



Notice to ALL Second Generation Descendants Who Are Eligible for Contract Health Services

At this time, we must inform all Second Generation Descendants that as of February 13, 2012 you will not be eligible for Contract Health Services for the remainder of the 2012 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year runs from October 1 thru Sept. 30th of each year.

As we have announced in the past, Contract Health Services funds, which are federal funds used to pay for medical services that cannot be provided at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, are limited. CHS funds usually deplete within the first few months of each fiscal year. Enrolled, First Generation and Second Generation Descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe are eligible for CHS funds. Once the CHS funds are depleted we continue to pay for medical expenses using Tribal Funds. 2nd Generation Descendants are not covered by Tribal Funds.

Payment for authorized referrals for dates of service prior to Feb. 13, 2012 will still be covered by CHS, if the services were authorized for payment. If you receive bills after Feb. 13, 2012 and if they are for services prior to Feb. 13, 2012 they will still be eligible for payment by CHS, if they have been authorized for payment. Please make sure to submit ALL your bills to the CHS staff at the SMHWC.

Contact Guida Welch (715-793-5011) or Delwar Mian (715-793-5055) with concerns or questions related to this subject.

State of the Tribes Address Scheduled for March 13, 2012 at State Capitol

The Offices of the Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly, the Wisconsin Assembly Majority Leader, the Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader, and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council announce today that the eighth annual State of the Tribes Address will take place on March 13, 2012 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. before a joint session of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate in the Assembly Chamber of the State Capitol. The Address will be given by Jon Greendeer, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, whose headquarters are in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. This event has been a part of the Assembly legislative calendar for the past seven years, and members of the Wisconsin Senate, the Supreme Court, and the Constitutional officers are invited. The Cabinet Secretaries are also invited.

The address in the Assembly chamber will communicate to the Wisconsin Legislature the status and needs of the 11 tribal reservations within Wisconsin, including topics of mutual legislative interest such as health care, education, job development and economic development. A video feed will be carried on the State's public affairs website and network, Wisconsin Eye. Following the Address, the legislative session will be briefly adjourned for a reception for tribal and state legislators in the Assembly parlor.

Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald and Assembly Majority Leader Scott Suder have been working with the tribal leaders to make the arrangements for what has become an important link in the developing government-to-government relationship between the State and the tribal governments. Begun in 2005 at the invitation of the Speaker of the Assembly, the event

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Tribe Backs Shawano Country Vision 2017

By Jeff Vele –Mohican News Editor

the next five years.

Several Tribal Council members recently met with Shawano Country Vision 2017 Campaign Director Robert Nelson, Executive Director of the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce Nancy Smith, and Executive Director of Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc. Stephen Senstock of to discuss the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe financially supporting the plan. The plan goal is to create or rehire 1000 jobs in Shawano Country in

According to the Shawano Country Vision 2017 executive summary the area's two leading business organizations, Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc. (SCEPI) and the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce recently joined forces in a collaborative effort to secure the resources and human capital needed to create jobs and provide the revenues needed to bring

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Catholic Cemetery on Mission Lake

Many people are not aware that our tribe, upon arriving on this reservation was under the fellowship of the Catholic Church. The congregation had its beginnings in 1881, when some Stockbridge members sent a delegation to the Franciscan Fathers at Keshena for Catholic services. At this time here were "140 souls to be taken care."

Shortly after this the services stopped after a letter was written to the Fathers at Keshena and afterward to Washington by the head of the Stockbridge Indians protesting the Fathers coming here for services.

In 1890 the Fathers resumed their work among the Stockbridge Tribe. On July 16, 1893, Stephen Gardner donated land for a church and cemetery. A small frame

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Environmental Manager Seeks Participation of Entire Community

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe is one of only 16 tribes in the entire U. S. and Alaska to receive money to develop an alternative feasibility energy plan for a tribal building, the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center. Currently I am listed as the lead on the project however I cannot work on this in a vacuum and expect it to go anywhere. For this tribe to prepare for the future of energy, planning must start now. That planning cannot be done, nor should it be done, in the narrow confines of the environmental department. This must be a community plan, done by the community, for the community. A \$50,000 study collecting dust on the shelf on the environmental office will not save one dime of fuel or one ounce of green-house gas in the future.

As those who attended the energy meeting in Denver on Tribal Energy efficiency, there was NOT ONE TRIBE who succeeded in setting up an energy saving strategy or an alternative energy plan for the reservation without having a separate department on energy saving and development. This tribe does not have a department like that.

I would like to hold a meeting to decide if we are willing to get involved to the point where we can

make wise use of these funds, and follow up on the feasibility studies that they will produce.

It must have a reply by March 14, so I suggest meeting on Monday March 5, 10 AM, in the Environmental office.

I cannot do this alone, and even if I could, it would not benefit the tribe, as this has to belong to the Tribe, Thank you for you care and concern for the community and the earth on which we all depend. I hope to see you on the Fifth of March at 10:00 AM

For your review are the documents which the Department of energy has received. These include what we proposed to do with the funding.

Gregory Bunker; BS. MS.

(Editor's Note: As the Tribe moves forward with plans to decrease our carbon foot print by becoming more "green," departments within the Tribe, such as the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center, are taking the initiative to reduce energy consumption).

Decreasing Energy Usage for the Health & Wellness Center

By Bonnie A. Welch, SMHWC

Safety Manager

The intent is to conserve energy by removing some of but not all of the lamps in a light fixture (the number of Lamps removed in the Center totaled 67, for a total of 2072 Watts). To avoid compromising adequate lighting in patient care rooms and visitor and employee walkway areas, the change out targeted the storage, Janitor's closets and mechanical rooms. Measureable outcomes of electrical usage period for the clinic run from the 15th to the 15th of each month. The outcomes of this change will be forthcoming.

Additionally to the recent changes above the following is a list of other changes that have previously taken place at the S-M Health Center to conserve energy consumption:

1. Automatic light switches were installed in 13 restrooms, 4 janitor's closets, 3 storage rooms, and the garage. These lights are timed out.
2. The majority of the in-house lighting is a T8 energy efficient lighting.
3. Early morning housekeepers after sanitizing patient exam rooms turn off the lights. After Medical staff uses the exam rooms they are also turning off lights in between use and during the noon lunch break hour.

4. Office areas that have 2 banks of lights with 2 separate light switches are now utilizing one of the 2 banks.

5. Adjustments have been made in the HVAC system computer software to conserve energy. We have special settings for unoccupied times for the building. Cooling tower in the warmer months will now demand less water to operate.

6. The mild winter season of year 2011-2012 alone will impact the clinic's energy savings as the demand is less on building HVAC system.

Future Goals to improve the SMHWC energy consumption:

- Replace parking lot lighting with an energy efficient lamp for 7-light poles
- Replace the 7- ceiling lamps in Clinic Atrium with an energy efficient lamp
- Replace the Clinic's lighted road sign electric energy with solar energy
- Avoid office computers & copy machines from being left turned on after work hours by asking MIS to assess work areas to time equipment out to automatically turn off when there is no activity on them.
- Encourage Energy Star or energy efficiency choices prior to purchasing new or replacing equipment.

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

Community Voices

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

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Save the Date !!! May 1 - 2, 2012

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Save the Date!

