



Veteran Slot Tech Bowman Retires

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

On February 19, 2013, Jyles Bowman, widely known as "Luigi" or "Weegie," retired from the gaming industry after working for the North Star Mohican Casino Resort for twenty years and seven months. Originally hired as a "Key Person" or Slot Attendant, Bowman quickly moved to the Security Department where he had to perform more duties than the security men and women do today. He assisted in surveillance, the vault, and with the Drop Team. However, Bowman didn't stay in this position for long before he became a Slot Technician.

North Star sent him on many training sessions throughout his years of employment. Bowman said in his concise manner of speaking, "I went to Bally [Technologies, Inc.] School, ITT School, electronics training. A lot

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Bill Miller Opens 22nd Annual Winter Pow Wow at State Fair Park

New Cultural Workshop to be Added on Saturday Morning

Indian Summer Festival's 22nd Annual Winter Pow Wow opens its doors a day early to host a special benefit concert by three-time Grammy winner Bill Miller on Friday, March 8 (doors open at 7 p.m.). The evening also features Cody Blackbird, flutist and singer; international award-winning pow wow drum group Smokeytown Singers; and a special performance by Nicolet High School students. Concert goes also can shop from Native American vendors selling arts, crafts and traditional foods. Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/elders (60+) and FREE/children 12 and under.

On Saturday, the Winter Pow Wow officially opens with a hands-on cultural workshop, 10:30 a.m.-noon. The cultural workshop is a first-come, first-serve preview of Indian Summer Festival's Education Day (Sept. 6, 2013). The cultural workshop includes Native American vocalist and songwriter Jamie Brace showcasing her work with area schools in songwriting and music performance; Ojibwe artist and teacher Greg Johnson demonstrating birch basket making; a hands-on crafts area and Oneida/Menominee educator Mark Denning who will demystify the pow wow. Admission for the Saturday morning workshop is

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2013 State of Indian Nations Address:

Washington, DC - In a national speech addressing the current state of tribal nations, Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), outlined in the State of Indian Nations Address a course for securing tribal communities, nations, and the future prosperity of both tribes and America.

In remarks delivered to members of Congress, tribal leaders and citizens, and government officials broadcast nationally via a live web cast and radio, Keel covered a range of critical topics central to both tribal nations and federal, state and local government. In his remarks Keel called for increased efforts to work together to address violence against women, the federal budget sequestration, immigration, land and energy issues, and economic development. The Congressional Response was delivered by Washington Senator Maria Cantwell, who was recently appointed the new Chairwoman for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and represents 29 tribes and almost 165,000 Native people.



(Photo courtesy of NCAI)

The State of Indian Nations comes just two days after President Obama delivered the State of the Union and two days after the Senate overwhelmingly passed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with key tribal provisions to protect Native women. In the major address Keel specifically called on the House to pass a comprehensive bill and send the legislation to the President's desk immediately.

"Congress must allow tribes, like all governments, to protect their own people and surrounding communities, from brutality. So if we believe that a Native woman's

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Joseph Bruchac Visits Community

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

On February 21, 2013, Joseph Bruchac, Native American author of over 130 books, demonstrated why he was such a popular artist when he performed for Bowler Elementary School students and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

In the morning, Bruchac, who is of Abenaki, Mohawk, Slovak, and English ancestry, played the traditional drum and flute for children in Headstart as well as in Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. He taught the students Native American sign language as he told an Iroquois tale about "How Chipmunk Got His Stripes." During his animated presentation, he used a high-pitched, squeaky voice when he spoke as Chipmunk and a deep, scary voice for the character of Bear.



In the afternoon, the writer performed for students in grades Three through Sixth. Again, he played the drum and the flute as well as the guitar. He geared his

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Banning Assault Weapons Makes More Sense than Arming Teachers

If what you need weapons for is to fight the government, semi-automatics don't cut it.

Editorial by Donald Kaul
They've been holding hearings on gun control up on Capitol Hill in Washington. It's always an inspiring spectacle.

There are few things as bracing as watching terrified lawmakers duck behind the Second Amendment while they justify their lack of significant response to the latest mass murder committed by a lunatic with an assault rifle. They'd love to do something about it, you see, but the Constitution won't let them.

As a matter of fact, pretty much all the arguments that gun advocates advance for virtually unlimited access to guns are pathetic.

The primary reason cited in the avalanche of mail I received on the subject recently is self-defense. Apparently, it's a dangerous world out there and only a fool walks in it without protection.

I can see the attractiveness of that argument. But it essentially skirts the most important gun control issue: restricting access to "assault weapons." Military-style guns aren't good for much except killing a lot of people quickly.

They're too unwieldy to be a practical self-defense tool. And do you really want large numbers of people walking into schools, supermarkets, and banks with what amount to machine guns

slung over their shoulders? As for warding off home invasions, you can do as well with a shotgun or handgun. And a ban on either of those kinds of weapons isn't on the table.

Then there's the matter of accessories like high-capacity magazines and silencers, which the NRA seeks to shelter from control. What has that got to do with self-defense against a home intruder?

But self-defense is not the only justification for the Second Amendment, my correspondents informed me. The Framers intended to arm the people against their government, in case it turned tyrannical, they said.

Well, the Constitution was written 226 years ago after the Revolutionary War. It's easy to imagine citizens of the time feeling a need to protect themselves against oppression.

But today it's an unrealistic and paranoid view — and I must report that a lot of the people who write me on the subject seem very paranoid. Really, if what you need weapons for is to fight the government, semi-automatic weapons don't cut it. You need fully-automatic machine guns, rocket launchers, landmines, helicopters, and drones. Is that what the Founders had in mind?

Get serious. Besides, the best defense against tyranny is robust democracy.

The NRA does have some ideas to prevent the next Newtown — bad ones. It wants to put an armed guard in every school in the country, an idea so impractical as to be risible.

It would cost a damn fortune, for one thing. How would we pay for it? Gutting art and music programs? And who would these guards be? Off-duty policemen? We don't have enough cops to go around now. Minimum wage rent-a-cops? Right. That's whom you want walking around your school locked and loaded.

Some would arm the teaching staff. That just seems loony to me. Do you want your kid's science teacher pretending he's Dirty

Harry? I didn't think so. Others seized upon the idea of better screening for mental health problems that might lead to violence.

Now that's an idea that has some promise. All people who buy or own weapons should be required to pass a psychological exam before they get society's permission to go around packing heat.

