, *Skeleton Man*, *13 Moons on Turtle's Back*, *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines in World War Two*, and *Jim Thorpe: Original All-American*.

Joseph Bruchac holds a B.A. from Cornell University, an M.A. in Literature and Creative Writing from Syracuse, and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Union Institute of Ohio.

As a professional storyteller, Bruchac has performed throughout Europe, the United States, and Native American organizations and schools all over North America.

Bruchac's visit to Bowler is made possible by the dedication of many of the staff of Bowler School including Third Grade teacher Lori Mueller, who has worked to provide for a small library of Native American themed books geared toward third and fourth

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Previously, he worked as an officer with the Menominee Tribe as well as the Lac du Flambeau Tribe. He has five years of law enforcement experience, four of which are with the Menominee County Sheriff's department, and one of which is with Lac du Flambeau. Before Menominee employed Hoffman, he received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.

Hoffman is originally from Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, but his family moved to the Shawano area when he was a teenager. He went to Gresham High School. "I know a lot of people in Gresham since I went to school in Gresham, but I still know a good majority of the community," Hoffman explained. "Going to school I had plenty of friends from the Stockbridge Tribe.

Congressional Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act Remains Elusive

Incidences of violence against Native American women are of epidemic proportions. During their lifetime, one in three will experience rape and three out of five will suffer from domestic violence. During 2012, as a reauthorization bill was being crafted for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), there were provisions added in the Senate's version that specifically addressed justice and equality for Native American women on reservations, but those provisions were subsequently removed from a House version of the bill.

graders. While Mueller did not originally budget for this event, both Judith Munsey, the school's Elementary Principal, and Jeff DePerry, Athletic Director and Title VII, expressed a strong interest in bringing in Joseph Bruchac to perform for their students and the community and have provided invaluable resources to the effort. The Mohican Family Center is donating the meal for the event and the North Star Mohican Casino Resort is providing the hotel room for Mr. Bruchac.

Lori Mueller said, "The main reason why I think this event is important, but is to inspire and motivate our students and community with culturally authentic and appropriate Native American literature. Mr. Bruchac is one of the most prominent and prolific Native American authors in the world. Something I have learned is that when children see their identity in the curriculum, they succeed and grow. My dream, my vision is that this event will inspire our Native students to write their own literature for publication. Maybe students could start a writer's group, and maybe the community could work with the youth in any number of ways."

I went up to the [Mohican] Family Center and played basketball with people. I think I'll be able to fit in and build a rapport with people."

When he is not patrolling or investigating, Hoffman likes to spend time with his girlfriend, her three-year-old daughter, and his three-year-old younger brother. He also enjoys being outdoors, hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and going on motorcycle rides. Because he is a first descendent of the Menominee Tribe, Hoffman likes to hunt and fish on their reservation. Hoffman enjoys his new position as Tribal Investigator as much as he loves being outside. "It's a fun career. You never have a dull moment, you're always on the go, doing stuff, helping people out, and you always have something new to learn."

In any case, VAWA was not reauthorized in the 2012 session. But supporters of the act hope to revive the effort in the new Congress. American Indian organizations and many other advocates want to see the tribal protections included in the final version.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was originally authorized in 1994 when Congress recognized the severity of crimes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. VAWA is a comprehensive piece of leg-

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Groh said her favorite part of the work was visiting with people at the Museum. "I liked the summer's best because we would have so many visitors here. We always had streams of visitors coming in and out," Groh said.

She grew up in Stockbridge, Wisconsin, which is east of Lake Winnebago. The town was named after the Tribe because they used to live on that land before they were pushed out and forced to relocate. "My family's still pretty well remembered yet [in Stockbridge] and there's a big cemetery there now where my family is buried," Groh said. As a kid, "I really didn't pay much attention to our history because when I grew up down there, the town had a regular Catholic school, so we didn't really go into the history of the town or anything. The children that are going there now are getting a much better history of our Tribe. I'm thankful for that."

After high school, she graduated from Marian University in Fond du Lac, met her husband, and moved to Milwaukee where they raised their six children. While there, she worked for a few of the city's hospitals as a Nursing Assistant. She moved to the community three years before she became an employee of the Library Museum.

When asked if it was just as important for the children in the Stockbridge-Munsee community to learn about the Tribe's history as it is for the Stockbridge, Wisconsin, children to learn about the town's history, she said, "Yes, they should be aware of how our tribe really had to struggle to survive because we came from far out east and we had to move so many times. I think everybody should be proud of who they are, and they should continue teaching their children about our history because it will always be a struggle to keep our place in America. We struggled to get to where we are here and we struggled to keep this land. And, it will always be a struggle for all Native people because that's just how it is."

isolation aimed at ending violence against women. It was reauthorized in 2000 and 2005 without problem. The 2000 reauthorization improved protections for battered immigrants, sexual assault survivors, and victims of dating violence, and it enabled victims of domestic violence to obtain custody orders even if they flee to another state and cannot return home due to the danger they face.