Sexy Warrior Ad

It is in the policies of the Mohican News that anonymous ads will not be printed in the paper. Last year whoever sent the ad had also sent \$5.00 cash. The Mohican News could not run the ad and there was no return address to send the money back. The Mohican News ran a memo in the paper hoping that the Sexy Warrior person would see the memo or note and would contact the Mohican News with the a name and address to that the ad could be printed. No one responded. So, the Mohican News will run the request for information again in the paper hoping that the anonymous person will be looking for the ad and instead see the request. If the anonymous person doesn't respond by April 10, 2012 the Mohican News is going to donate the money to the Homeless Shelter.

Hi

I am looking for a picture of two of my great-aunts who lived there. One is Algerina Welch Wilber or “Aunt Rine”. Her children were Seymore Doxtater, Lucy Howe and Amelia Welch Little. The other is Cassie Baker Hammer. Her son is Cole Reed.

We are putting together a family scrapbook and would love to represent Aunt Rine and Aunt Cassie's families in it. Any help is greatly appreciated. My email is GWILSON21@wi.rr.com

Thank you!
Sincerely, Greg

Whoever stole my trap from behind the Tribal Office, please put it back where you found it (stole it). No questions asked.

Thank You,
Brian “Goose” Goss

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is Zoned

Chapter 43 Mohican Land Use Code
Adopted by Tribal Council on May 23, 2002, Resolution No. 024-02.
Building Permits are required for any residential/commercial construction project within the jurisdiction of the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe. (This includes all manufactured and mobile homes.)
Failure to receive appropriate

permits prior to the beginning of the project may lead to fines or forfeitures for individuals found in violation and/or their contractors. For any question regarding SM permitting process please call The Stockbridge Munsee Land Management office staff: Jack Hietpas (715)793-4855 or Chad Miller (715)793-4869

To the Community:

I would like to thank the participants of the 50/50 raffle - \$240 was raised and the winner received \$120. Also thanks to the Community Action Team (CAT) and Economic Support for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Shane and family

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

True or False: Indians must look “Indian.”

False. The majority of American Indians are of mixed heritage. Indians intermarried with other tribes, with African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans, and Caucasians, and people from other countries. American Indians may have straight or curly hair; blue, green, gray, or brown eyes; be blonde, brunette, or redheads; and more. There is no “Indian” look. In addition, many American Indians dress in their traditional ways, others in business clothes, and others in jeans and t-shirts. In addition, many Indian people have traditional and anglicized names; and some have only anglicized names. American Indians are as diverse as any other group.

Thank you,
Sera Jagemann



Constitution Issues

In answer to the voices in the community that are asking “why is it taking so long to vote on the draft constitution?”

Members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Constitution (revision) Committee began to officially serve this community back in October 2002, following a 4-5 month organizing campaign, which followed some years of pre-formal action discussions and meetings. Since that time, unpaid volunteers have worked tirelessly to amend our tribal Constitution. Many of the committee members have moved from being community members to community elders; others have moved from being an elder onto the Spirit World.

In 2010 a petition with 233 signatures to call for a vote on this draft constitution was sent by the Tribal Council to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requesting them to hold a Secretarial Election. After one year of waiting for a response from staff at the BIA they sent a 16-page response letter suggesting many changes in the draft constitution, before the constitution can be presented to the community for a vote. So it is back to working with tribal members and seeking more legal assistance to make changes for a comprehensive constitution that will reflect the needs of our Nation into the future.

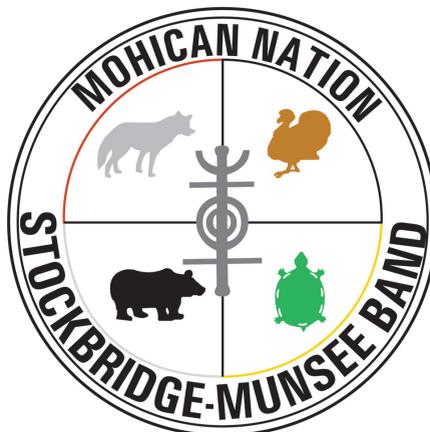
We have answered the 16 page response letter of the (BIA) by making the correction. In addition the constitution committee decided to revise/amend Article IV & VIII of our constitution to allow for the removal of the Secretarial election process and allow 18 year olds to vote in all elections. We have learned in our training that this is an acceptable process that many tribes are writing in their draft constitution or amending their present constitution to take advantage of their right to self-government. (See proposed amended articles in this paper and you can see the draft ordinance at one of the scheduled meetings).

We need to have community involvement at the meetings to help with the suggested changes. There will be several community meetings to allow discussion and help members understand the next steps to amending Article IV & VIII. We will work with the BIA to answer any questions community members present.

Constitutional working Meeting: To help members understand what these changes mean. Meetings will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. and March 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office Building. If you are unable to attend please e-mail questions or concerns to wayne.malone@mohican-nsn.gov.

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Stockbridge-Munsee Community Conservation Department



killings occurred in the fall of 2009 and the other in the fall of 2011.

The Conservation Department is offering a reward for information regarding the wolves' deaths that directly leads to a criminal conviction, or a civil penalty assessment.

The Conservation Department will follow-up on any and all leads provided to us.

We greatly appreciate the community's support in these matters, and for the help in preserving Stockbridge-Munsee Natural Resources for all of us to use and enjoy.

Respectfully,

Beau Miller
Sterling Schreiber

Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Wardens

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The Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Department is looking for information regarding the illegal killing of two wolves on the reservation.

The two wolves killed are two separate incidents. One of the



Elder Wisdom

March is Women's History Month

National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation.

157.0 million is the number of females in the United States according to the 2010 Census. The number of males was 151.8 million. Source: Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010

At 85 and older, there were more than twice as many women as men. Source: Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010

Motherhood - 85.4 million is the estimated number of mothers in the United States in 2009. Source: Unpublished data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008

2.3 is the average number of children that women 40 to 44 had given birth to as of 2008, down from 3.4 children in 1976, the year the Census Bureau began collecting such data.

Source: CPS numbers published in the White House report on women in America

The percentage of women in this age group who had given birth was 81 percent in 2010, down from 90 percent in 1976. Source: Fertility of American Women: 2010 table 1 and Historical table 2

Earnings - \$36,931 is the median annual earnings of women 15 or older who worked year-round, full time, in 2010, unchanged from 2009. Source: Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010

Education - 30.7 million is the number of women 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or more in 2010, higher than the corresponding number for men (29.2 million). Women had a larger share of high school diplomas (including equivalents), as well as associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. More men than women had a professional or doctoral degree. Source: Educational Attainment in the U. S.: 2010

11.3 million is the number of college students in fall 2010 who were women. Source: School

Enrollment in the U. S.: 2010 **Businesses - \$1.2 trillion** is the revenue for women-owned businesses in 2007. Source: Survey of Business Owners: Women-Owned Businesses: 2007 **7.8 million** is the number of women-owned businesses in 2007. Source: Survey of Business Owners: Women-Owned Businesses: 2007

7.5 million is the number of people employed by women-owned businesses in 2007.