There's the question of whether an assault weapons ban would make much difference and, sad to say, I can't guarantee it would. There are too many weapons already out there to think shutting off the spigot will do the trick.

Still, it would be nice to at least try something, to show we care.

If we care. OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Printed with permission from OtherWords.org

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Letter to the Editor:

This is regarding two recent articles by Robert Allen Burr. They were both so inspiring and heartfelt.

I was pleasantly surprised to recently hear that he is the grandson of my uncle Burdette Burr. I'm sorry to say I have never met this young man but I am proud to say we are family.

Teri Vigue

Wisconsin Judicare & Columbia Law School Present:

The 2013 Indian Wills Spring Caravan

Judicare staff and Students from Columbia Law School will be at the following locations to assist anyone who wants to draft a will, powers of attorney, and other basic estate planning services for free.

March 12th, Crandon, WI. Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Offices- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 13th, Keshena, WI. Menominee Casino/Convention Center with the Elder Empowerment Conference- 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 14th, Oneida, WI. Norbert Hill Center/Business Committee Conference Room - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 15th, Milwaukee, WI. South East Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Building - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 19th, Red Cliff, WI., Legendary Waters Resort Event Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 20th, Odanah, WI. Bad River Convention Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 21st, Hayward, WI. Peter Larsen Room, LCO Tribal Offices- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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From the Division of Community Housing
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Deadline set for March 1, 2013 (or ASAP) to have Memorial Brick Forms in for 7th Rededication on May 27, 2013 (Memorial Day). Maximum limit of 20 characters including spaces per line. Deadline is needed so bricks can be made and installed by Memorial Day. Dedication Ceremony will be 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Veterans Memorial (W12790 Cty. Rd. A, Bowler) on Memorial Day.

"Can be any Veteran living or deceased." Forms can be mailed to Robert Little or dropped off at Robert Little's office at the Casino in inter-office mail. Forms are available online at Mohican.com, Mohican Veterans link or contact Robert Little at 715 787-2535.

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Born August 12, 1934
Died December 2, 2012

She is loved and sadly missed by her children Gregg, Wayne, Wendy, Gary, and Sherri, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She is with God the Father, Jesus, Marvin, Jeff (son) Ferron, Gearwin and Georgie (father and mother), Gary and Mark (brothers) Tousey.

Loved and Missed by,
Lavern (sister)

(In loving memory of Donna)
When I Die
When I die
Do not mourn me
Nor is it my wish
That you cry over my
empty body.
For sorrow and tears
Can never bring me back.
I would rather have you
rejoice.
For you must realize that
I have not really died,
But only gone on to
something
Far greater than here and
now.
And if you must shed a
tear,
Let it be over the good
times we had.
And if you must feel
sorrow,
Let it be over the fact that
you
Have not yet joined me
In the quiet place of
timelessness.

On the Trail Home



Nichole M. Merckes

Nichole Marie Merckes, age 32 of Bowler, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 21, 2013 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born on June 29, 1980, she was the daughter of Claude and Patricia (Vele) Merckes. Nichole was raised in Glendale and was a graduate of Nicolet High School. After graduation, Nichole furthered her education by receiving a Bachelor's Degree in First Nations Studies from the University of WI-Green Bay. While there, she was very active in the Multi-Cultural Organization and the Inter-Tribal Council and enjoyed coordinating and attending campus Pow-Wows and other cultural events. Nichole later worked as a VISTA Volunteer, through Americorps, with the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe and most recently, served the Ho-Chunk Nation as an Elder Care Service Provider. She attended the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness in Bowler and was a loving mother to her two beautiful beloved daughters. Her love of music, singing, and poetry, along with her warm spirit, and never-ending generosity will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Nichole is survived by: her 2 daughters, Madeline Rose Merckes-Lobermeier and Sophie Irene Merckes-Roberts both of Bowler; her significant other Joshua Roberts; her parents, Claude and Patricia Merckes of Bowler; her grandmother, Carol Vele of Bowler; a sister, Tracy Lynn (fiancé, Weston Miller) Lobermier of Bowler; and a brother, Brandon Matthew (fiancé, Rebecca Wyne) Merckes of Birnamwood. She is further survived by: her niece, Layla; her nephews, Weston Jr., Jaden, Bradley and Nicholas; her numerous special aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and family; and her companion and special canine, Casey.

Nichole is preceded in death by: her Grandparents, Nicholas and Madeline (Kramer) Merckes; and her Grandfather, Merton Vele.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness, Bowler with the Rev. Melinda Shriner officiating. Visitation was held at the church on Monday from 10:30a.m. until the time of the service. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano assisted the family with the arrangements.

Nichole is survived by: www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

2013 Summer Youth Work Experience Program

Stockbridge-Munsee Employment & Training Program

When: Summer Youth will start **June 17** and end by **August 16, 2013**

Where: Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Who is Eligible: Stockbridge-Munsee Enrolled youth who are between the ages of 14-18. Direct Descendants may participate on a space available basis, chosen by lottery.

DOB: must be 14 years of age by **June 15, 2013**

Activities: Skills-building Workshops, Community Services and Work Experience components

Applications available: S/M Education Office, Harold Katchenago at Bowler School and Nancy Buettner at Gresham School.

Deadline: Completed applications **must be dated** as received by program staff no later than **Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS**



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Visit continued from page One: second performance for an older age group as he told traditional stories about "How Rattlesnake Got It's Rattle," "The Tree People," and the Creation of Man, Lake Champaign, and the MohHeConNuck River. Bruchac then answered questions for a half an hour.

One student asked him if he was wealthy and he responded, "I'm not very wealthy and there's a couple of reasons for that. One is when you publish a book you do not get a lot of money yourself for the book that is published." Bruchac said, "And then the other thing, which is something I try to live by, is every year I give anywhere from 20 to 40 percent of my income away to charity. So, I really only keep enough to live on and to support my family. And, I think that's important because if you're given a lot, you've got to give a lot."

The home Joseph Bruchac has lived in his entire life was originally his grandparents. It is located at the foothills of the Adirondack

Mountains, which is in New York near the MohHeConNuck River. Language enthusiast, Jeremy Mohawk, said this was why he could understand a lot of what Bruchac was saying when the author spoke and sang in his Native tongue at the Mohican Family Center. The Mohican people originally lived near the Abenaki and these two Native languages are sister languages.