As proponents push for the new reauthorization, it is expected that House Republicans will continue to block it, or at least block the

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it so long that she went through four generations of Elders. Occasionally, she had to assist younger people too when they were in physical need. For example, one time she helped a bedridden girl who was carrying her second child. "For the younger folks, I was just with them for a short time, but for the older folks I was usually with them until they passed away. But, they were so funny. I had so many funny stories to tell. I'd come home and my kids would say, 'Well, what did so-and-so do today?'," Pecore said. "I will miss hearing their wisdom. I will also miss their stories although some of them I heard every week." She laughed. "I got to know the Elders on a real personal level. A lot of them told me things that they didn't tell their own family."

Jayne Pecore is the second of six children from the parents of Corlyss and Lucille "Cille" Miller. She has three children of her own—Jeff Pecore, Kelly Malone, and Kim Pecore—and eight grandchildren. Now that she is retired she plans to continue spending as much time as she can with her kids and grandkids. "I'm so busy I don't know how I had time to work. I have grandchildren all around me, and one little guy comes off the school bus every day at a quarter after 11. And, I have him all day Friday," Pecore said.

She received her Certified Nursing Assistant degree from Antigo Technical College and continued her education by attending seminars throughout her career. Prior to her Home Health Aide position, she worked for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Nation Bingo Hall and for the company Master Lock.

While serving the Elders of Bartelme and Red Springs, Jayne Pecore had the privilege of listening to a lifetime of stories. Let's hope this community wants to listen to her own stories as well.

tribal provisions.

Non-Indians who commit these crimes know that they are less likely to be charged and sentenced so there is no deterrent for them to stop committing sexual assaults, domestic violence, and/or stalking crimes against American Indian women on tribal lands.

We'll likely be sending out specific "Action Alerts" to you as the VAWA effort gets underway again in Congress. Meanwhile, we have created a webpage that contains some "myth busters" to consider relative to the tribal provisions.

(Released by the First Nations Development Institute).

Mohican News Survey Results

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

The Mohican News survey results are in. Out of the 62 people who completed the survey, 28 readers were 55 years old or older, 26 readers were between the ages of 30 – 55, six readers were 18 – 30, and two readers were 18 years old or younger. Forty-seven readers were enrolled members, seven claimed to be first descendants, and 1 marked himself or herself down as a non-enrolled community member. Four readers identified themselves as being related to an enrolled member while two said they were non-enrolled employees of the Tribe. Two readers claimed to be members of another tribe, one reader was a customer of a Tribal Business, and one person marked an “X” next to the “Friend of the Tribe” category.

Thirty-six readers could easily access the Mohican News Online while 24 readers could not. 51 readers thought the text was readable, but seven thought it was not easily readable. Forty people wanted to keep the photo galleries, and no one wanted to do away with

the galleries completely. However, 16 readers thought there were too many pictures in the galleries, but an almost equal amount of readers, 13, thought there weren't enough photographs.

Fifty-two people wanted a list of upcoming events, 26 people wanted hunting and fishing news, 33 people wanted sports highlights and events from Bowler and Gresham Schools while 35 readers wanted “Elderly Wisdom,” 29 readers wanted student articles, 42 readers wanted “Tribal Classifieds,” and 40 readers wanted a “Council's Corner” or articles written by Tribal Government.

46 people wanted a Community Calendar on page five once a month as opposed to seven people who did not. Fifty readers said they wanted to read more about Tribal Boards and Committees but 5 readers did not care to learn about the Boards and Committees functions and what they were currently doing.

A Personal Statement

By Robert Allen Burr

Life's full of ups and downs. But it's God that keeps us moving on. So give God your best and lay that negativity to rest. Life is short, so live life to the fullest. Like a vitamin to your body, make sure you get everything out of it. God is life. He is the true expression of life. Sometimes we struggle and there is much strife. But keep in mind that God is all power. He has all the might. So make sure you shine bright like the sun. Like a marathon race with God leading you; the race has already been won. My great God you are the almighty trinity. And you are in me as I am in you that makes us a unity. You're the redeemer of this world, and you gave us life that is priceless.

Let your grace be upon me always so that my light shines bright and that I'm full of brightness. God I

must admit life without you would be like sandpaper. It would be rough. But like a prize fighter, you strengthen me, you build me up, and now I'm though. Like a book how's your chapters been, with him or without him. For he knows all hearts of men, and he has us all read. God all things that you created are life: animals, trees, women, men. And I take you as my God till this time or to the end. But with you there is no end. You're everlasting. You're like a meteorite power blasting.