Nearly half of all women-owned businesses (45.9 percent) operated in repair and maintenance; personal and laundry services; health care and social assistance; and professional, scientific and technical services. Women-owned businesses accounted for 52.0 percent of all businesses operating in the health care and social assistance sector. Source: Survey of Business Owners: Women-Owned Businesses: 2007

4 is the number of states with at least 500,000 women-owned businesses in 2007 were California, Texas, New York and Florida. California had 1.0 million women-owned businesses, Texas had 609,947 or 7.8 percent of all women-owned businesses in the United States, New York had 594,517 or 7.6 percent, and Florida had 581,045, or 7.4 percent. Source: Survey of Business Owners: Women-Owned Businesses: 2007

Voting - 46.2% percentage of female citizens 18 and older who reported voting in the 2010 congressional election. Forty-five percent of their male counterparts cast a ballot. Additionally, 66.6 percent of female citizens reported being registered to vote. Source: Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2010

Jobs - 58.6% percentage of females 16 and older who participated in the labor force, representing about 71.9 million women, in 2010. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey: Annual Average 2010

40.6% percent of employed females 16 and older who worked in management, professional and related occupations, compared with 34.2 percent of employed males. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey: Annual Average 2010

Military - 205,500 is the total number of active duty women in the military, as of Sept. 30, 2010.

On the Trail Home



Otho P. Malone

Otho P. Malone, 66 of Bowler passed away on Saturday February 25, 2012 at his home. Born in the Town of Red Springs, he was the son of the late Otho Henry and Sophrona (Doxtator) Malone. He was raised in the Gresham-Bowler area and during his youth was confirmed at the Church of the Wilderness. Otho was employed at the foundry until he retired due to his health. He enjoyed camping, fishing and working on cars. He married Ardelle Jacobs on September 7, 1979 in Milwaukee.

Survivors include: his wife, Ardelle, children; Patrick (Tanya) Malone of Mole Lake, Matthew Malone of Bowler, Crystal Malone of Bowler, Paul Malone of Bowler, step children; Aaron Jacobs and Richard Jacobs of Milwaukee, three grandchildren; Matthew, Jr., Sophrona and Autumn, two step grandchildren; Aaron, Jr. and Jessica and a great granddaughter, Nativia. He is further survived by brothers and sisters; Eleanor Martin of Gresham, Velma Marchan of Shawano, Lois (Melvin) Siim of Bowler, Brenda Curtis of Bowler, Wayne (Cheryl) Malone of Bowler and John (Mary) Malone of Bowler, nieces and nephews. Otho was preceded in death by a daughter in infancy, Valerie Rose, his parents and a sister, Donna Hammer.

Funeral services were held at noon on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at the Swedberg Funeral Home, Gresham with Mrs. Melinda Shriener officiating with burial in the Red Springs Cemetery. Family and friends visited at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham from 9:00 am on Tuesday until the time of the services.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com



Joyce Bailey Tourtillott

Joyce Bailey Tourtillott passed away on Sunday March 4, 2012 at the Shawano Medical Center. Born March 5, 1928 in Duluth, MN, Joyce was the wife of Tommy Tourtillott of Keshena, WI. She was sister to Joan Poirier of Birnamwood, WI; sister Shirley Steinhagan of Duluth, MN; sons Charlie Olson of San Diego, CA; son, Josh Bailey of Paducah, KY; and daughter Christene Seubert of Muldoon, TX.

Stockbridge-Munsee area since the early 1960's and lived for a while with Cille Miller back in the day. She lived in many places such as Hawaii, California, Arkansas, and Texas before returning to her roots. She was Oneida by birth. She was well-known as a (silver) jewelry maker who learned her trade in Germany at a jewelry school. Joyce has lots of jewelry still at Dick and Pats General Store.

My native friend is gone

Now my friend is gone – we fear that vast silence he is absorbed into – we have gathered together to comfort one another – our naked souls quiver in the fearful silence – where is your voice – where is your warmth – where is your spirit – where is that flame by which we once warmed ourselves –

My lament

- my native friend is gone

Joyce spent her summers in the

Joyce

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



Snow-Time or No-Time

Here it is March 1, 2012 and we have finally had a wonderful Wisconsin snowfall. Wisconsin, we all know, is famous for its snow. We can tell that from the number of snowmobile trails and ski resorts, by the number of motorized snow shovellers, by the number of sporty automobiles headed north with streamlined trailers attached. This year, so far, these have been missing. Usually, I am entertained by the roar of snowmobiles passing in the field near my window sometimes far into the night.

But...the snow came and so did Laura Moede and her elderly black pick-up snow-plow. We didn't even have to claim we were snowed-in, so I headed for the North Star Casino where I was snowed in by the poker machines. Come to think of it, all this talk about global-warming may have been stirring in the back of my mind. ACCU.Weather just reported (on TV) that a majority of Americans believe that global warming is affecting the weather. So, thanks to the Great Snow Spirit for coming to us even though she is a bit late.

Of course this snowfall reminded me of the so-called "good old days" (Now there's a topic for a future Ramble) but to continue with this one... We lived on the banks of Big Lake which is located just across the road. I remember the snow banks were way over my head, at that time I was a little shorter than now. I can remember "ski-ing" down the banks of Big Lake on old barrel staves and sliding down hill in a cardboard box or on a big piece of cardboard. It seems like we had a pair of clamp on skates. After all, we lived on Big Lake. That was long, long ago.

When I look out the window, I see the hill where the Yeppers (Youth Empowerment

Process) had fun. (Our aim was to involve youth from about 7th grade through high school in leadership development and program planning. The meetings also included "fun" time. It worked for awhile, but eventually the fun took over.) It was on one of these "fun times" that Rigoberta Menchu, from Guatemala, and her traveling companions stopped in for a visit. Observing all this "hill" activity, she said, "That looks like fun." Some of her friends rushed to Gresham and found a larger sled. After a few trips down the hill and being tipped in the snow purposely, she laughingly remarked, "Everyplace else I work. Here I play." Rigoberta later was a candidate for the President of Guatemala.

So much for snow, except yesterday I almost skidded off the road as I was driving up the hill after getting the mail. Sand anyone?

I am glad this column, which is slightly over a dozen years old, is called "**Ramble**" for I can go wherever my mind cares to travel especially on a day when it is due and editor, Jeff Vele, is waiting for it. So to go on . . .

Just as snow brings back memories, so does driving into North Star Resort parking lot and finding a space reserved for Black Diamond card holders. Wow! This all belongs to us poor colonized (multi-removed) old Muh-he-con-ne-uk. Not only do we have a the North Star Casino, and hotel, we have Pine Hills Golf Course and Banquet Hall, Elderly Program with Dining and housing facilities, a Family Center with full sized gym, a Health and Wellness Center, available to the public, a gas station and convenience store, Library/Museum in which many scholars now do their research, two churches, one called the Church of the Wilderness with a minister the community people "called" (In the colonizing days the missionaries were "sent.")

I think of the years we have spent in gathering our tribal memories through trips and research. You can read about this in the previous three Rambles.

I had attended the "American Indian Chicago Conference" in 1961 (the first ever national meeting of American Indian Nations). I had worked at the National Congress of American Indians that summer and attended several later conventions, had

worked at the American Indian Center in Chicago with families who were 'relocated'. I had been involved in a videotaping project with tribal groups throughout the Midwest and Alaska, and even had been Director of the Center for Racial Justice in the YWCA in New York City, but I didn't understand the historical process of "colonization" until I heard Dr. Asa Hilliard III lecture on the "Rules of Colonization." Suddenly some things made sense. It was as if someone had turned a dim light to bright in my head. Dr. Hilliard, an

African American, made us aware that American Indians and about 85 percent of the rest of the world had been colonized by Europeans (Rambler guesses that's probably because they had gunpowder).

For the next years the subject of my teaching and writing became "The Rules of Colonization." This gradually merged with the idea of "human-beingness."

I seem to be out of space now, so I'll probably ramble about the rules of colonization next issue.