About 200 people attended Bruchac's evening performance, which included more traditional music and storytelling. He attempted to frighten some children as he acted out the story of the "Swamp Lady." Then, the author told a story that he and his son wrote from their book entitled, "Raccoon's Last Race."

This book, as well as other books Joseph Bruchac had published, was available to buy at the Mohican Family Center. All the children who attended the evening event received a free book from donations made possible by Bowler School, Gresham School, and Stockbridge-Munsee

Family Services. Before and after Bruchac's performance, he autographed every book that children, parents, and fans brought to him to be signed. He was generous with his time, quickly eating the traditional meal the Mohican Family Center provided and staying late into the evening so he could autograph everyone's book, ask them questions, and engaged his readers in conversation.

Bowler student Damilta VerHaagh picked out Bruchac's book, "Hidden Roots" to read because she said, "I wanted to know more about his Tribe." VerHaagh enjoyed the event saying, "His singing was amazing. It was so awesome."

Bowler's Third Grade teacher, Lori Mueller, had the initial idea of bringing Joseph Bruchac to the community. She said the event was "Very successful. A nice cross-section of the community: Elders, young people, Native, and non-Native. It was a powerful moment. A dream come true. I'll remember it for the rest of my life." She thanked

the twenty plus people who helped put the event together, specifically Judy Munsey, Jeff DePerry, Jayci Malone, Karman Mason and the staff at the Mohican Family Center, the Tribal Council, the Education Board, and Gresham School. When asked what she hoped people would take from Bruchac's traditional storytelling, Mueller said, "I hope it inspires students to tell their stories, not only students but any member of the community."

Joseph Bruchac was asked this same question and his answer was similar: "I hope that kids will recognize the importance being able to tell their own stories because if you don't tell your own story, somebody will tell stories about you. I think if you can share a story that means something to you with someone else, you've passed on the biggest gift you can give."

Earlier in the day, Third Graders performed a play written by the author and Bruchac spoke highly of their performance. He said, **Visit continued on page Twelve:**

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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
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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



State continued from page One: life is worth the same as every other woman's, if we believe that justice should not stop at the border of a reservation, if we believe that tribes are truly sovereign, then it's time for the House of Representatives to step up, put partisan politics aside, and reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act with expanded protections for all victims of violence," said Keel in the address.

Keel also announced the release of NCAI's new report "Securing Our Futures" which highlights ways in which tribe are exercising and strengthening their sovereignty today.

"Today, NCAI is releasing a report called Securing Our Futures. It shows areas where tribes are exercising their sovereignty right now, diversifying their revenue base, and bringing economic success to their nations and surrounding communities. The path to securing our future-from education to food security, climate change to workforce development-is illuminated by the proven success of tribal nations. While the circumstances of each tribal nation are unique, the promising practices contained in the report offer a way forward to secure tribal economies and sustain prosperity

for future generations."

Keel concluded the speech by highlighting the foundation for the trust relationship between tribal nations and the federal government, specifically referring to the constitutional place of tribal nations as members of the American family of governments. "These are the same principles that formed our treaties, and why our Constitution acknowledges tribes as equal, sovereign governments. Today, you can see that sovereignty in action in tribal courts, in the classrooms of tribal colleges, and in tribal businesses all over the world.

This is the task at hand; to move together toward a more perfect union. To strengthen our trust relationship with the United States. From Washington to Kennedy, Reagan to Obama, tribal nations have worked with the United States to uphold this promise.

That trust, ultimately, is the principle that must guide us-all of us-as we go forward and do right by all of our children and grandchildren.

And when we do, we'll always be able to say that the State of Indian Nations is strong and the future prosperity of America is secure," Keel said in concluding the State of Indian Nations Address.

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ABOUT WINTER POW WOW

Winter Pow Wow heats up the weekend 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, at Wisconsin State Fair Park, Wisconsin Products Pavilion, 640 S. 84th St. (gate 5). Regular admission charges apply for the Pow Wow on Saturday and Sunday. A traditional pow wow brings people together to dance, sing, socialize, and generally have a good time. The public is welcome all weekend and invited to participate during Intertribal Dances.

A session begins with the Grand Entry, during which all the dancers line up by dance style and age, then enter the arena behind military veterans carrying flags, while a host drum sings a special song. During an Intertribal Dance, a drum will sing a song and anyone (American Indian and non-American Indian) can join in. Audience members can expect

to see dancers representing the 11 federally recognized tribes of Wisconsin as well as many other tribal nations.

Authentic Native American arts, clothing and crafts are available for purchase via an extensive marketplace. Food vendors will offer fry bread and Indian Tacos, as well as other family-friendly fare such as hot dogs and soft drinks. A prayer ceremony will be held Sunday and is also open to the public.

Pow Wow hours are 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Grand entry times are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Attendance is free for the Prayer Ceremony at 10 a.m. Sunday morning and the Pow Wow that follows for those admitted by 10 a.m.

Pow Wow Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/elders (60+) and FREE/children 12 and under.

Dates for the 2013 Indian Summer Festival are Sept. 6-8 at Maier Festival Park (Summerfest grounds).

**Division of Community Housing
Annual Workshop/Informational Sessions 2013**

Date	Session Title	Speaker(s)
March 20, 2013	Purchasing in a Trailer Home	Bob Vele/Land Mngt
April 10, 2013	Budgeting	UW Extension
April 24, 2013	Credit Report	Ryan Alexander CVCU Must pre-register by April 17 th
May 8, 2013	Permits to Build/Steps to Build	Housing/land/forestry
May 22, 2013	Year Around Home Maintenance	Bob Vele
June 12 2013	Mold & Cleaning Mold	Bob Vele
To be announced	Section 184 Indian Loan program	
July 10, 2013	Home Repair Demonstration	Bob Vele
August 6, 2013	National Night Out At Housing Office	5:00 pm food
October 12, 2013	Fire Safety/Crime Prevention parade	At Fire Department Open House
		Activities/food 10:00 am

All sessions begin at 4:45 pm at the Housing Office with a light supper provided UNLESS a different time or place is posted above. The speaker will begin right around 5:00 pm. Pre-registering helps us in providing food and seating.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE UNDERSTANDING A CREDIT HISTORY REPORT in order for our office to obtain your confidential/sealed report in time for the session. **SEATING FOR THIS SESSION** is limited to ten (10) persons.

Two extra sessions; Handling Debt, Credit Cards and Building a Credit History, Saving Energy, and Saving Money are still in the planning stages and may or may not be added to the list in the future.

