



## S-M Health and Wellness Center's Progress on Electronic Health Records

By Julie Carroll, Clinical Application Coordinator

If you have received care at the health center recently, you've probably noticed many changes as the clinic has begun the process of converting paper patient charts to electronic health records, or EHR, using the RPMS-EHR system from Indian Health Services (IHS). This system, along with newly integrated windows-based systems for scheduling, patient registration and dental electronic records, has been implemented within the last six months and clinic staff has been working hard to make the transition a smooth one.

The clinic and the patients it serves will experience a number of benefits with electronic health records. As clinic staff becomes familiar with the system and first-time data entry is completed, retrieving and updating patient records will be faster and the records themselves will be more accurate and timely. Electronic charts are now shared collaboratively by multiple providers treating the same person, giving them a better understanding of the patient's overall health. In the future, this collaboration will be expanded to outside providers who may need to treat patients of the clinic for referrals or emergencies. While paper charts are susceptible to fire or other damage, electronic records are backed up daily to two separate off-site data centers. Administrative costs for dictation services and paper chart storage space and supplies will also be reduced.

Recent changes include centralized patient registration for all departments to updated contact, demographic and insurance information. All patients must stop at registration to do this first. Provider schedules are now entered in a scheduling system that feeds the visits into the EHR or EDR (electronic dental record).

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## History of the Health and Wellness Center

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

Over the last 60 years, Health Services on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation have grown, developed, and advanced into a comprehensive healthcare clinic. More than five decades ago, a group of physicians would travel from Southern Wisconsin to Bowler to volunteer their services one day every other week for a program called Volunteer Inter-Tribal Medicine (VIM).

According to the Health and Wellness Center's webpage and historical documents, the Tribe provided a mobile home to conduct screenings inside the two available office rooms. They become makeshift exam rooms

once a sheet of plywood was placed across the office desks inside.

As the demand for health care grew, the Stockbridge-Munsee assessed the needs of the community and developed plans to erect and expand their facilities. In July 1974, the Tribe finished constructing its first Comprehensive Health Center facility located on MohHeConNuck Road where the Administrative Offices building is today. An Administrative wing was added in 1983 and a Pharmacy addition followed in October 1990. Even after the expansion of this building,

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## Students of Woodland Tribal Colleges Gather for AIHEC Conference

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Students from the College of Menominee Nation (CMN) joined peers from other tribal colleges at the Annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) Student Conference held March 18 to 20 at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay. Among those in attendance was Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal member Lucy Martin who was honored as AIHEC CMN Student of the Year.

Lucy, who was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for being Student of the Year said, "I am honored to receive such an award. I have always worked my hardest at everything I do. I want to thank my parents. They have showed me how important education is and have been my foundation all throughout life. I would like to thank my husband for giving me

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## Protection for Native American Women

By Mark Shaw — Mohican News Reporter

On March 7, 2013, President Barack Obama signed into law the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. The previous month the Senate and the House of Representatives passed the extension of the 19 year old act that had expired in 2011. The original United States federal law was drafted by Senator Joe Biden and passed in 1994. The act (VAWA) provides \$1.6 billion toward investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women, imposes automatic and mandatory restitution on those convicted, and allows civil redress in cases prosecutors chose to leave

unprosecuted.

Over the last few years, efforts had been made to update, improve, and seal the holes that left victims vulnerable, particularly Native American women who were abused by non-Native American men on reservation land. Before the reauthorization of VAWA, non-American Indians could not be prosecuted by tribal courts unless the tribal nation fell under Public Law 280, which was established in 1953. P.L. 280 mandates a transfer of federal law enforcement within certain tribal nations to state

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### Letter from the Editor:



er, we at the Mohican New do not. Perhaps, I can ask the Editorial Board to look at addressing this matter in a future meeting.

The Mohican News is our paper and is meant to inform our members and readers about the positive aspects of the Tribe and community. In my time here it has always been the strategy of the Mohican News to not address issues that are in Tribal Court or any Court for that matter. There is also the issue of gag orders the Courts may institute; by order of the court, the news cannot address these issues.