Shkodack (Land of the fires) continued



In a recent Mohican news article I had briefly explained the meaning of "Shkodack" and the little known history of it. "Shkodack" (Land of the fires) was a meeting place within the vast Mohican territory where many representatives of each village would annually gather to share information relative to strengthen the nation. Such gatherings lasted weeks to over a month sharing many things such as new medicines, inventions, news from all ends of the territory etc. Each representative would share knowledge and take new knowledge back to their villages to share among the rest of the nation.

Every culture and society had such gatherings to share knowledge old and new to benefit and strengthen itself. As for the Mohicans, "Shkodack" was our gathering place which was along the Hudson River. There is a park in New York along the Hudson commemorating this very place. In this article I am going to continue from the last one and explain the planning and hope to reorganize the tradition of "Shkodack" here on the reservation once again.

As long as I can remember, there has been a thirst for traditional Native knowledge here on the reservation and a thirst for traditional Native American teachings, songs, dance, etc. For many generations, Native teachings have been destroyed, forgotten, and set aside. To have in depth knowledge of Native

culture and traditions has faded for many generations and almost completely replaced.

There are very few people who have in depth knowledge these days and are hard to find. If anything, most people have very limited knowledge of such things today as compared to the average Native American 400 years ago. There had always been talks here on the reservation of bringing in people to teach and share with us their knowledge of culture and tradition. In many cases we did bring in such people who did share such things. I remember before our first pow wow having beading classes in the summer at the community building (Now the elderly center) along with a drum group or two from another community coming to drum for us because we had no drummers here (Not that I ever saw).

That was back in the early to mid 70s. Kids these days have no idea how little there was available here back then as compared to today. But even so, to this day there is still a growing interest in culture and tradition. There are quite a few people here on the res now with a variety of knowledge concerning Native teachings. The humble ones will tell you that they only know a little and that is all they will ever claim.

Now my idea was that if you take all these people who only know a little, and get them in a room all together; there is a lot of knowledge in the room. Just to sit and talk and share with each other, knowledge is shared and everyone knows a little more after leaving. Many people would like to just sit and listen to such people because they learn a lot from listening to others share knowledge. Children growing up listening to people

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about significant improvements to the local economy. The chamber partnered on the plan during recession and they have met with community leaders and business leaders who said the chamber was on track with the plan. Since then they have been out meeting with business leaders and tribes to raise funds.

Tribal Council met on March 6, 2012 and made a donation of \$10,000 per year to the plan for five years for a total of \$50,000). President Chicks said "Our Tribe's participation in Shawano County VISION2017 is a natural fit in terms of future growth. Our Tribe has long been a principle partner in promoting a stronger climate for development and growth. This five year plan developed by the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc., is a substantial complement to our forward thinking progression for more than jobs, but a stronger, stable and sustainable community."
Nancy Smith said they have criteria for measuring jobs that are gained in the County under this program.

Cemetery cont from pg One:
church was built that same year and completed toward the end of October 1893. The records do not give us a date when the church stopped but we do know the cemetery was in use until 1924.

In 2005 the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe acquired ownership of the Catholic Cemetery that contains 108 Stockbridge people. In obtaining the cemetery the Stockbridge Tribe agreed" to maintain the cemetery in a respectful and moral manner into perpetuity."

In effort to maintain the cemetery in a respectful manner, the Stockbridge-Munsee forestry department removed trees that were rotten, diseased, or had the potential to cause damage to the few headstones left in the cemetery. The next step is to remove the brush left over from the tree removal. Once this is completed the plan is to fill in the sunken graves, leveling and seeding the entire cemetery.

A workgroup; made up various department heads have planned a community work day on April 20th to remove the brush. Staff along with any volunteers who would like to and join us, will work together to haul the brush to a wood chipper that will on site. Please bring your own gloves, and rakes.

A meal will be served at the

Smith added, "If [companies] take advantage of participation in the plan that will count the jobs toward the goal of 1000."

Council member Scott Vele asked if the plan is meant to bring back old jobs that were lost or create new jobs. Senstock said, "We have seen a lot of activity that has brought back some of those jobs but there is more of a focus is on new jobs." Scott Vele also spoke about some of the other efforts the Stockbridge-Munsee Community is doing in this area including completion of the second floor of the hotel at the North Star Casino Resort and the fact that while there will only be a few new jobs added in the hotel there is construction work available for people who work on the project. Scott Vele added, "The Tribe is trying to do its part in the whole process and has approved and posted several new managerial positions at the casino."

Steve Senstock presented information about the plan for those in attendance. A link to that information can be found online at www.shawanocountry.com.

Mission Church building. If you are not able to work but would like to donate food or help serve the meal please contact Linda Katchenago at 715-793-4355 or Sherry White 715-793- 3970.

Work all day or 1/2 hour; any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of the names of the people buried in the Mission Lake Catholic Cemetery. (Editor's Note: We are unsure of the spelling of the names so if you know someone who is listed please contact us and we will make the corrections to the list). We have listed them with the deceased first and then their parents (there were a lot of children buried here):

1. Helena Zanice – Joannis Quinney and Relis Loyse
2. Zduardus Bowman
3. Jrannes Quinney
4. Elizabeth Joannes Mousachkvik and Wilhelmine Gortater
5. Imma Fern Gardner and Iva Aaron
6. Hironymus
7. Joanna Helena Martinus Lopper and Luinde Gardner
8. Lucia Pye
9. Gawlus Thomas Gardner and Nellie Wilber
10. Ambrosius Martin Aaron and Julie Gardner
11. Albertus Quinney
12. Joannes Cuish and Eunice Stick
13. Joannes B. Alphonsus Boyde and Lika Bennet
14. Trancisca Meari Trancisais Lenoy and Lusanna Bonmain

Tribes cont from page One:
offers an opportunity for direct communication between the Native American tribal legislators and the Wisconsin Legislature. Past addresses have featured issues of common interest to the tribal and state governments, such as law enforcement, public health, and educational needs.

The ceremonies leading up to the address will feature a Native

- Clinic cont from page Two:**
- Assess work areas that have equipment running during the noon hour that could be shut down.
 - Continue to work with Environmental to complete an analysis of energy saving options that would capture the southern exposure the clinic building naturally has.
 - Replace disposable hot cups with reusable cups and empower staff to clean & store their own cup.
 - The X-ray equipment in

Shkodack cont from page Five:
share knowledge grow up knowing more than their predecessors. This is the ideal of "Shkodack" gathering to share knowledge to strengthen one's self, family, and people.
Now our Nation is physically much smaller than ever before, but even on our small reservation, we do have many small groups and individuals who are not linked to one another at all. Each practicing their culture and traditions in their own taught ways. There is a wealth of knowledge right here on our reservation scattered among many.

I have talked with many people from the community who would like to reorganize the tradition of "Shkodack" to share knowledge with others not only to learn more ourselves, but to share with others who seek such knowledge as well.