You can contact our office with any question on these sessions at 715-793-4219.

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of opportunities. Whole different type of field than I used to be in." Prior to his career in the gaming industry, he was a boilermaker for 20 years with Advanced Boilers.

Before his retirement, he was the third longest working employee for the North Star Casino. Over the years, "Weegie" Bowman saw many bosses, coworkers, and customers come in and out of the doors of the casino. In fact, North Star hired 22 Slot Technicians throughout his career as one. During his retirement party, his colleagues swapped humorous stories about crazy customers, workplace follies, favorite and not-so-favorite bosses, and practical jokes they played on one another. One time Bowman even screwed a coworker's toolbox to the floor.

Also during his retirement party, Terrance Miller, Director of Security, and Tammy Wyrobeck, Financial Security Manager, presented Bowman with a Pendleton Blanket and a certificate that read: "This Pendleton Blanket is given in honor for your many years of service to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohicans. Amongst the Moh-He-Con-New (People of the Water that are never still), status is given to individuals based on what they give to the community and others as opposed to main stream society that gives status to those individuals who have the most. Wealth within our community is not measured by net worth, but rather by a combination

of spiritual qualities, material goods and personal behavior. The honor of receiving a Native American Blanket is a proclamation amongst the People of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohicans that through your years of dedicated service, volunteerism and loyalty you have truly achieved 'wealth.' May this blanket always serve as testament to your years of dedicated service, loyalty, friendship and your place of honor amongst the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohicans."

When asked what he will do now that he is retired, Bowman said, "Build trailers. I'm still a welder. And play music." For the past eight years, Bowman has been playing bass guitar for the Morgan Creek Band.

At the end of the retirement party, Tribal Councilman Scott Vele said, "A vast amount of knowledge went out the door. Honestly, I think that the North Start Casino Resort philosophy is reflected in employees such as Luigi. But, his diligence and professionalism that he brought to his department rubbed off to all the other areas that he worked in throughout the 20 some odd years that he was here. I think the Tribe, the Tribal Council, and Gaming Operations are very thankful for 'Weege's' brilliant career in gaming and we wish him well in his future endeavors. And, we know that he's a wonderful artist and we congratulate him for that as well."

SPRING BREAK WEEK SCHEDULE 2013

Open 10:00 A.M.	WED. 3/27/13	ER Day CLOSE	4:45 P.M.
Room Hours	Child:Staff Ratio	1adult :10 youth	Call to SIGN-UP
Open 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY	3/28/13	CLOSE 4:45 P.M.
Open 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY	3/29/13	CLOSE 12:00 NOON
Open 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY	4/1/13	PICK-UP 4:45 P.M.
NEED: WILLINGNESS TO STAY WITH THE GROUP			
GOOD ATTITUDE SO WE CAN PLAY AND HAVE FUN			
CLOTHES TO GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY-WEATHER PERMITTING			
ARRIVAL 8:00 AM -	9:00 AM	PUZZLES, GAMES, READING, COMP	
SNACK	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Cereal/Milk	
ARTS CHOICE 9:30 AM –	10:15 AM	PAINTING, MUSIC, or DANCE	
PLAY 10:15 AM –	11:30 AM	GYM/BALL FIELD/PLAYGROUND/HIKE	
LUNCH 12:00 PM –	12:45 PM	BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH	
CLEAN UP 12:45 PM –	1:15 PM	READING OR DRAWING	
CHOICE 1:15 PM –	2:50 PM	GAMES/FITNESS/CRAFTS	
CLEAN UP	2:50 PM – 3:00 PM	CLEAN UP	
SNACK 3:00 PM –	3:30 PM	FRUITS/CHEESE & CRACKERS/JUICE	
OUTDOOR 3:30 PM –	4:30 PM	GYM/BALL FIELD/PLAYGROUND	
DEPARTURE 4:30 PM -	4:45 PM	PICK UP EARLIER AS NEEDED	
STAFF CONTACT: Room: #793-4085 or CELL # 715-881-0812			
Jayci Malone ASP STAFF (Lai Lonnie, Linda, Lenore)			
Will be taking TEENS to Whispering PINES 28 TH /29 TH .			
They will be at dropped off at MFC by Noon on Friday.			

Family

Choice ~ Drive ~ Purpose ~ Gifts ~ Mind Changer ~ Character ~ Elders ~ Natural Order ~ Friends ~ Outlook ~ Service



S-M After School & Teen Prevention Program

March 28 and 29, 2013
Overnight Teen Trip

Exciting new way of learning!

“Understanding the Purpose of Life Teaching”

Whispering Pines Retreat on Shawano Lake, WI

Leave: 9 AM from MFC Thursday 28th

Return: Noon to MFC Friday 29th

Transportation and meals provided. Must commit to the full 2 days.

The young people are the future leaders and helpers for the Mohican nation.

Curriculum by: White Bison Training Institute,

Providing culturally-based healing resources for the next seven generations.

Be a part of the Indigenous Peoples healing forest.



Must be 13-18 year of age to participate.
Limit: 15 teens ~ 5 Chaperones




PLEASE CONTACT ~ ASP STAFF AT # 715-793-4085 AND TALK TO LAI LONNIE OR LENORE 'PUNKIN' FOR MORE DETAILS.