It has been awhile since I felt the need for one of these letters! But, being a member within this community, my personal ethics on this position compel me to speak out. Lately there has been a lot of news regarding Tribal members in the local press and on the radio. With this, there is a lot of information presented that centers on the area of rumor and speculation. With all respect to our Tribal Council, I do not wish to use the Mohican News as a vessel to present this information. I do not wish to be accused of trying these cases in the media or giving ANYONE a bad rap by how they are portrayed or perceived in the paper. Other members of the media may choose to address these issues before the legal side of the matter is complete; however,

The purpose of the "The Letters to the Editor" section of the Mohican News is to initiate action or create change. It is your newspaper and you have a right to speak your opinion. If the materials presented are questionable, I take it to the Editorial Board and they provide their opinion on whether a letter is printed or edited.

My suggestion is that you attend Tribal Council meetings. The meetings provide a format to ask questions. You can find out from the Council Members what is going on with Tribal Council, or behind the closed doors of the Courts. This is for those of you who can easily attend these meetings. For those who cannot, find yourself a good and reliable source of information. Jeff Vele - Mohican News Editor

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

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

### 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 April 1, 2013 you will not be eligible for Contract Health Services for the remainder of the 2013 Fiscal Year.**

expenses using Tribal Funds.

Second Generation Descendants are not eligible for payment using Tribal Funds.

Payments for authorized referrals for dates of service prior to April 1, 2013 will still be covered by CHS, only if the services were authorized for payment.

If you receive bills after April 1, 2013 and if they are for services prior to April 1, 2013 they will still be eligible for payment by Contract Health, if they have been authorized for payment.

**Please make sure to submit ALL your bills to the CHS staff at the SMHWC for review.**

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

The fiscal year runs from October 1 thru Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 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

I don't believe in just ordering people to do things. You have to sort of grab an oar and row with them.

Harold Geneen

Telecommunications Executive

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## Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court says "Annishiik!"

Thank you to those of you in the community who took your time to attend and participate in the Native Drug and Gang Initiative training that was held at the Pine Hills Golf and Supper Club in January 2013. A very special "thank you" goes out to our own Chief of Police, Jim Hoffman and Shawano County Sheriff Randy Wright who together presented some insight into the problems that law enforcement faces in the war against gangs and drugs on and surrounding our Native Communities. The program would not have been complete without the depth of knowledge shared by Officer Matthew Ninham, Community Resource Office of the Oneida Police Department, as well as Detective David Wynos with Kevin Brennenstuhl of the Menominee Police Department. We had an excellent program, with lots of opportunity to exchange information about the problems that plague our communities, and none of it would have been possible without the dynamic speakers who came to our community and offered this public service information.

Annishiik!  
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court.

**The Wisconsin Tribal Judge's Association (WTJA)** Mission Statement states that the Wisconsin Tribal Judges' Association, Inc. exists as a voice of equal justice for all and is dedicated to the protection of tribal sovereignty through judicial education, cooperation, collaboration and respectful communication while embracing tribal traditions, customs and values. Judges from the eleven

Wisconsin tribal courts are invited as members and participants of this organization.

As earlier reported in the Mohican tribal newspaper, our Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court again hosted the quarterly meeting for the WTJA on January 17-18, 2013 at the Pine Hills Golf and Supper Club. At that time, Judge Mary Adams of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System and our own Associate Tribal Judge, Candace Des Armo Coury were considered for a vacant position on the Wisconsin State-Tribal Judges Forum replacing the Honorable Stanley R. Webster who is also of the Oneida Tribal Judicial System—Appellate Division. With a split vote, Judge Candace Coury won a coin toss and a seat on the Wisconsin State-Tribal Justice Forum.