(I've been saved now for just over four years. There is nothing greater than feeling God's love. And life is so much better with him in it. The meaning behind this poem was for people who would read it. I would like people to be touched and for them to feel the grace that's on it. I wrote it with love).

Don't Change Mining Law

by John J. Mutter, Jr.

There's a move in Wisconsin's Legislature to pass a Iron Mining Bill, (IMB). But there's a problem—the 1998 Mining Moratorium Law (MML). Politicians are changing this law to push through the IMB. In 1996, myself, as well as many Wisconsin citizens knew little about sulfide mining. We found out mining is a dirty business. The mining industry has written their own history, which is a trail of pollution from mines all over North America, including the Flambeau Mine at Ladysmith. The supporters of the MMB in 1998 didn't get all they wanted.

The bill was compromised and when it passed Rep. Marc Duff said, “The bill would not stop the sulfide-ore mine near Crandon.” As weak as the bill had become—it stopped the Crandon mine. Why? Because the mining companies couldn't produce an example mine that hadn't polluted. The people of Wisconsin wanted proof from another mine that a project like what was being proposed in Crandon could be done safely, and the mining companies couldn't find one. From 1995 to 1998 environmental groups, Indian Tribes, politicians and concerned citizens worked

A Smoke Eater Story

An account by Roger Miller

It's a cold winter morning in the early hours. I roll over in bed and check the time, to see if I have a few more minutes of sleep time, before I make my start of the day for work. Ahhh, the clock reads 5:50 am, another hour to snuggle deep in my warm bed before the alarm goes off. I close my eyes, content that I have a few more precious moments of sleep time. I almost start to dream, and my pager goes off. I monitor the EMS pager, and listen to see if they have a call. The pager announces; “Stockbridge Fire, Gresham Fire requests mutual aid, they need 2 water trucks to assist them in a large barn fire.” I jump out of bed, groggy and sleepy eyed. I grab my radio, pager, cell phone and watch and head downstairs to get dressed. I step outside and am hit by the morning cold snap of a January winter day. Melted ice has frozen overnight and the walk to the car is treacherous. I slip and slide down the road from black ice on this cold day. I get to the fire department and don my fire fighting gear, and as part of my duty, grab drinking water for our crew. Some fire fighters are already there and open the garage doors that moan open from the cold. As one engine is ready to go, they leave with sirens and lights warning of their travel. The water tender leaves, and I soon follow with the Command Vehicle. The Command Vehicle will be critical as a warming and rehab post for firefighters. Another firefighter joins me for the ride and as we approach, the sky is full of smoke, and the bright glow of the fire is seen, many miles away in the early morning light. My first thought was the sun was rising but I was wrong. The cold wind is brisk and is fanning the flames, causing smoke to completely blanket the road

hard to educate the public as to the dangers of sulfide mining. Many of us were fighting for those who were helpless in this battle—children. These children we were fighting for in the late 1990s are adults today, and some have little ones of their own. I hope these young parents will now stand up and carry on what so many others sacrificed for. Many of the people who endured to see the MMB become law in 1998, are deceased. We must defend this legislation in their memory. Governor Walker knows about the Crandon mine battle as he was in the Assembly when the bill passed 91-6. Then, Rep. Walker stood with us to protect the environment by voting for the MMB. Now, it appears Mr. Walker is becoming a flip-flopper. I encourage those who value

causing blind driving through the smoke. We arrive and are notified the Gresham Fire Engine Pumper is not working, so the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department steps up and mans our pumper to supply water for the fire. A portable pond is set up for the pumper to draw water from, and units from area fire departments make trips to Gresham to fill up and then dump into the portable tank. So much water is needed, Gresham water pressure cannot keep up and runs out. A water tender truck is sent to Flaugar's Bridge to draw water from the Red River, but is getting clogged with ice. A pumper engine is sent to weed dam, and water is now being filled from there. It is like clockwork: water trucks filled, water dumped into the portable pond, water streaming on the fire. Electricity, is turned off, so the electric fences are off and an opportunity for some young heifers to break free and now firefighters are herding cattle and chasing them back to their field. A silo has cracked and needs to be monitored for failure and possible collapse. Gresham Fire mans the hoses, with Pella, Gresham, Bowler, Stockbridge-Munsee, & Shawano Fire Departments supplying the water. The Stockbridge-Munsee Fire personnel, also running the pumper engine, took turns warming up and getting a hot cup of coffee in the Command Vehicle before returning to running the pumper. Other firefighters stopped by to warm up and get a cup of coffee. This is the true meaning of mutual aid. The time is now 1:50 pm, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department is back at the station, pulling hose to dry, filing reports, and setting up their gear, ready for another call. We are all safe, no injuries and God forbid, death. My pager is now clear, and we of the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department, are ready for the next call. Just a story from one of the smoke eaters.

the clean waters of Wisconsin to contact your district representatives and tell him or her to not allow changes to the 1998 Mining Moratorium Law. John Mutter, Jr. is from Shawano and author of, To Slay a Giant - the Fight to Protect the Wolf River From the Proposed Crandon Copper Mine.