15. Eugenius Lharles
16. Remma Cornelius Yocum
17. Rebert Howard Lemmerson Quinnney and Lharles
18. Reduard Leory Laniscus Leroy and Lusanna Bowman
19. Bertha Daniel Doxtater and Laroline
20. Larvlus Joannes Mosauchkoal and Wilhelmine Doustater
21. Walter Transciscus Leroy and Lusanna Bowman
22. Louise Konkaptol Peters
23. Infant Rufus Loyse and Nancy Gardner
24. Augustinus Larolus Beauliua and Orpha Miller
25. Fanciscus Baptist Smith and Selira Lnlh
26. Guillrt Jorph Mira Doxtater and Sophia Imiry
27. Clamet Rapharl Sammul Hendricks and Lily Berri

American drum and honor song and a ceremonial procession outside the Capitol, weather permitting. Native American veterans will provide a color guard, bringing federal, state, tribal flags, and eagle staffs to be posted in the Chamber. A Native American invocation will be given by a Wisconsin tribal leader, and a Ho-Chunk tribal member will lead the session in the Pledge of Allegiance.

medical is pending replacement in May of 2012. This change will eliminate the X-ray processor equipment which currently consumes a substantial amount of energy and water.

This effort ties in to a Resolution from Tribal Council and led to an email by the Tribal Administrator, Linda Katchenago, for all departments under her supervision to take part in this effort to reduce energy consumption. Watch for updates on energy usage in further issues of the Mohican News.

One of the best ideals of such gatherings is that there are no "Teachers" only "Sharers." There are some who do not like this idea of sharing. Some who like to have more knowledge than others. I guess it gives them a feeling of supremacy or something to that effect. For those who do not wish to share it is quite ok. There are plenty who are willing to do so and do it no matter how unliked it is.

You wouldn't think that such an ideal of sharing knowledge and having a set location to always do so would be seven years old with little done to make it happen. Actually much has been done but little progress has been made in helping it along. In the next issue I will explain what progress has been made from the conception of the idea to today in which some of us have already begun the tradition of "Shkodack."

28. Tophia Doxtater Joanner Quinney and Mrs. Quinney
 29. Aaron Konkapot
 30. Maria Magelaler Mohawk
 31. Dora Thor Gardner and Nellie Wilber
 32. Roranna Jacob Konkapot and Maria Anna Doxtater
 33. Stpehan Jos Wm Tardner
 34. Rachel Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy
 35. George Gardner Yuhilmus and Nancy Gardner
 36. Joseph Turcell Joannes Bowman and Tercia Aaron
 37. Yeorge Stephan Bennette
 38. Maria Wilson John and Bertena Adams
 39. Joseph Gardner Nan Tardner and Elis Turkey
 40. Ellis McAllister Tter Miller and M.A. Royer
 41. Maria Zera Gardner and Iva
- Cemetery cont on page Seven:**

WI Tax Expert: Don't Put Off the Inevitable

Tim Morrissey

MADISON, Wis. - Now that March is here, the deadline for filing taxes looms - even though taxpayers get a couple of extra days this year. Marshall Mennenga, owner of Mennenga Tax and Financial in Madison, says there's no sense postponing the inevitable, whether you're doing your own taxes or having someone else do them.

"It's a lot easier to find something else to do instead of working on your taxes, but it is a necessity. You have to file your tax return this year by April 17, so you might as well just attack it, go get it and get it done."

Mennenga advises those who don't do your own taxes to check on a tax preparer's reputation before hiring them, by asking friends and acquaintances if they've had experience dealing with that person or company. And beware tax preparation companies that offer you an "instant" refund, he adds - it is actually a short-term loan, with an interest rate as high as 150 percent.

By electronically filing your taxes and taking advantage of the IRS direct-deposit feature, you can get your refund in five to 10 business days.

Charlene Crowell of the Center for Responsible Lending says high interest rates and fees can eat up much of the money Uncle Sam owes you.

"Either way you go, whether it's the refund-anticipation check or the refund-anticipation loan, you are going to be out of a good bit of money that could be in your pocket."

Nationwide, the Center for Responsible Lending estimates that high-cost tax-related services collect about \$11 billion every year from 30 million households.

The tax filing deadline this year is Tuesday, April 17, because the 15th falls on a Sunday, and Monday, April 16, is a holiday in Washington, D.C.

Additional information is available at www.responsiblelending.org.

Cemetery cont from page Six:

- Aaron
- 42. Zhilhelmisna Meres Mosachknot
- 43. Clara Jos. Coyhis and Evaline Hammer
- 44. Laurentius Thrilpp Towsie and Maria Gardner
- 45. Agnes Flossi Joannes Bowman and Tercie Aaron
- 46. Elmira Mana Bennet David Tie and Rosella Nendricks
- 47. Earl Tuhilmus Frady Tadner et Wealthy Aaron
- 48. Maria Jettie Maud Rufus Hammer et Ehinor Chicks
- 49. Julia Aaron Jeremiah Lardner et Loachauadore
- 50. Obediah Franciscus Gardner
- 51. Andreus Basiliuis Beauliu et ejus anor
- 52. Josephina lavis Alvin Doxtater and Mary Quinney
- 53. Isabella May Srunan Roburon and Bernice Net
- 54. Anneli Wilber Walter Wilber and Lydia Johnson
- 55. lida Williams Osker Williams
- 56. Domino J Alvin
- 57. Margaretha Beaulieu
- 58. Elvina Edward Cuish and Luella Chicks
- 59. Edward Roy Albert Fowler and Vermie Bowman
- 60. Henry Clay Moon
- 61. Manritin Albert Fowler and Verna Bowman
- 62. Hanna Maria N Liney
- 63. Ruth, Anna Paevani
- 64. Lucinda, Maria Menare n Gardner
- 65. Margaretha Gardner n Timm
- 66. Benjamin, Joseph Alvin Doxtater et Mary n Quinney
- 67. Paulus Peter n Rachael Le

- Roy
- 68. Mable Charles et Orpha Beaulin
- 69. Nellis, Helena Herlington et Catherina Peters
- 70. Percie Bowman Jacob et Martha Moon
- 71. Emilia Samuel et Rachel Bowman
- 72. Alvin Doxtater
- 73. William William et Alice Wirse
- 74. Eleonora Thomas Jefferson et Hope More
- 75. Jenett Alex Cuish et Francis n Chicks
- 76. Joseph Marlin Asron et Julia Gardner
- 77. Arnold Alvin Doxtater et Meary n Quinney
- 78. Marian Anna Wililiam Wilber et Elvira Doxtater
- 79. Infaws Mary Bowman
- 80. Alvin Joseph Alvin Peter et Mary Quinney
- 81. Malcolm Ambrouis Abram Pears et
- 82. May Gena Feva Eduard Pelky et Mad.n.Geyet
- 83. Perl Weathly Aaron et Grady Gardner
- 84. Simeon Gardner
- 85. Engenius Maria Quinney
- 86. Infans Modo Natus Philippi Joan & Bath n Holl
- 87. Josephina Gayet Jos & Jeannie n Dixon
- 88. Alice Kessen J & J n Lebarge
- 89. Elect Gardner
- 90. Clarencius Clarence V. Nelck & Mary n Howe
- 91. Viola Maria Eugenuis Nilson & Maria Adams
- 92. Berthemu Adams Jos. Mc. Allistaer & Maria Moor
- 93. Fredericus Mr & Mrs Allister



Wear your safety belt or be stopped and ticketed

For years, motorists have heard the slogan "Click It or Ticket" as a warning that they risk being ticketed for ignoring Wisconsin's mandatory safety belt law, which has been on the books for nearly 25 years.

Despite these countless warnings, however, too many drivers and passengers still ignore the law—and they are getting caught. There were nearly 120,000 convictions for failure to fasten safety belts in 2010, which was second only to speeding for the number of traffic convictions in the state.