The **Wisconsin State-Tribal Justice Forum** is a committee that is made up of both state and tribal judges. It was re-established in 2005 or 2006 following the Walking on Common Ground: Pathways to Equal Justice Conference that was sponsored by the Department of Justice. The forum is made up of five state circuit court judges, five tribal court judges, a tribal attorney, legislative liaison, district court administrator and the director of state courts. An area of concern and focus has been in the area of concurrent jurisdiction. Section 801.54, Wis. Stats., allows the state courts to transfer cases to tribal courts either by a motion of one of the litigants in the case or on the court's own motion, after discussion and possibly a joint hearing between the parties before the state and tribal court judges.

## Poem

By Robert Allen Burr

God without you I would be like glass. I would easily be broken. But with you, I'm like a kid in an arcade. You make me happy because you're my token. Without you it would be a long fall, but with you I can stand up tall. Every time I'm feeling down I close my eyes and envision your face. It's perfection at its finest to feel your grace. Sometimes everyday problems seem like it's too much to bear, but God's never too far away. He loves you unconditionally and he cares.

You can always change your life no matter how bad you're living. If you have a lot of guilt, repent of your sins and trust in God and you will be forgiven. God wants you to seek him with your whole heart, so like 'google,' search until you find. And, don't have fear or worry because with God you'll find peace of mind. God exceeds all our limits. He's like outer space. He's above and beyond. So like a light switch make sure that light within is always turned on. Think of sin as an ocean with a dirty surface. God will wash it away. Live day by day and obey and everything will be okay.

## NOTICE - From the Forestry Department

**Effective immediately all logging roads on the reservation will be closed to vehicle traffic** due to wet road condition associated with spring breakup. This closure is to protect this important road network from rutting and damage. As always, if anyone is caught causing excessive damage to any logging road, a citation can be issued. Watch for a future posting when the roads will be re-opened once they dry out. If anyone needs a permit to use any road for maple syrup collection, please inquire with the Forestry Department.



## Stockbridge-Munsee Constitution Update

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, a 20-page response recommended changes to every article came back to the committee. Therefore the constitution could not be presented to the community for a vote. Given how extensive the suggested changes were, the constitution committee withdrew the petition and began working with Tribal members and seeking additional legal assistance to make changes. 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.

The constitution committee decided to revise/amend Article VIII for the removal of the Secretarial election process and Article IV Sec 5 to allow 18 year olds to vote. 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. These are the two issues you will be voting on in the coming Secretarial election.

We need to have community involvement at the meetings to help with this process. There will be several community meetings to allow discussion and help members understand the Secretarial election process to amend Article VIII and Article IV Sec 5. We will work with the Community to answer any questions the members may have. S-M Constitutional Amendment working Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office.

S-M Constitutional Informational Meeting April 12, 2013, 1:00 p.m. at the Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly meal site.

If you are unable to attend please e-mail questions to [wmalonesr1@hotmail.com](mailto:wmalonesr1@hotmail.com)

Thank you,  
S-M Constitution Committee

## Historical Committee Meeting

Will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm

At the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum. Everyone is welcome to come

## UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN GREEN BAY

### Diversity Director

The University of Wisconsin – Green Bay is currently seeking a Diversity Director. This position is responsible for the overall administration of the staff, budgets and programs of the American Intercultural Center (AIC), consistent with the stated goals and mission of the Center. In addition to administrative responsibilities, the Director works directly with multicultural students and student organizations to promote student satisfaction, involvement and success. This position works closely with a team of other Student Affairs and campus leaders to continually evaluate and improve the University's efforts to

recruit, retain and graduate multicultural/disadvantaged students. The Director promotes awareness of multicultural issues on campus and provides leadership in institution-wide efforts to enhance the campus climate.

The salary range for this position is \$53,000-\$54,500. For further details about this exciting opportunity, please visit: <http://www.uwgb.edu/hr/jobs/>. To ensure consideration, please submit applications materials by April 5, 2013.

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## Tax Deadlines Are Real

By Jason Alderman

Congress could well debate the debt ceiling, tax reform and other important economic issues until the cows come home, but one thing's for sure: If you don't pay your income taxes – or at least file for an extension – by April 15, you could be in for a world of financial hurt.