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Carlton and Chase Stevens



The children's reaction to seeing Santa Claus



Kevin Miller



The Mohican News' fourth set of Christmas photos is reserved for Headstart. They celebrated the Holidays with a party that included brunch, singing (see left photo above), parents, a reading from President Bob Chicks, and a visit from Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolf, and an elf. The staff even took pictures with Santa (see right photo above).



Jeremy and Jeremy Jr. Mohawk



Miley Moreno



Pam Miller and Kailyanna Zaitz



President Chicks reads *The Night Before Christmas* to the students



Zahkais Mendez-Bruette and Kaylianna Bruette



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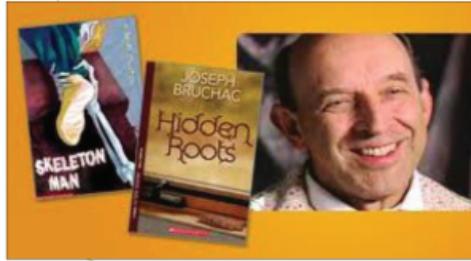
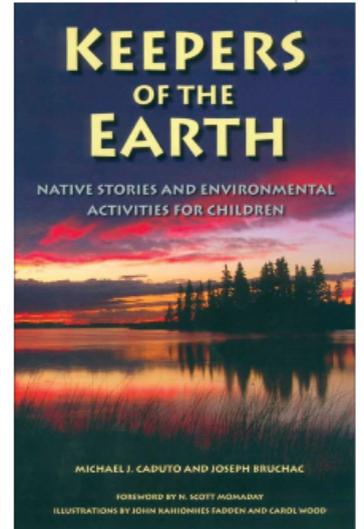
Joseph Bruchac—Native American Author



Bowler Family Night
Presents: Native American
Author Joseph Bruchac

*Mr. Bruchac's usual programs
combine storytelling, Native
American music (flute and drum,
and traditional Abenaki songs),*

*For over thirty years Joseph Bruchac
has been creating poetry, short stories,
anthologies and music that reflect his
Abenaki Indian heritage and Native
American traditions.*



Where:

Mohican Family Center
N8605 Oak Street
Bowler, WI 54416

When:

Thursday, February 21, 2013
Supper: 5:00-5:30
Program by Joseph Bruchac: 5:30-7:00

Fri./Sat., Feb. 1/2

Jerry Schmitt



Country



Fri./Sat., Feb. 8/9

John Welch



Country



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**Employee of
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The Employees of the Month for the month of November at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort are Wayne Maltbey (left), Maintenance Department and Marlene Wepner (right), Count Team Department.



Community

RADON EXPOSURE IS LEADING CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER AMONG NON-SMOKERS

January is National Radon Action Month

MADISON— State health officials are encouraging homeowners to check their home's radon levels because exposure to radioactive radon gas is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers nationwide and the second leading cause overall.

"Radon causes more lung cancer among non-smokers than even second-hand tobacco smoke," said Dr. Henry Anderson, State Health Officer. "Fortunately this cause of lung cancer is largely preventable, and the first step is to test your home. If an elevated radon level is found, it can be easily and effectively corrected."

Radon is an odorless radioactive gas that is naturally present in the ground and can enter buildings through their foundations. Both old and newer homes can be susceptible to radon. Between 5 and 10 percent of Wisconsin homes have elevated airborne concentrations in areas where people spend the most time, according to state data. Radon concentrations vary greatly from home to home and any home having contact with the ground should be tested.

Radon concentrations in indoor air can be measured with simple, inexpensive test kits available from hardware stores and local public health agencies. Winter is an ideal time to test for radon because windows and doors are closed.

More than 60 radon mitigation contractors in Wisconsin are nationally certified and install highly effective soil-depressurization radon control systems. Thousands of systems are installed in existing homes in Wisconsin each year. New construction should include features recommended by the National Association of Home Builders to reduce radon entry.

An estimated 20,000 lung cancer deaths annually in the United States are caused by radon among non-smokers, according to reports by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Surgeon General.

For information about radon in Wisconsin, visit: www.lowradon.org.

To reach local public health agency experts, call 1-888 LOW-RADON (1-888-569-7236).