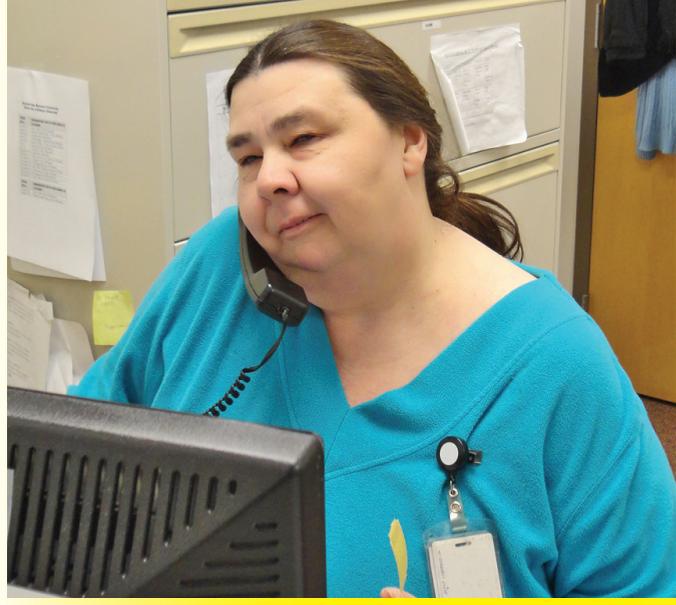
March 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closed	MOHICAN FAMILY CENTER RECREATION				4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time	Open Gym 2:30-7
Closed	12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-Ball 1-3:30 Sewing Circle 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6:30-9 Regalia 7 Community Meeting 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-ball 1-1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Tai Chi 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-Ball 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 7-8 Jump Program	4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time 8-Mid Girls Night	Open Gym 2:30-7
Closed	12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Family Fun Night 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -3:30 Sewing Circle 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6:30-9 Regalia 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-Ball 1-1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Tai Chi 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-Ball 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5:30 3 rd -12 th Swim Trip 7-8 Jump Program	4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time	Open Gym 2:30-7
Closed	Holiday Closed 4:30-8 Internet Safety Cyber Bullying Justin UWO Eau Claire	12-1 Noon-Ball 1 -3:30 Sewing Circle 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6:30-9 Regalia 7-8 Jump Program	12-1 Noon-Ball 1-1:30 Round Dancing 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 5 Tai Chi	12-1 Noon-Ball 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 7-8 Jump Program	Girls WI Dells Trip 4-4:30 Circle of Nutrition 6-8 Movie Time	Girls WI Dells Trip Open Gym 2:30-7
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SUBJECT TO CHANGE						



***Valentine's Day Parties
with the Elderly (above) and Headstart (below)***





Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center Employees of the Month

Becky (left) was selected as the Employee of the Month for December 2012 for "always being friendly, using a pleasant voice when people call, and being very willing to help people. She goes above and beyond helping patients." Myla Pleshek (right) was the Employee of the Month for January 2013 for going above and beyond assisting a patient with getting an appointment when there were none available.



Nationally acclaimed writer, storyteller, and musician Joseph Bruchac performs at Bowler School and the Mohican Family Center



Entertainment

<p>Fri./Sat., Mar. 1/2</p> <p>Shackshakers</p>  <p>Variety</p> 	<p>Fri./Sat., Mar. 8/9</p> <p>Jon Stone Band</p>  <p>Classic Country</p> 
<p>Fri./Sat., Mar. 15/16</p> <p>Phil Vaught</p>  <p>Rock/Variety</p> 	<p>Sat./Sun., Mar. 16/17</p> <p>WDEZ Polka Dance</p> <p>Saturday • 5 pm-12 am Polka Family Band & Jimmy Kilian Band</p> <p>Sunday • Noon-6 pm The Polka Family Band & The Family Tradition Band</p> <p>\$10 Advance • \$12 Door</p>  <p>Polka</p> 
<p>Fri./Sat., Mar. 22/23</p> <p>Sassy Magoo</p>  <p>Variety</p> 	<p>Fri./Sat., Mar. 29/30</p> <p>Geoff Landon</p>  <p>Country</p> 


FREE SHOWS unless indicated
Shows start at 8 pm



Community

Tribal Nations Set to Gain Authority to Make Disaster Declarations Directly to U.S. President

Stafford Act passes Senate on 62- 36 vote – Headed to President Obama's Desk for Signature

Washington, DC – Tribal nations will soon have the same ability provided to states to make disaster relief declarations and requests for assistance directly to the President of the United States. In a 62-36 vote on Monday night, the U.S. Senate passed H.R. 152, the Hurricane Sandy Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill, which includes amendments to allow tribal governments to make direct requests for emergency assistance to the President under the Stafford Act. Under current law, tribes must seek assistance through a state governor's office, often causing critical delays in emergency response on tribal lands. The legislation, which also includes \$50 billion in Hurricane Sandy relief funding, passed 241-180 in the House of Representatives two weeks ago and now goes to President Obama to be signed into law.

"Some tribal nations in the U.S., many in remote areas, are larger than some states and every tribal nation has unique disaster response and recovery requests. The final passage of this bill marks a historic moment in tribal emergency preparedness and response. Our nations, devastated too often by natural disasters

with disproportionate impacts, will be more capable to respond immediately to major disasters, and the bipartisan support for this legislation should not go unnoticed," said Jefferson Keel, President of NCAI. Keel is also the Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

NCAI further acknowledges that the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) made the tribal amendments to the Stafford Act its sole legislative priority under Administrator Craig Fugate's direction. The need for this critical policy change has been called for repeatedly in FEMA tribal consultations and meetings with tribal leaders during NCAI conventions.

"State and tribal governments will now be able to access disaster assistance as needed to aid the people, local communities, and regions in recovering quickly from catastrophic situations. NCAI looks forward to the signature of this landmark legislation by President Obama. NCAI is prepared to work with FEMA to ensure its implementation contains fair and inclusive eligibility criteria and will benefit the maximum number of tribal communities," concluded Robert Holden, NCAI's Deputy Director and longtime coordinator of emergency management policy and response efforts at NCAI.

2013-2014 Wisc. state highway map now available

New map promotes having fun while traveling in Wisconsin. Motorists can replace their old state highway map and put a new one in the glove box. The updated Wisconsin state highway map is now available. The map was produced by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Department of Tourism. The whimsical design on the reverse side of the map reflects the tourism theme: *Find fun in Wisconsin*.

"Despite new travel information technologies, there's still a great demand for the print version of the state map," notes Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb. "People find the map very useful and highly functional."

For the first time, the map includes bar codes that can be used with any smart phone to call up current travel conditions and information about state parks and other attractions.

"This is the first state highway map featuring one of the state's most iconic attractions, the Harley-Davidson Museum, in a

photo with the Governor's family. What better time than during the year Harley-Davidson celebrates their 110th anniversary?" said Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett. "Another first is the addition of popular car travel games and activities making the map not just practical but also fun."

The 2013-14 map reflects numerous highway changes since the last map was printed in 2010. In addition, all population totals in the "Index to Cities and Villages" have been updated to reflect 2010 census information.

Single copies of the folded pocket map are available free of charge through state tourism centers and by ordering via the web at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/publications/roadmap.htm.

See the images found on the front panel (<http://dot.wi.gov/news/images/mapback.jpg>) and back panel (<http://dot.wi.gov/news/images/mapfront.jpg>) of the new state map on the WisDOT web.