That's because the IRS probably won't give you a break on the penalties it levies on unpaid taxes unless you were the victim of a natural disaster, suffered death or serious illness in your immediate family, or experienced another catastrophic event.

You must file your 2012 federal tax return (or request an extension) by midnight on April 15, 2013, otherwise the penalty on any taxes you owe will increase dramatically. You'll be charged an additional 5 percent of taxes owed for each full or partial month you're late, plus interest, up to a maximum penalty of 25 percent of the amount owed. (The interest rate currently charged is 3.22 percent.)

If you file your return or extension request on time, however, the penalty drops tenfold to only 0.5 percent per month, plus interest. Here's how it adds up: Say you owe \$2,500 in federal income tax. If you haven't requested an extension, you would be charged an additional \$125 (5 percent), plus interest, for each month you're late in paying off your bill. Had you filed for an extension, the penalty would drop to only \$12.50 per month (0.5 percent).

Be sure to contact the IRS early if you won't be able to pay on time so you keep as many payment options open as possible – either call 800-829-1040 or visit your local IRS office. Also check out the IRS' "Filing Late and/or Paying Late" webpage for helpful information ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

One way to avoid this penalty is to pay by credit or debit card

before the filing deadline. You'll pay a convenience fee, which is tax-deductible if you itemize. Fees vary depending on which payment processor you choose. (See "Pay Your Taxes by Debit or Credit Card" at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for details.) If you use a credit card, make sure you can pay off the balance within a few months; otherwise the accrued interest might exceed the penalty.

Other payment options include:

- If you can pay the full amount within 120 days, you may qualify for a Short-Term Extension. If granted, you'll still owe interest on your debt, but will avoid the application fee for an installment agreement.
- If you need longer than 120 days, an Installment Agreement lets you pay off your bill in monthly installments.
- To apply for either, fill out an Online Payment Agreement Application at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call an IRS representative at 800-829-1040.

Under certain dire financial-hardship circumstances, the IRS will allow some taxpayers with annual incomes of up to \$100,000 to negotiate a reduction in the amount owed through an Offer in Compromise. For step-by-step instructions, read the IRS Form 656 Booklet. If you're unable to make payments on your installment agreement or offer in compromise, call the IRS immediately for alternative payment options, which could include reducing the monthly payment to reflect your current financial condition.

Also read the IRS's guide, "The What Ifs for Struggling Taxpayers," which contains helpful information on the tax impacts of different scenarios such as job loss, debt forgiveness or tapping a retirement fund.

## 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.

## Division of Community Housing

### Annual Workshop/Informational Sessions for 2013

Date	Session Title	Speaker(s)
April 10, 2013	Budgeting	UW Extension
April 24, 2013	Understanding a Credit Report	Ryan Alexander CVCU Must pre-register by April 17 <sup>th</sup>
May 8, 2013	Permits to Build/Steps to Build Housing/land/frstry	
May 22, 2013	Year Around Home Maintenance	Bob Veale
June 12 2013	Mold & Cleaning Mold	Bob Veale
To be announced	Section 184 Indian Loan program	
July 10, 2013	Home Repair Demonstration	Bob Veale
August 6, 2013	National Night Out (Against Crime/Drugs) Activity	
	At Housing Office 5:00 pm	food

**October 12, 2013** Fire Safety/Crime Prevention parade A t  
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 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.

## Upcoming Events

**April 12**  
Constitutional Informational Meeting, 1 pm at the Elderly meal site

**April 1**  
Mohican Family Center:  
Community Meeting, 7 pm

**April 12-13**  
Mohican Family Center:  
3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock In, 8 pm – 8 am

**April 2**  
Elderly Steering Committee

**April 17**  
3-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Swim Trip  
5:30-9:30 pm

**April 4**  
Headstart: Field Trip to Children's Museum of Green Bay

**April 19**  
Elderly Potluck, Noon

**April 10**  
Constitutional Amendment Working Meeting  
5 pm at Tribal Offices

**April 19-21**  
Mohican Family Center:  
3 on 3 Seymour Basketball Tournament

Mohican Family Center:  
7-12 Grade Pay Your Own Way Movie, 5-9:30 pm

**April 22**  
Mohican Family Center:  
Family Fun Night, 5 pm  
Community Meeting, 7 pm

**April 12**  
Gresham Powwow in High School Gym, 12:30-3:15 pm, Public is welcome to attend

**April 26**  
Girl's Night, 8 pm-Midnight

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.