"We stringently enforce the safety belt law to motivate people to buckle up every time they drive or ride in a vehicle—not to write more tickets," says State Patrol Captain Nick Scorcio of the Northeast Region-Fond du Lac Post. "Tragically, too many people believe that a violent crash will never happen to them, so they

don't fasten their safety belt. Our message is clear. If you want to avoid the delay, inconvenience and anxiety of being stopped and ticketed by a law enforcement officer, you should always wear your safety belt."

Drivers also should be aware that they may be ticketed for any unbelted passengers in their vehicles, according to a law enacted in 2006.

"Consistent safety belt use is the most effective protection against being ejected from a vehicle during a crash or thrown around violently inside it and possibly hitting another vehicle occupant with massive force," Captain Scorcio says. "Whether you're driving down the street or across the state, you need to buckle up, so we can ultimately reduce the number of preventable traffic deaths to Zero in Wisconsin."

2012 Young Native Writers Essay Contest

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation is proud to welcome entries for the Young Native Writers Essay Contest, which we organize each year in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

This essay contest for Native American high school students is designed to encourage young Native Americans to think about the most important issues affecting their tribal communities, as well as ways in which challenges can be addressed.

Hundreds of Native American high school students participate each year. While all participants receive a Certificate of Honor for submitting their essays and adding their voices to this important dialogue in Indian Country, the five

first-place winners are awarded an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by a teacher or mentor nominated by each winner, to visit the National Museum of the American Indian and other prominent Washington, D.C. sites. Each winner also receives a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Please help us spread the word about this year's contest by forwarding this email to groups and individuals who might be interested in submitting an essay. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2012.

We look forward to reading this year's essays!

For more details please visit: <http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/>

- and Maria Moor
- 94. Aaron Martin Mr & Mrs Peter Pelky
- 95. Frank LeRoy Frank LeRoy & Susan n Bowman
- 96. Gerdina Wapoose Frank LeRoy and Susan nee Bowman
- 97. Gardner, Dorsey
- 98. Tom Belfeuilvel Belfast
- 99. Mary (n) Quinney Conjinx, John McCollum
- 100. Joseph Brushels Sam Brushels et Theresa (n) Quinney
- 101. Clarabelle Kessen John Kessen & Wife Labarge
- 102. Margaret Lake (Hoffman) Boyd Lake

- 103. Bernard J. Wapoose Andrew Wapoose & Gerim LeRoy
 - 104. Malcolm Ambrose Sears Myron Sears & Anges n Somin
 - 105. Infaus Guyette Joseph Guyette & Dessie n Dixon
 - 106. Henry Jacobs Sacram entia
 - 107. Lydia Monarch
 - 108. Verna Bealius Hansen Hansen
- Information taken from the Records of the Holy Angles Congregation of Stockbridge Indians. If you have any info regarding the cemetery not found in this article; please call Sherry White at Historical Preservation, 715-793-3970.

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The Community Health Department
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The "last" big snow storm. From Sherry White.

2012 Summer Youth Work Experience Program

Stockbridge-Munsee Employment & Training Program

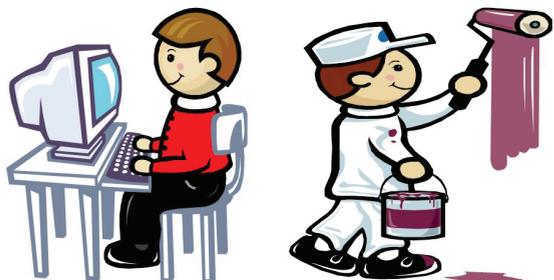
Activities: Skills-building Workshops, Community Services and Work Experience components.

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.

For more information: Please call or leave message at 715-793-4100.

Application deadline: May 04, 2011 :Limited space available!



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Building a Fair and Stable Economy for Indian Country

Posted by Kimberly Teehee

In his [State of the Union address](#), President Obama laid out a [blueprint](#) for an economy that's built to last – an economy built on American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers, and a renewal of American values. The President released a budget that illustrates how we put that blueprint to work. The President has been clear that we need to do more to create jobs and help economic growth. While the current economic crisis has challenged all Americans, we know this to be especially true for Indian Country where some reservations face unemployment rates of up to 80 percent. Though the economic challenges of Indian Country are significant, President Obama is committed to building strong, prosperous Native American economies.

The President's FY 2013 Budget includes \$19.4 billion in government-wide funding for Native American programs, an increase of nearly \$585 million over the 2012 funding level and \$875 million over the 2011 funding level. Agencies and programs critical to Indian Country including the Departments of Education, Transportation, Justice, and Health and Human Services (which includes the Indian Health Service) have all received funding increases for Indian Country programs in the President's 2013 Budget. Throughout most federal agencies, funding for Native American programs remained relatively level. Given the fiscal situation the country faces, this is a significant achievement. Within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, programs were protected that have a direct impact on Native American lives and that were considered a priority by tribal leaders.

To construct an economy that is built to last and provide security for Indian Country, the 2013 Budget will:

Strengthen Tribal Nations. The Budget increases funding to compensate Tribes for the work they perform in managing Federal programs under self-determination contracts and self-governance compacts.

Provide a Carcieri Fix. To address the United States Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, the Budget includes language reaffirming the Secretary of Interior's authority to take land into trust for all federally recognized Indian tribes.

Continue Efforts to Increase Access to Health Care for American Indians and Alaska Natives: The Budget includes \$4.4 billion for the Indian Health Service (IHS), which is intended to fund

key investments in clinical services and staffing, tribally-operated health programs and health facilities construction. This funding amount is a 2.6 percent increase over the 2012 enacted levels. The Budget also includes \$40 million for a new Behavioral Health Tribal Prevention Grant within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which will support AI/ANs efforts to prevent substance abuse and suicide.

Expand Access to College and Boost Native American College Completion: The Budget provides \$132 million to the Bureau of Indian Education to support post-secondary education for Native American students at 27 tribal colleges and universities, two tribal technical colleges, and two BIA-operated universities, as well as providing higher education scholarships to approximately 32,000 students.

Combat Crime in Indian Country: Within the Department of Justice, the Budget provides \$346 million, a 12 percent increase over the 2012 enacted level, for criminal justice programs involving tribal areas.

Address the Scarcity of Healthy, Safe, Affordable Housing in Indian Country: The Budget provides \$650 million for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Native American Housing Block Grant program. The Budget also provides an additional \$60 million for HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant program.

Protect Tribal Lands and the Environment: The Budget provides \$266 million, a \$26 million increase above the 2012 funding level, for environmental protection programs. This includes a \$30 million increase for grant programs specifically targeted at Tribes and tribal consortia to develop and help implement environmental protection programs on tribal lands.

Support Infrastructure Development for Native Americans: The Budget proposes providing a significant investment in a 21st century infrastructure to create thousands of jobs and modernize a critical foundation of our economic growth. This investment includes infrastructure funds dedicated to Indian Reservation roads, bridges and transit service. This proposal includes a \$50 billion up-front investment in the 2012 Budget combined with a 6-year \$476 billion reauthorization for surface transportation programs.

Increase Funding to Address Unemployment in Indian

Draft continued from page Two:

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PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLES IV AND VIII OF THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution Revision Committee proposes to amend Articles IV and VIII of the Stockbridge-Munsee Constitution. Article IV would be amended to allow 18 year olds to vote in all elections, including those for Tribal Council.

Article VIII describes the process for amending the Constitution. Currently, the Tribe is required to ask the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as the representative of the Secretary of Interior, to hold an election on any proposed amendments to our Constitution.