NCAI Opposes New House VAWA Legislation; Bill Represents Step Back on Tribal Provisions

Washington, DC - The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) opposes the House proposed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) legislation filed today. As a member of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women (NTF) we stand with our partners and do not accept the language that's been offered.

This legislation lacks necessary protections for victims of violence and rolls back current law and disregards significant bipartisan efforts in the Senate on the tribal provisions.

"The inclusion of the tribal provisions in a House VAWA is long overdue and let's be clear, the new House language is not even close to the Senate bill which passed with bipartisan support last week 78-22. And actually, in some areas the House language rolls back existing laws that protect Native women," said Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director of NCAI.

"NCAI supports efforts to move the House legislation closer to the inclusive, bipartisan Senate-passed bill."

NCAI's initial review of the proposed language exposes significant areas where the proposed House VAWA tribal provisions represent a major step backward.

For example, under the proposed Section 204 (e), a tribal court could only issue a protection order against a non-Indian if they successfully navigated the Attorney General certification process under the proposed 204 (b), and then only if the non-Indian defendant met the requirements for the 'special domestic violence jurisdiction.'

In other words, the defendant would need to have established significant ties to the reservation, such as by living or working on the reservation. Prior to this proposal, the 2000 VAWA Reauthorization made it

clear that every tribe had full civil jurisdiction to issue and enforce civil protection orders against all persons, Indian and non-Indian. This roll back of current law is extremely troubling since, as far as a tribe's authority prior to passage of this VAWA bill, it is the only protection a tribal government can provide to its women victims of domestic violence against all perpetrators of domestic violence, stalking or harassment.

Also, in reference to other significant changes from the strong bipartisan Senate-passed S. 47, the newly proposed House legislation provides non-Indian defendants with numerous options to evade justice in tribal courts, such as a limitation on tribal court sentencing authority (any crime prosecuted under this proposed legislation would be limited to a year sentencing), a process for interlocutory appeal and direct review of the final verdict, as well as an added provision subjecting "every person" involved in carrying out this special jurisdiction to a civil action for deprivation of rights (there is an immunity included for tribal officials which is akin to the public officials immunity under 42 U.S.C. 1983). This last example was included, despite the fact that tribal officials are already subject to Federal Tort Claims Act jurisdiction.

These added provisions will do much to interfere with tribal justice systems, and will do little for Native victims of violence. In short, the House proposed VAWA legislation filed today seems to go the distance in considering the rights and privileges of domestic abusers that would be subject to a tribal court's 'special domestic violence jurisdiction,' but does not provide Native victims of violence the necessary protections they need for swift and fair justice in Indian country.

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



Know the facts About Accidental Poisoning

More than 60,000 young children end up in emergency departments every year because they got into medicines while their parent or caregiver was not looking.

Families take medicines and vitamins to feel well or stay well. Any kind of medicine or vitamin can cause harm if taken in the wrong way or by the wrong person, even medicine you buy without a prescription. All medicines and vitamins should always be kept up and away and out of your child's reach and sight.

Make sure the safety cap is locked Always relock the safety cap on a medicine bottle. If the medicine has a locking cap that turns, twist it until you hear the click or you cannot twist anymore. Remember, even though many medicines and vitamins have safety caps, children may be able to open them.

Protect your child. Here's how.: Put medicines and vitamins up and away— out of reach and out of sight.

Children are curious and put all sorts of things in their mouths. Even if you turn your back for less than a minute, they can quickly get into things that could hurt them.

Pick a place your children cannot reach:

Find a place in your home that is too high for children to reach or see. Different families will have

different places. Walk around your house and decide on the safest place to keep your medicines and vitamins.

Put medicines and vitamins away every time:

Always put every medicine and vitamin away every time you use it. This includes medicines and vitamins you use every day. Never leave them out on a kitchen counter or at a sick child's bedside, even if you have to give the medicine again in a few hours.

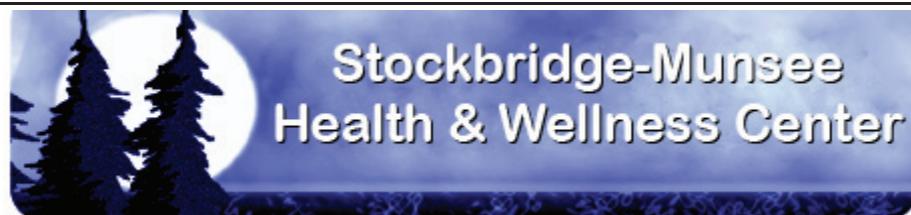
Teach your children about medicine safety:

Tell your children what medicine is and why you must be the one to give it to them. Never tell children medicine is candy to get them to take it, even if your child does not like to take his or her medicine.

Tell guests about medicine safety: Ask houseguests and visitors to keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicines in them up and away and out of sight when they are in your home.

Call your Poison Help center at (800) 222-1222 right away if you think your child might have gotten into a medicine or vitamin. Program the number into your home and cell phones so you will have it when you need it.

www.UpandAway.org



Are sweetened beverages really a big deal?



By Mary Murray R.D.

Whether it's causing cavities, providing extra calories, or raising blood sugar, we have understood for some time that regular soda is not really the best choice. Did you know that drinking only one 8oz serving of a sugary drink such as pop or Kool-Aid everyday raises the odds of a child becoming obese by 60% (Harris et al.). In fact it is suggested that children limit their intake of added sugar to 15 grams (60 calories) per day, which is less than 1 cup of soda or Kool-Aid (Harris et al.). Of course the beverage industry doesn't make it easy for consumers to make healthy choices.

In 2010 major beverage companies spent about \$1,226,000,000.00 on advertising various nonalcoholic, unhealthy refreshments (Harris et al.). Most of the advertising is directed towards young people and in some cases may be targeting specific groups of people. In 2010 African American children and teens saw 80—90% more TV ads for sugary drinks & energy drinks than their Caucasian counterparts (Harris et al.). Kraft's Kool-Aid website has featured ads intended for Hispanic parents and offered them information about Kool-Aid being more

affordable & lower in sugar than soda.

Nevertheless, adults often aren't a perfect model for young people. Women should limit intake of added sugar to 4—6 teaspoons a day based on individual calorie needs (6t is < 100 calories). For men the recommendation is no more than 5—9 teaspoons a day (which is < 150 calories & about the same as one 12oz can of soda) (Gardner et al.).