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**History continued on page Six:** the Dental department still had to turn down patients because they did not have adequate space. Over 20 Health Services' departments were confined within a 13,720 square foot facility.

In the early 1990's, the Tribe realized their Health Services were outgrowing their building and the Tribal government once again started preparing for a newer, bigger health center. They hired Cox Medendorp Olson Architects Inc. to help fulfill the vision of a Tribally-owned and operated comprehensive healthcare clinic.

Health services moved into the current Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center on November 16, 2000. The architecture of the building was designed in the image of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe. It interweaves the past with the present. The building's roof has similarities to the roof of a longhouse, Native American designs and decorations adorn the walls of the facility, "Many Trails" symbols line the hallways, and a skylight in the main vestibule brings the natural outside light indoors. Today, the 30,170 square foot facility averages 70 patients a day, holds 73 staff members, and has over 20 departments in Medical, Dental, Chiropractic, Physical Therapy, Mental Health, and Community Health Outreach areas.

Delwar Mian, the Stockbridge-

Munsee Health and Wellness Center Director said, "The Health Center is recognized by Federal Government through Indian Health Services, and partially funded through the Historic Treaty with the AI/NA famously known as Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437). The funds are allocated based on a combination of a formula called User Population and Visit Encounters, which means, the more is the number of user population, and visit encounters, the more is the funding level."

The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center's vision statement is as follows: "[1] We envision a Health Center which meets the needs of our citizens, which is financially sound, which meets cultural and community expectations, and provides service at the highest professional level. [2] Our Health Center will meet all health care certification standards for clinical services. [3] Our organization will provide the direction and structure required to meet the demands for comprehensive direct and preventive health care for the Tribe."

What began as a bi-weekly Volunteer Inter-Tribal Medicine (VIM) program that operated out of a mobile home on the reservation has become a comprehensive healthcare facility and multi-departmental health center that is of great use and accessibility to all people in this area.

**Women cont from page One:** governments in six states: Alaska, California, Minnesota (except the Red Lake Nation), Nebraska, Oregon (except the Warm Springs Reservation), and Wisconsin (except Menominee County).

Valerie Jarrett, the Senior Advisor and Chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls, said, "Three years ago, our federal interagency group on violence against women began meeting to consider gaps in our country's response to this violence and make recommendations to Congress to fill those gaps. We are proud that many of these recommendations were included in the final bill."

Moments before signing the final bill, President Obama said, "Indian Country has some of the highest rates of domestic abuse in America. And one of the reasons is that when Native American women are abused on tribal lands by an attacker who is not Native American, the attacker is immune from prosecution by tribal courts. Well, as soon as I sign this bill that ends. Tribal governments have an inherent right to protect their people, and all women deserve the right to live free from fear." President Obama continued, "And we've made incredible progress since 1994. But, we cannot let up -- not when domestic violence still kills three women a day. Not when one in five women will be a victim of rape in their lifetime. Not when one in three women is abused by a partner."

Those statistics Obama listed, however, are higher for Indigenous women. According to the White House Office of Communications [www.whitehouse.gov], "Native American women are more than twice as likely to be victims of domestic violence as non-Native women. A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found that 46% of Native American women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by a partner in their lifetime. One regional survey conducted by University of Oklahoma researchers showed that nearly three out of five Native American women had been assaulted by their spouses or intimate partners. Tribal leaders tell us the actual rates of victimization may be even higher, since the justice system's failure to adequately respond