In addition to calling and conducting the Secretarial election, the BIA also must approve the amendment before it becomes effective.

Under the current Article VIII, Stockbridge-Munsee members could approve an amendment by majority vote but it could still be disapproved by the BIA and therefore not enacted.

The Committee views this as unacceptable and a diminishment of our sovereignty.

The Committee believes that the Tribe should be the only government involved in changing our constitution.

Therefore, we propose eliminating the need for BIA involvement in our amendment process. The proposed amendment will do this. (The Committee has prepared a draft Ordinance which, if enacted, will establish tribal law for amending the constitution.)

The changes to Article VIII also permit all tribal members over the age of 18, wherever they may reside, to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment.

The Committee believes the Constitution governs all tribal members and therefore, all tribal members should be entitled to vote on amendments, not just those who reside on the Reservation.

Country: The Budget includes a 10 percent increase from 2012 funding levels to provide grants to Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and tribal non-profit organizations that provide employment and training services to unemployed and low-income members of Indian Country.

The President's Budget also includes funding and proposals to [support business growth](#) and access to credit in Indian Country, to continue to expand

(Editor's Note: The following is from the Petition to Request a Secretarial Election which is being included to inform the readers of the entire process of the Constitution Committee):

PETITION TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO CALL A SECRETARIAL ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY OF BOWLER, WISCONSIN

We propose an amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Wisconsin originally approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 18, 1937. These amendments revise Article VIII Amendments by eliminating the need for approval of amendments by the Secretary of Interior and removing the requirement that the Secretary of Interior call and conduct the election on proposed amendments. The amendment allows all tribal members, regardless of residency, to vote on a proposed amendment. The amendment revises Article IV by allowing tribal members 18 years of age or older to vote in all tribal elections. The amendments also change the amount of signatures needed on a petition and the number of voters needed for a valid election. The proposed text states:

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of tribal members 18 years of age or older; Provided, that at least 20 per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election; the Tribal Council is required to call an election on any proposed amendment upon the receipt of a petition signed by not less than 20 per cent of the voters of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

ARTICLE IV, Sec. 5: Any member of the Community who is 18 years of age or over shall be entitled to vote in any election at which he presents himself at the polls on election day during the official voting hours.

job creation opportunities, to give all children in Indian Country a fair shot at success by improving and reforming K – 12 education, to expand access to college, to ensure a well trained workforce, and to assist with winter fuel costs.

The Budget is a blueprint for how we can rebuild an economy where hard work pays off and responsibility is rewarded; it is a blueprint for providing security and a strong future for all Americans, including Indian Country.

Attention Elders

“Do you receive any home services?”
“Do you use any community resources?”
“Do you have a caseworker?”

These are questions asked by nurses on hospital admission forms. They are meant to allow for a smooth transition of care once you are discharged from the hospital to return home. It may seem unclear what they mean when they ask these questions, but if you tell them to call the Community Health Nurse (CHN) at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, it allows them to notify us of your hospitalization so that we may check on you at your

home when you are discharged, if you desire. Our CHN, Sharon can be reached at (715) 793-5014.

This notice is meant to keep you informed of the services we offer and to improve your transition from hospital to home. If you have any questions, please call Elena, RN at (715) 793-5060.

*patients must meet eligibility for services from the Community Health Outreach Program.

STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE COMMUNITY TEMPORARY FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2012

DATE	TIME	LOCATON
Wednesday Mar 14	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness
Wednesday May 16	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness
Wednesday June 13	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness
Thursday Aug 9	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	S-M Health & Wellness
Friday Aug 10	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness
Wednesday Oct 17	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness

Per Tribal Code, Food Handler's Training and a Food Sales Permit is a requirement prior to selling food products within the Stockbridge Munsee Community. Food Handler's training is made available six different times a year. Training is for anyone interested in safe food handling or planning to work a future food sale. This requirement does not apply to pot lucks or other events where food products are not being sold.

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

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

Are you diabetic or do you have sleep apnea?

We will be holding a Walk-In Clinic for those interested in getting more information on diabetic shoes and sleep apnea equipment.

Here's a chance for you to come check out the variety of shoes and sleep apnea equipment.

When: Thursday, March 22, 2012

Time: 1-3PM

Where: Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center-Lower Level

Conference Room

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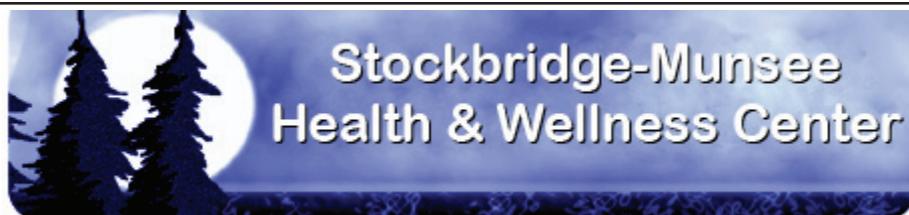
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Giving Children Happy Smiles

In a perfect world our children would not have cavities in their teeth. Unfortunately, Native children are prone to tooth decay. To address this problem the Indian Health Service has selected 40 clinics around the country to offer a new program, the Early Childhood Caries Collaborative (ECC) to reduce the number of cavities in our children's teeth. The Stockbridge Munsee Dental Clinic has been selected to offer the ECC program.

The program is designed for children ages 0-5 and expectant mothers.

The program emphasizes fluoride varnishes (a more safe and effective way of strengthening teeth against decay), mighty mouth fillings (temporary fillings to stabilize cavities), and educating and treating mothers to prevent the transfer of decay-causing bacteria to their children.

To help prevent tooth decay in your young child's mouth, what should you do?

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National Native Network Releases Tobacco Control and Smoke-Free Policy Briefs

Sault Ste. Marie, MI – The National Native Network of the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan recently released two policy briefs on the Tobacco Control Act and smoke-free policies.

The briefs, entitled “Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act: Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty and Health” and “Smoke-Free Policies: Protecting Tribal Sovereignty and Community Health” both focus on the tribal cultural and spiritual values of tobacco while differentiating the use of commercial tobacco.

“Passage of smoke-free policies and passing policies relating to commercial tobacco show respect for the powerful nature of traditional tobacco used by Native Americans and Alaska Natives,” said Kim Alford, National Native Network Manager of the ITCM. “By passing these types of policies, tribes are assisted in reinforcing the sacred role of tobacco in our Native cultures.”

The Tobacco Control Act brief states that the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act that was signed into law in 2009 granted the Federal Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate commercial tobacco products. The Act allows the FDA to intervene in the commercial tobacco industry's production and distribution of products by limiting marketing, restricting youth access to the products, dictating standards

and requiring more accurate information for consumers. As a result of the new regulations, the industry is held accountable for the contents and manufacturing of its products. Ultimately, the Act is designed to ensure that science is used to guide effective public health interventions to reduce mortality rated directly linked to commercial tobacco abuse.

The Smoke-Free Policy brief indicates that abuse of commercial tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in Indian Country. Its goal is to provide information about the National Native Network and its resources that are available to assist tribal leaders in protecting the health and well-being of native people through development, implementation and enforcement of smoke-free policies.

The National Native Network is a diverse community of American Indians and Alaska Natives who lead commercial tobacco abuse prevention efforts throughout Indian Country. The group supports culturally sensitive commercial tobacco prevention programs for tribes to obtain information that assists in the elimination of health disparities related to commercial tobacco abuse.