Making the transition off of soda can be difficult, but it is worthwhile. This March one of the ways that Community Health is celebrating National Nutrition Month is by encouraging the community to consider drinking water instead of other beverages. We will be setting up information and water bottles next to vending machines at several tribal buildings. Even if you don't switch completely, cutting back on sweetened beverage is a good place to start, so stop by and grab some water.

Sources:

Gardner, Christopher, et al. "Non-nutritive Sweeteners: Current Use and Health Perspectives A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association." Journal of the American Heart Association. Jul. 2012: Boston, MA.

Harris, Jennifer L., et al. "Sugary Drink F.A.C.T.S. Food Advertising to Children and Teens Score." Yale Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity. Oct. 2011: www.sugarydrinkfacts.org.

Do you take Coumadin?

Want more information about what foods have vitamin K?

Have you struggled with keeping your PT/INR results from fluctuating up and down?

The Stockbridge—Munsee Health and Wellness Center will be having a lunch and learn to share dietary information especially for people who take Coumadin (aka warfarin).

Join us on March 27th in the health center's downstairs conference room at noon

A light meal will be provided.

Please RSVP with Mary Murray R.D. (715) 793-5006 by Monday March 26th.

Major Upcoming Events for March

March 5

Mohican Family Center: Community Meeting, 7 PM

Mohican Family Center: closed expect for Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying, 4:30-8 PM

March 11

Mohican Family Center: Family Fun Night, 5 PM

March 22 – 24

Mohican Family Center: Girls Wisconsin Dells Trip

March 14

Mohican Family Center: 3rd – 12th Grade Swim Trip, leave at 5:30 PM

March 26

Mohican Family Center: Community Meeting, 7 PM

March 17

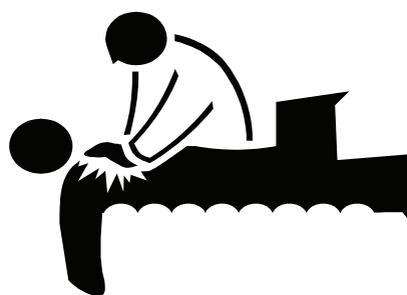
St. Patrick's Day

March 28

Headstart: Easter Luncheon, 11 AM Early release 12:30 PM

March 18

Stockbridge Day - Many Tribal Departments are closed



I've Got Your Back
Dr. Tom Wargo

Call - 715-793-5000

to schedule a chiropractic appointment

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THERE HAS BEEN A
CHANGE TO APRIL'S WIC
DAYS

APRIL 3, 2013 IS
CERTIFICATION/
RECERTIFICATION DAY

APRIL 4, 2013 CHECK
PICK UP DAY

APRIL 11, 2013 WILL
BE BACK UP DAY FOR
CHECK PICK UP

Any questions please
call Mary Murry @
715.793.5006 or Julie
Casper @ 715.793.5013



Education

Hey! Did you hear??
Job Center of Wisconsin
is at CMN??

Mondays: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

&

Tuesdays: Noon – 4:00 pm

Located in the

Community Technology Center

Outreach Lab, Rm TC110

at

College of Menominee Nation

Case Managers on staff to assist you with:

JCW Registration Job Search Applications Resumes

Cover Letters Career Counseling Training & Education

Job Preparation Resource Referrals



Shawano & Menominee Counties

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Job Center & funded by the Bay Area Workforce Development Board*, Inc. & the State Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development under the Workforce Investment Act. BAWDB* serving WIA Title I is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.

Coca-Cola Foundation Grants \$250,000 to American Indian College Fund to Continue Support for First Generation Scholars

Denver, Co – The Coca-Cola Foundation is continuing its support of first-generation Native American scholars through a donation of \$250,000 to the American Indian College Fund. The Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation Tribal Scholarship Program will continue to increase access to higher education and leadership development opportunities for tribal college students that are the first in their families to attend college. At least one scholar at each of the 34 tribal colleges is selected to be a Coca-Cola scholar.

In addition to receiving scholarship awards up to \$5,000, program participants attend a fully funded week-long leadership development program called the American Indian Student Summer Leadership Training and participate in a reception recognizing their achievements in the spring. These programs are geared to encourage scholarship recipients, who often face more difficult challenges than other college students due to poverty, to stay in school.

Scholarship awards are renewable if awardees maintain

a 3.0 grade point average, meet their tribal college's eligibility requirements for full-time status, and show involvement in leadership and campus life.

"The Coca-Cola Foundation is leading the nation's business community by providing scholarship opportunities to outstanding first-generation Native students," said Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund. "The Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation Tribal Scholarship Program is creating opportunities for American Indians who might otherwise be unable to attend college and is providing hope to American Indians and positively impacting Indian Country."

"The American Indian College Fund significantly impacts the academic aspirations and achievements of Native students," said Lori George Billingsley, Vice President, Community Relations, Coca-Cola Refreshments. "By supporting students who are the first in their families to attend college, Coca-Cola plays a part in the transformative influence of education."

Please visit www.collegefund.org

Visit continued from page Five:

"That play was one of seven plays in a book I wrote called 'Pushing Up the Sky.' It's the story of GlusKabe—one of our culture heroes—and Old Man Winter. And, it's the longest play in the book and the one that has the most lines to learn. And, what I was impressed by was the fact that every kid had memorized their lines. They weren't being prompted or reading off their script and they did a very good job." Bruchac said, "I love to see kids involved in theater because it gives them a self-confidence that you sometimes don't see and [it gives them] that opportunity to stand up in front of a group of people and present something that the other kids enjoy. That's something I think they may remember for the rest of their lives."

At 70 years old, Joseph Bruchac is still publishing new books as he travels throughout North America and Europe, thirty to forty times a year, to perform traditional Native American music and storytelling. He believes it is important for him to share what he has learned to the rest of the world. Bruchac said, "My wife and I were married for 48 years. She passed away two years ago after a 13-year bout with cancer and [she] did just amazing things. In those 13 years, she never complained, and I think it was the best 13 years of our lives together. I miss her terribly. The last thing she said to me before she passed was, 'I'm so proud of you.' So, I figure whatever I do from here on in, I've got to live up to her good opinion of me."

Career Exploration Day

The College of Menominee Nation will be hosting a Career Exploration Day on April 10, 2013 from 9 AM- 2PM.

We have invited all of the area high schools (The focus is mainly on the Native students.) I have invited several Federal agencies (Homeland Security, Secret Service, National Security Agency, etc...) and many area businesses to setup booths and share information

with the students. CMN faculty and staff will be on hand to provide information about various course and degree offerings at CMN.