Wisconsin Has Mixed Results in Working to Reduce Tobacco Use

New American Lung Association Report Follows Money Trail to See How Tobacco Industry Addicts Kids (Brookfield, WI, January 16, 2013) – Wisconsin is doing well at reducing tobacco use through high cigarette taxes and a strong smokefree air law, but falls short in adequately funding programs to prevent youth from starting to smoke and assist smokers in quitting, according to the American Lung Association's [State of Tobacco Control 2013](#) report released today.

The Lung Association's State of Tobacco Control report tracks progress on key tobacco control policies at the federal and state level, assigning grades based on whether laws are adequately protecting citizens from the enormous toll tobacco use takes on lives and the economy.

Wisconsin received the following grades for 2012:

- Smokefree Air – A
 - Cigarette Tax – B
 - Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Funding – F
 - Smoking Cessation Coverage -- F
- Although Wisconsin receives \$718 million in tobacco-related revenue annually, it spends a meager eight

percent of what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends to adequately fund tobacco prevention and quit smoking programs.

On a positive note, Wisconsin's cigarette tax is \$2.52, in the top 10 nationally. High prices have been demonstrated to be a deterrent to youth smoking and an incentive for smokers to quit. Meanwhile, the sales and popularity of these tobacco products have surged in large part due to their cheaper price. The American Lung Association in Wisconsin calls on Governor Walker and the state legislature to raise taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes to achieve tax parity.

"We know that a strong tobacco control program and high prices reduce tobacco use," continued Swan. "Our recent youth smoking rates – the lowest ever – bear that out. With the revenues Wisconsin receives from tobacco use, money should not be a barrier to preventing kids from starting and helping smokers quit," said Swan.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

With the tax deadline approaching on April 15 the Stockbridge Munsee Community is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site. This is the fourth year that this service is being provided to the community.

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the

Elderly or the Disabled. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

"Each year we get more and more families and individuals who utilize this free tax preparation service. It's a great program for the community and also provides a wonderful volunteering opportunity for those able to take the VITA Course and become certified," reported Jill Tiegs, the VITA Site coordinator. Please call Debbie John at 715-793-4812 to schedule an appointment.

Gresham Dollars for Scholars

12th Annual Banquet
Saturday -- March 23rd, 2013

The Many Trails Banquet Hall
Pine Hills Golf Course
Gresham, Wisconsin

Time: 4:30 P.M. Reception and Raffle Ticket Sales
6:00 P.M. Dinner

Program: Dr. Bruce Stoehr, Gresham HS Graduate (Class of 1949) & Physician

Please check one of the following:

Table Sponsorship (\$675 total includes \$300 for table of eight and \$375 for sponsorship). Sponsorships received by March 15th will be listed in the program.

\$300 Table of eight

\$65 per Couple

\$35 Single

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Reservations are on a first come first served basis.

Reservations received by March 16th will be mailed, those received after that date will be held at the door.

Tickets for the event **WILL NOT** be available at the door; you must have a paid reservation by March 20th.

Make checks payable to **Gresham Dollars for Scholars** and mail to:

Gresham Dollars for Scholars Banquet
P.O. Box 102
Gresham, WI 54128

Any questions please contact: Bob Klopke (715) 787-3386

You Can Reduce Your Risk for Heart Disease

Submitted by: The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Diabetes Program

February is American Heart Month. If you have diabetes, you are at higher risk for having heart disease. You can improve the health of your heart. There are several risk factors for heart disease; many can be prevented or controlled. Here are ways you can reduce your risk for heart disease:

▪ Talk to Your Health Care Provider about Heart Disease

Share your health history. Get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. Ask if taking an aspirin each day is right for you.

▪ Control Your Blood Pressure and Cholesterol

High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of heart disease. If your blood pressure or cholesterol is high, take steps to lower it. Take small steps to eat healthier foods. Get more exercise. Take your blood pressure and cholesterol medicines as prescribed.

▪ Eat Healthy

What you eat has a big impact on your heart health. When planning your meals and snacks, try to:

- Eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Check the labels on your food and choose those with the lowest sodium. Too much sodium can increase your blood pressure.
- Limit foods with high amounts of saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol. You can find this information on Nutrition Facts labels.
- Cook at home more often. Whenever possible, choose foods that are low in sodium or have no salt added. Limit sauces, mixes

and “instant” products, like macaroni and cheese and hamburger dish mixes. Rinse canned foods, like canned meat, before using.

▪ Get Moving

Obesity can increase your risk for heart disease and stroke. Being physically active most days of the week will help keep you at a healthy weight, and will help lower high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Try to walk at least 30 minutes on most days of the week. For example, you could take a brisk 10-minute walk, 3 times a day, 5 days a week.