For more information on the National Native Network, contact Kim Alford at 1-906-632-6896 or by email at kalford@itcmi.org, or visit www.keepitsacred.org.

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Education



Second-grade class frosting cookies with Valarie Cerveny (foreground).

Gresham School, Student Council held their annual Crush soda sale for Valentine's Day. You could buy a Crush soda for your crush or best friend for just a dollar and student council hand delivered the sodas to them. By Valentine's Day they sold over 400 dollars worth of sodas. The Elementary also celebrated Valentine's Day by bringing in

sweet treats and valentines. Some classes made their own valentines and some decorated cookies. "The kids had a great time exchanging valentines and decorating their own cookies. They especially liked making 'mountains' with their frosting," said Mrs. Berard, 2nd grade teacher.

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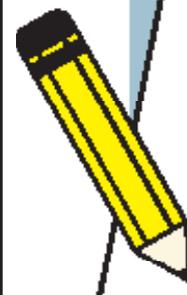
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Tribal Council Directives

On Tuesday, February 21, 2011, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made and carried:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Add: Fish and Game Board Meeting Minutes, Out of State Travel Requests and Legal Issue (Executive Session)
 Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda, Tuesday, February 21, 2012, as revised. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.
SELECTION OF BIDDER FOR JOINT GPS SURVEY-Bridget/Chad
 Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the selection of the bidder for the Joint GPS Survey Project, which would be a recommendation from our Land Management Office and our Legal Department, to select Fox Valley Land Surveying, which will be hired under Shawano County's contract, they will perform GPS Survey work on and around the reservation per the Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION: LEASE OF LAND-Bridget
 Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the lease of land with Daniel Q. Miller, which would be resolution number 020-12, whereas, Daniel Q. Miller, a tribal member, is participating in HUD's Section 184 program for purposes

of constructing a home on the Reservation and wishes to enter into a lease, which is substantially in the form of the sample Lease of Land from the Housing Ordinance, with the Tribe; and whereas, Tribal Council wishes to enter into a Lease of Land with Daniel Q. Miller, now therefore be it resolved, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the Lease of Land with Daniel Q. Miller, which allows him to obtain a home loan, and authorizes the Tribal President to execute the Lease of Land. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.
AGREEMENT WITH DNR FOR FIRE SUPPESSION-Molly Welch
 Motion by Scott r. Vele to approve the request of the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department, which is an agreement with the DNR and Fire Suppression and an agreement between the DNR and the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department, which has been reviewed by the Tribe's Legal Department and that the Tribal President will sign the Fires Suppression agreement along with the Fire Chief of the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE-Beau Miller/Jim Hoffman
 Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the Conservation Warden and the Chief of Police request to make a surveillance system purchase, not to exceed an amount that has
Directives cont on pg Thirteen:

Directives cont from pg Twelve: already been budgeted in the grant in their department. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

FISH AND GAME BOARD MINUTES-Beau Miller

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize a reward in the amount \$500.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the killings of two wolves on Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal lands within the past year and that this \$500.00 come out of unallocated funds. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Roll Call: Scott no, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize and additional \$500.00 to come out of unallocated funds to cover the cost of reward for additional investigation of the second wolf that has been shot and killed on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

HOME CONVEYANCE

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution number 021-12, which is a home conveyance, now therefore be it resolved, that they Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council supports the recommendation of the Division of Community Housing in the conveyance of tenant #87-01, Cherri Bowman, for the President's signature. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to appoint Harold Bowman to the Enrollment Committee, as reviewed by the Tribal Council and as applied for by Harold Bowman. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

EDITORIAL BOARD-

Motion by Shannon Holsey to appoint Betty Schiel to the Editorial Board. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL (NIGA, NCAI and MAST)-

Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve three Council members to attend MAST, NIGA and NCAI. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 5:27 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 6:50 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on the Membership Minutes, an Audit Report, Attorney Contracts and other Legal Issues.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to send the first letter of denial as recommended and reviewed by the Enrollment Committee for James Hanson, as reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by

Joe Miller. Motion carried. Motion by Scott R. Vele to send the first letter of refusal to deny enrollment to John Tiewew, as recommended by the Enrollment Committee and reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to go along with the Enrollment Committee's recommendation to enroll in the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, Brendyn Randall Vele. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: Scott abstain, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes, Douglas yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize legal to negotiate the lease for the Munsville Property as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion maker amends motion adding: that the President shall be authorized to sign the term sheet. Second concurs. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Timber Sales Revenue/Investments-Douglas William Huck

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution number 023-12, a resolution that authorizes the Tribal Treasurer to continue to draw down the Proceeds of Labor Accounts from the BIA, along with the Timber Sales Revenue to invest such revenues in the Tribe's Land, Energy, Economic Development with M&I/BMO Harris bank, whereas, The Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") has a trust responsibility to manage the Tribe's forest products on the Tribe's trust lands; and, whereas, the proceeds from timber operations on trust land go directly to the BIA and are deposited into account # PL 7319707, commonly referred to as Proceeds of Labor Account to be held in trust for the Tribe; and, whereas, the BIA invests the Proceeds of Labor Account in very low interest accounts; and, whereas, the Tribe desires to draw down funds on a monthly basis from account # PL 7319707, so it can invest the funds in a manner that allows the funds to earn more interest; and, whereas, the Tribe also derives revenues from timber sales on fee lands, therefore be it resolved, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Treasurer and the Tribe's Finance Department to draw down up to 100% of allowable funds from account #PL 7319707 from the BIA on a monthly basis until further notice, be it further resolved, the Tribal Treasurer and the Tribe's Finance Department is authorized to invest the revenues from the Proceeds of Labor account and revenues from timber sales on fee lands into the Tribe's Land Acquisition, Energy and Economic Development account with M&I/BMO Harris account consistent with the parameters

contained in its Stockbridge-Munsee Community's Land Acquisition, Energy and Economic Development Investment policy, for the President's signature. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried at 7:01 PM.

On Friday, February 21, 2011, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made and carried:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting of Friday, February 24, 2012, and add Second Floor Discussion in Executive Session, as presented. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATION: Environmental-Randall/Luke

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the request of Luke Hennigan and Randall Wollenhaup of Environmental Office for the Environmental Tribal Contribution Budget Modification and the redistribution of Environmental Tribal Contribution Wage/Fringe funds to Contractual and Equipment line items as outlined in the attached request form. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

TACONIC & KOAN TUK STORMWATER PLAN AND PERMIT-Luke H.

No action taken at this time, will work with Roads & Others and come back.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Reporter- No action taken at this time, a working meeting will be scheduled for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Wallace A. Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried at 2:00 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 2:54 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held a Human Resource Matter and the Second Floor Hotel Construction.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to extend the contract of Starlyn for an additional one month, from March 1, 2012 so the Tribe may be able further prepare for negotiations if needed. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize the legal to prepare an RFP, a request for proposal for an Owner's Rep to lead and assist in the completion of the second floor of the North Star Casino Resort. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize legal to work with the Tribal Council and Casino Management to prepare an RFP, request for proposal to hire a contractor to finish the second floor of the North Star Casino Resort, and if needed we are waiving any portion of the Bid Policy that would prohibit the expedited schedule. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Motion maker amends motion: to eliminate after expedited to eliminate schedule and put in completion of the second floor. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize the Casino Management to waive the bid process for FF&E purchases and this motion allows the Casino Management to start making those orders and purchases with the understanding that all vendors will need to work with the building schedule for delivering storage. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried at 2:58 PM.

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