Other area college recruiters will also be in attendance.

Schyler Martin
Sustainability Coordinator
Sustainable Development Institute
(715) 799-6226 ext 3043



Tribal Council Directives

On Friday, February 8, 2013, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made, carried, defeated or died:

APPROVAL AGENDA-

Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Friday, February 8, 2013, as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Architectural services Contract-Bridget Swanke

Motion by Wallace A. Miller to authorize a contract between Walsh Bishop Design Company and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 8:33 AM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 8:49 AM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on the

Membership Minutes and a Court Case.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll Tashyla Marie Mohawk, as reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll Nautika Rose Miller, as reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to approve enrollment into the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe for George Fredrick Johnson, upon his relinquishment from the Menominee Tribe, as reviewed by Tribal Council. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to serve the first denial for Anthony Welch as recommended by the Enrollment Committee and reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 8:51 AM.

ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 8:51 AM.

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**Directives cont from pg Twelve:
On Thursday, February 14, 2013,
the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal
Council held a Special Tribal
Council Meeting and at that
time the following motions were
made, carried, defeated or died:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

Add: Time Sensitive Forestry Minutes

Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda of February 14, 2013, as presented with the addition. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

FORESTRY MINUTES-

Motion by Joe Miller to grant permission to Rusty Morgan to use the railroad bed for access for his logging job. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to direct the Forest Committee, specifically the Forestry Committee Secretary, to immediately forward to the Tribal Council Secretary Council actions items, immediately upon approval of the Forestry Committee. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker withdraws motion. Second concurs. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Joe Miller to grant permission for Scott Posselt to use Tribal Roads for his logging operation. Seconded by Shan.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 10:19 AM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 10:26 AM.

Vice President Miller recessed the meeting until 12:00 PM.

The meeting resumed at 12:02 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go back into Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 12:05 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 12:56 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on two court cases.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to have the President carry out the requested court order obligations as discussed in Executive Session, pertaining to the Joseph J. Miller cases and Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

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

Motion by Scott R. Vele to

terminate Kim Vele, as of January 28, 2013, as the Tribe prevailed in Kim Vele v. Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Scott yes, Terrie no, Shan no, Wally no and Joe no. Motion defeated.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio that Kim Vele's attorney contract be terminated as of January 28, 2013, the same day as the court ruling, where the Tribe prevailed in the hiring and under the conditions that the language in the contract is going to be followed for termination. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Roll Call: Scott no, Terrie yes, Shan yes, Wally yes and Joe no.

Council Member Vele opposed due to the fact that the appellate court's order supersedes any and all action of the tribal court and any contract.

Council Member Miller opposed as in his opinion she was very well qualified for the position and this is merely political. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 12:59 PM

**On Tuesday, February 19, 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: Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes and Office Assistant-Tribal Office job description

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Regular Tribal Council Tuesday, February 19, 2013, meeting agenda as posted and deleted. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

TRIBAL FINANCIALS-Amanda Stevens, Director of Finance

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Tribal Financials for October and November of 2012, as posted and reviewed. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

NATIONAL COALITION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-

No action take at this time as no one was in attendance to present the item.

AMERICAN INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve membership dues for 2013 in the amount of \$500.00 to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried. Seconded by Shan. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Convenience Store Manager-Rob Hendricks, Business Development Specialist

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revised Little Star Convenience Store Manager's position as presented by Business Developer

for a trial period of six months and then at that time a full report should be brought back for Tribal Council further consideration. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN-Paul Koll, Forester

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution 024-13, for the President or Vice President's signature, where as the Invasive Species Management Plan is needed to protect life and property while also identifying, protecting and enhancing other related values such as forest health, water quality, cultural resources, wildlife and fisheries, endangered species, soil stability and local socio-economic conditions; and whereas, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community does not currently have an Invasive Species Management Plan that outlines goals and objectives related to the control and management of invasive species; and now therefore it be resolved, the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal President or Vice President to execute the 2012 Invasive Species Management Plan and provide a copy of the executed document to the BIA for their execution; and be it further resolved, the Tribal Council authorizes the Environmental, Conservation and Forestry Departments to implement to approved Invasive Special Management Plan as a tool for natural resource management. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion to include: the Invasive Species Management Plan, should have a review written into it every 24 months. Second concurs. Motion carried.

PERMISSION TO USE LIBRARY MAP-Jolene Bowman, Director of Education & Cultural Affairs

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize the Education Director's request for Karen Saeman's request to use the Stockbridge Trail of Tears Map and have the President sign the agreed to and accept document as presented. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

REVISIONS TO EDUCATION HANDBOOK-Dawn Espinoza, Education Board Member

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the changes to the Stockbridge-Munsee Education, Employment and Training Programs Handbook as recommended and presented by the Education Board. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

LIBRARY MUSEUM ROOF-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Joe Miller that we solicit bids for replacement of the Museum/Library roof, brought up to code, with adequate venting and insulations. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion maker withdraws motion. Second concurs. Motion withdrawn.

RESOLUTION: Direct Services Plan for 2013 TIP-Willy Miller, Roads Manager

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve for signature resolution 025-13, which is the Stockbridge-Munsee Resolution approving the transportation improvement program TIP plan for 2013, as presented and reviewed by Tribal Council, as presented by Willy Miller, the Director of Roads.

Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion maker amends motion to include: the direct services agreement. Second concurs. Motion carried.

WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN-Angela Waupochick, Wetland Specialist and Luke Hennigan, Hydrologist

Motion by Scott R. Vele to post the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Management Plan as presented by Angela Waupochick and Luke Hennigan. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF FAMILY CENTER YOUTH BOARD MEMBER-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to appoint Thomas Kazik to the Family Board Youth Member position. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to appoint Karen Gardner, Darcy Malone, Terrance Miller, Linda Mohawk-Katchenago and Annette Schreiber to the Police and Fire Commission. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

NDA TRIBAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS-Scott R. Vele, Tribal Council Member

Motion by Scott R. Vele to have the President sign the Tribal Financial Advisors Incorporated Confidentiality Agreement as signed by CEO, Kristy Jackson, and reviewed by the Stockbridge-Munsee Legal Department. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 6:07 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 6:25 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a legal issue with one of the Tribe's Staff Attorneys and a personnel issue.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to carry out the compensation plan for the Tribal Council Secretary as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

-OPEN AGENDA-

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried 6:33 PM.

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