▪ Use Tobacco in Traditional Ways Only

Smoking and chewing tobacco greatly increases your risk for heart disease. If you smoke or chew, get help to quit. If you don't smoke or chew, don't start. Try to avoid secondhand smoke.

▪ Remember Your ABCS

An easy way to remember how to reduce your risk for heart disease is to remember “ABCS”. Talk to your health care provider about heart health ABCS. The heart health ABCS will help you avoid heart disease and live a longer, healthier life:

- **A**ppropriate **A**spirin **T**herapy for those who need it
- **B**lood Pressure **C**ontrol
- **C**holesterol **M**anagement
- **S** m o k i n g / **C** h e w i n g **C**essation

For more information on how to have a healthy heart, contact your health care provider.

Adapted from information found at www.millionhearts.hhs.gov.

Influenza

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported last week that influenza season is quadrupled in cases this year.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center still has vaccine available. Getting vaccinated is the best method of prevention for the flu. The CDC has reported there is a good match between the H3 virus and influenza type B which are circulating. RSV is also on the rise.

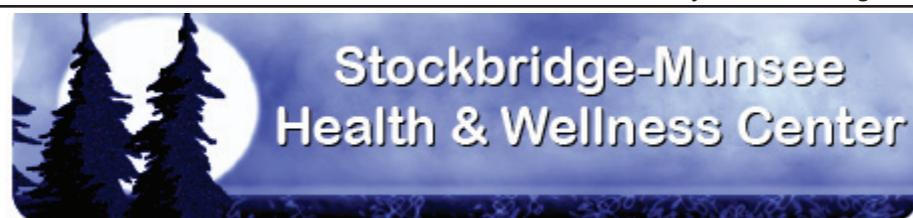
The H3 virus has historically been hard hitting, especially for elders. It also hits the younger population hard.

Vaccine does not prevent every single flu illness but reduces the rates of complications, especially H3, which is very virulent. We do not know if the influenza season has reached a plateau yet or if it will get worse before it gets better. It is not too late to get vaccinated. Please contact the clinic at 715 793-5000.

For more information www.flu.wisconsin.gov

The 3 best ways to protect yourself:
1. Get vaccinated!
2. Wash your hands
3. Cover your cough

Elena Cox, RN, BSN
Community Health Outreach/
Diabetes Nurse Educator



Caring for Someone with the Flu

Keep the sick person comfortable and follow the recommendations of his or her health care provider. Keep others in the home healthy by washing hands and household surfaces frequently.

- Ensure the sick person takes all medications as directed.
- Put the sick person in a separate space from other members of the household.
- Everyone in the home, including the sick person, should clean their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub frequently.

How do I care for the sick person?

Make sure the sick person follows any instructions given by his or her health care provider and takes all medications as directed. You can make the sick person more comfortable by following recommendations. Get immediate medical care if the sick person experiences:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Purple or blue discoloration of the lips
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Seizures
- Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough

How do I keep myself and others in the home from getting sick?

Keep the sick person away from other people as much as possible, especially those who are at high risk of complications from the flu. You can do this in your home by **creating a sick room**.

Keep the sick person in a room away from common areas of the house. If you have more than one bathroom, have the sick person use one and well people use the other. Clean the sick room and bathroom **daily** with household disinfectant. The sick person should not have visitors other than caregivers. An email, text message, or phone call is safer than a visit.

Take these additional steps to

protect yourself and people in your house from getting the flu.

- You and all healthy people in the house should clean their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub frequently, including after every contact with the sick person, the sick person's room or bathroom, or items used or touched by the sick person.
- Remind the sick person to cover coughs and clean his or her hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub often, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid being face-to-face with the sick person and, if possible, have only one adult in the home take care of the sick person. People at increased risk of severe illness from flu should not care for the sick person.
- Hold **small children** who are sick with their chin on your shoulder so that they will not cough in your face.
- Ask your healthcare provider if well people in your home—particularly those contacts who are at **increased risk of severe illness**—should take **antiviral medications to prevent getting the flu**.
- Maintain good ventilation in shared household areas.
- Follow proper cleaning and disposal procedures:
 - Throw the sick person's tissues and other used disposable items in the trash.
 - Keep surfaces clean (especially bedside tables, surfaces in the bathroom, doorknobs, phones, and children's toys) by wiping them down with a disinfectant.
 - Clean linens, eating utensils, and dishes used by the sick person thoroughly before reusing. You do not need to wash items separately.
 - Wash linens (such as bed sheets and towels) with laundry soap and tumble dry on a hot setting. Avoid “hugging”

It's always important to get your Flu Vaccination each year to protect you and your family.