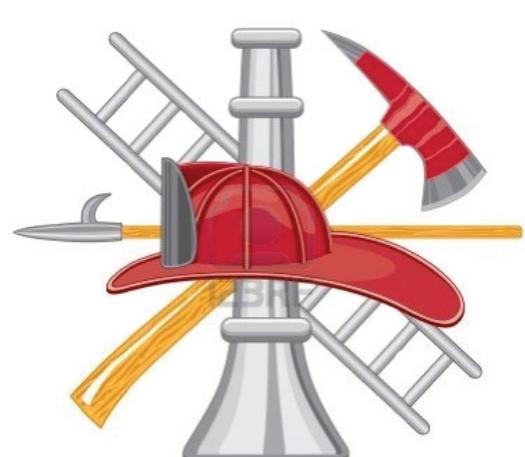
leaves many Native American victims unable to safely come forward with their stories."

In a written statement to the Mohican News, Tribal Councilwoman Shannon Holsey said, "I am elated by the passing of the Senate bill. I was horrified to learn at a recent NCAI [National Congress of American Indians] meeting that American Indian women suffer incidents of domestic violence at rates more than double national averages, but American Indian courts don't have jurisdiction over non-American Indians. Furthermore, federal prosecutors don't take up about half the violence cases on reservations because of lack of resources to pursue crimes on isolated American Indian lands. I believe what this Senate bill ultimately will do is reduce domestic violence incidents substantially. It will also provide an avenue which will allow for Native American Courts to prosecute non-American Indians for a limited set of crimes limited to domestic violence and violations of protecting orders, which I believe is long overdue. It's also in my opinion an opportunity to build the relationship between governments and affords the ability to work towards many other issues important to Native American Indians throughout our nation."

"This is great news," Bob Chicks, the Stockbridge-Munsee President, said. "For those tribes that were not in P.L. 280, they had no criminal jurisdiction over non-tribal people, so it created a lot of problems. Now that's changed and the protection of Native women on our reservations has just been greatly increased. And, I think that that is something really huge, considering they [U.S. politicians] usually don't pay attention to the tribes or forget to include the tribes in the legislation."

Tribal Councilwoman Terrie Terrio urged people to report incidences of domestic violence if they were victims or witnesses. Terrio said, "We have a lot of resources here where we can help people. I'm one of those people I see something I report it and hopefully the social services and the law enforcement take over and do their job. I am not a social worker and I'm not a police officer, but I am a citizen who cares about other people. My advice is to report it."

## 50/50 Drawing Stockbridge-Munsee Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser



Tickets are \$1.00/ea  
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At 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Department.

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Thank you for your support!

# Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency **OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, April 18, 2013  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
203 W. Main Street, Bowler

The Old Bowler Bank building on Main Street  
Tour the Child Support Offices  
Short Presentations

Every Hour

Of what we are about and the services we will be offering.

Take Home Educational Folder



Snacks

Door Prizes

(Drawings at 4:15 pm – Need not be present to win)

The Building will be Blessed earlier with a special invite to our Elders through the Elderly Center and Ella Besaw Center.



## Family

### Solar Panel Apartments Save 33% of Fuel for One Year

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter



At the end of the 2011 year, construction began on installing solar panels and a high efficiency furnace to heat water in the North Ah Toh Wuk apartment building, which first opened to the public along with the identical South Ah Toh Wuk building in 2001. The solar panels and furnace were part of a project made possible through a grant the Environmental Department received from the Department of Energy. Initially, the contractor had issues when the unit was first installed. After failing to resolve problems with leaks, the sizing of pumps, and the capacity of indirect water heaters, the Stockbridge-Munsee Division of Community Housing (DCH) hired an engineer to make revision plans and correct those issues. Once those problems were fixed, the Tribe began to see a savings on energy between the two apartments. A year later DCH compared how many units of fuel were put into the LP Gas tanks at the North and at the South buildings.

be made due to the fact that their tenants have different family sizes and daily habits. "This doesn't take into account the cost of running the pumps. The electrical usage is real hard to track in a multi-unit building. One building might have two teenage daughters that go through a lot of laundry and change their clothes two or three times a day. And then, those clothes get washed, so that dryer in that building is going to use a lot more energy than the other building. There is no real way to track that," Vele said.