Information courtesy of the CDC. Website is www.cdc.gov



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Your Counselor,

Pebbles L Peterson, MSW MAC
Native American Counselor
Stockbridge Munsee Education Dept.
Bowler School K-6th grade (715) 793-4122



S/M Community and NTC offer **FREE GED CLASSES** at the Learning center

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W13447 Camp 14 Road **715-793-4582**

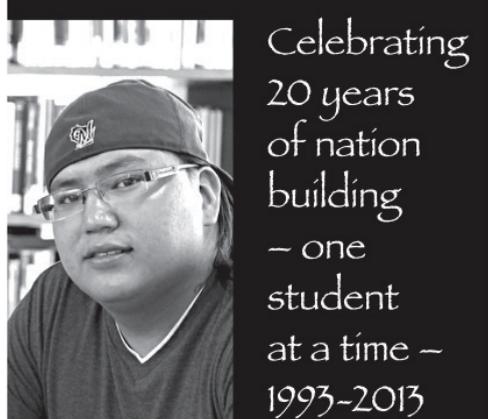
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FEBRUARY

12 Faculty Lecture Series presentation, 12 noon, open to all in CMN library (see Menominee.edu for details)

MARCH

- 1** CMN's 20th Anniversary Year Student Pow Wow at the Casino Conference Center
- 4** CMN Charter Day observed
- 12** Library's Visiting Authors Series features Jeannette Walls, author of "The Glass Castle"
- 16-20** American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) Regional Student Conference sessions in Green Bay and Keshena
- 21-23** Tribal Colleges and University Presidents meet in Keshena and Green Bay

APRIL

- 10** CMN hosts Career Exploration Day for regional high school students
- 23** Faculty Lecture Series presentation, Dr. Dennis Vickers on "Inspiration Becomes Concrete: The History of Feather Chronicles" 12 noon, open to all in CMN library
- 25-27** CMN hosts the American Indian College Fund's Board of Directors

JUNE

- 1** Graduation Ceremonies at the Casino Conference Center
- 3** First day of Summer Session classes
- 14** 3rd Annual CMN Benefit Golf Outing at Thornberry Creek at Oneida



Learn more about these and other programs by visiting CMN online at Menominee.edu

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SOCIAL SECURITY "RAISE"

Distributed By Ken Hess - Soc Sec Public Affairs Specialist for Wisconsin
As we ring in a new year, we can expect to see a number of changes. Social Security is no exception: in 2013, people who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments will see their benefits increase.

Beginning in 2013, a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was applied to all Social Security and SSI payments. The average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker in 2013 is \$1,261 (up from \$1,240 in 2012) and the average monthly Social Security benefit for a disabled worker in 2013 is \$1,132 (up from \$1,113 in 2012). These changes are reflected in SSI payments dated December 31, 2012 and Social Security payments dated in January 2013.

For people who receive SSI, the maximum federal payment amount has risen to \$710 (up from \$698).

Other Social Security changes in 2013 are worth noting. For example, a worker now pays Social Security tax on up to \$113,700 of annual income (up from \$110,100 in 2012). A worker earns one credit after paying taxes on \$1,160 in earnings in 2013 (up from \$1,130). As always, a worker may earn a maximum of four credits each year and a person generally needs forty credits (or ten years of work) to be eligible for retirement benefits.

To learn more about these and other changes for 2013, visit the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 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-

Strike: Child Support Financial Specialist, Child Support Specialist and Tribal Child Support Attorney, which will be added to the Special Tribal Council Meeting with Child Support next week.

Strike: Farmland Bids for the 2013-2015 Growing Season and Mohican Nation Wetland Restoration and Railway Bed Removal Project

Add: VITA Program
Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revised Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

TRIBAL FINANCIALS-Amanda Stevens, Director of Finance

Motion by Scott R. Vele to post the Financials ending October 31, 2012 and financials ending November 2012, as presented by the Director of Finance. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

HOTEL CHILLER AND DRY COOLER PROJECT-Terrance Miller, Tammy Wyrobeck, Acting General Managers, Mike Gardner, Facilities Manager and Terry Miller, Senior Facilities Engineer

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of the Acting General Managers at North Star Casino Terrance Miller and Tammy Wyrobeck to accept the proposed solution to resolve the hotel chiller issues at no cost from MMC as presented. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Terrance Miller and Tammy Wyrobeck, the Acting General Managers for the approval of the purchase of the dry cooler system to address

winter cooling needs of the hotel, to accept this purchase not to exceed \$49,355.00, as presented. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPT, OCT & NOV 2012-Terrance Miller and Tammy Wyrobeck, Acting General Managers

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the Casino's Monthly General Manager's report for September 2012, October 2012 and November 2012. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR SEPT, OCT & NOV 2012-Terrance Miller and Tammy Wyrobeck, Acting General Managers

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the Casino and Bingo Financials for September 2012, October 2012 and November 2012, as presented by Terrance Miller and Tammy Wyrobeck, the Acting General Managers. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

FOREST INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN-Linda Mohawk Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Scott R. Vele to post the Invasive Species Management Plan as presented by Linda Katchenago, the Tribal Administrator. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: National Indian Gaming Resolution/Dues-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve for President's signature, resolution number 016-13, which is, the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) is a voluntary association composed of member Tribes and Associate members representing federally recognized Tribal Governments, Gaming Tribes, Rancherias, Pueblos, Bands and Businesses engaged in gaming enterprises in Indian Gaming, and now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-



Munsee Tribal Council authorized payment of dues for the NIGA Membership of \$7500.00; and be it further resolved, that the Stockbridge Munsee Tribal Council here by designates President Robert Chicks, Vice President Wallace A. Miller, Treasurer Douglas William Huck, Council Members Shannon Holsey, Joseph Miller, Terrie K. Terrio and Scott R. Vele, as Delegates. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion changing: that the Stockbridge Munsee Tribal Council here by designates President Robert Chicks as the Tribe's Delegate, with Vice President Wallace A. Miller, Treasurer Douglas William Huck, Council Members Shannon Holsey, Joseph Miller, Terrie K. Terrio and Scott R. Vele, as Alternates. Second concurs. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Veteran Affairs- Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney

No action taken at this time, Attorney Vele will work with the VA and come back with more information at the next TC meeting.

IN-HOUSE HOME LOAN POLICY- Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney

No action taken at this time, the Tribal Council will provide comments to the Legal Department and a working meeting will be scheduled to go over the comments before the policy will be placed back on the agenda.

RESOLUTION: Transfer of Funds-Amanda Stevens, Director of Finance

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 017-13, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs : 1) Reprogram FY 13TPA funds from (E9040) Johnson O'Malley and (C9110) Economic Development to Consolidated Tribal Government Program (T9130). Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker amends motion adding: 2) Also upon request transfer FY13 funds from CTGP Program to the 477 program (A12AV00550). Second concurs. Motion carried.

POSTING FOR POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION-Bridget Swanke, Staff Attorney

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Bridget Swanke from the Legal Department to post for the Police and Fire Commission and also to have it advertised in the Mohican News and on the Tribal Website.

Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

VITA SITE REQUEST/GRANT-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Linda Mohawk Katchenago, the Tribal Administrator, to approve monies from the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council Consultation budget for the VITA Coordinator and to allow the Tribal Administrator to assist in setting this up for assistance where needed. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REQUEST-Scott R. Vele

Motion by Wallace A. Miller to authorize travel to NIGA and NCAI on March 24-27, 2013.

Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 6:07 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 7:21 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a number of legal issues, and ICW Issue and a Wage Increase Request.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize legal to move forward in case number 2013-CV-0062, with the direction given in Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

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

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize the Executive Director of Human Resources to carry out the compensation package for the Interim General Managers as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion adding: North Star General Managers. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas William Huck to intervene but not seek transfer to Tribal Court in the Youth In Need of Care case presented by the Legal Department. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

Motion maker amends motion adding: Case Number 2012-CJ000049. Second concurs. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adjourn. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried at 7:24 PM.

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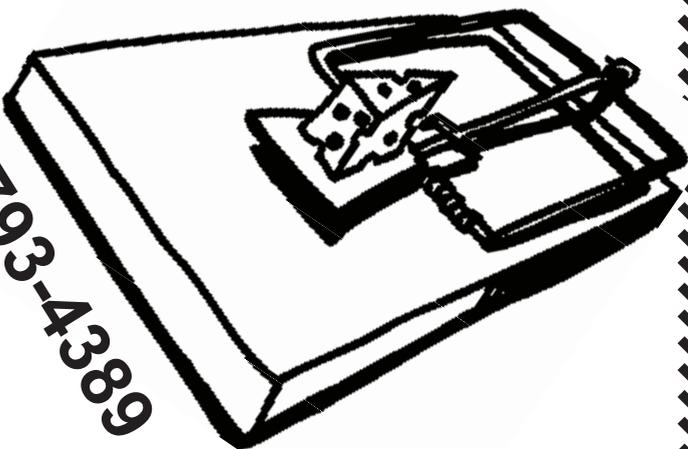
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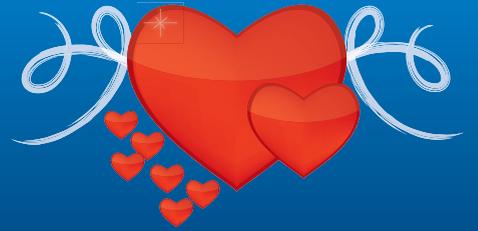
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