Furthermore, one tenant may work a typical nine-to-five job and use hot water during the early morning and late night when the sun is not in the sky. Another tenant, however, may work the night shift and use hot water during the middle of the day. Vele said, "Primarily, the solar ray is for the domestic hot water use. About 95% of it is for domestic hot water. There's a little residual that would go into actually heating the building. If you're showering and doing your laundry during midday, than you're getting the most benefit for the 'therms'."

Robert Vele, Project Monitor and Inspector for DCH, said, "We did an addition for all units of fuel for [South] 'Building A' and all units of fuel for [North] 'Building B' and then we divided the two and it gave us the percentage. We saved about 33% of fuel for one year, which is a lot. That's a third less. Every three years you have a free year."

DCH hopes to save more energy in the future. Robert Vele said, "Eventually we want to change the furnace in the other building, so they'll all high efficiency boilers. And, we've actually changed all the ones in our low income apartments and in the three bedrooms and the four bedroom apartments, the Moshuebee building, and the new building. They all have the same high efficiency boiler. So, they're all the same and they're running at 98% efficiency. And, they are quite efficient as far as the furnace goes. So, we saw a large savings on all the buildings too."

Vele said a dollar value was difficult to calculate because the price on LP Gas tank fills have fluctuated throughout the year. Although the two apartment buildings are identical in their square footage, floor plan, fixtures, and bathrooms, a precise "apples to apples" comparison could not

## Celebrate National Arbor Day by Planting Trees Receive 10 Free Shade Trees by Joining the Arbor Day Foundation

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 26 this year, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holiday. Join the Foundation in April and receive 10 free shade trees.

John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "By the simple act of planting trees, one person helps create a healthier and more beautiful planet for all of us."

By joining the Foundation in April, new members receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2013, or visit [arborday.org/april](http://arborday.org/april).

"These trees provide shade in the summer and gorgeous colors throughout the fall," said

## Budgeting Your Money

This workshop will be held at the Housing Office  
Wednesday, April 10, 2013  
4:45 pm -- Light Meal 5 pm -- Speaker

Speaker will be from the UW Extension Office in Shawano

Come and learn how to budget your money. Compare your bills with the income you have. Can you start a savings?

It helps if you register ahead of time in order for us to provide enough food and seating. All sessions open to the public.

Thank you!

# After School Program, Nutrition/WIC, and Food Distribution

work together to provide nutritious and tasty food for the community's children



Amanda Miller, Mary Murray (Nutrition), and Jill Duffek make the meals



Boys get ready to eat 'cool veggie pizzas'



Jill Duffek (Food Distribution Supervisor)



Wat-Lu Cornelius (above)  
Beau Hartwig (below)



Nevaeh Fuentes (above)  
Dominic Koster (below)



Asa Doxtator (above); Delsin Perro,  
Wat-lu Cornelius, Tony Doxtator (below)



## Avoid Delay! Enroll Your Child Today!

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

Head Start is a Comprehensive Early Childhood and Family Development Program for income eligible families with children ages 3 to 5. The program also serves families who have children with Disabilities regardless of income.

Head Start provides Educational, Health, Nutritional, Emotional, and Social Services for each child and offers support for family members. Your child must be age 3 by September 1, 2013 and reside in the Bowler or Gresham School Districts (within the Townships of Bartelme and Red Springs).

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY **FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013.**



Applications can be picked up at the Head Start Office  
Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
W13429 Cherry Street, Bowler, WI 54416  
Or call to request an application to be mailed directly to you.  
715-793-4993 (Office) 715-793-4994 (FAX)  
Contact Delores Meek, Head Start Manager or  
Julie Schultz, Administrative Assistant

Future Panther Basketball Stars



**Front row:** Gary Malueg, Devon Waranka, Delsin Pero, Marcus Malone, Lucas Pecore, Michael Miller  
**Back row:** Tynea Johnson, Jesse Ruppel, Isaiah Bestul, Shandy Madosh, Emmitt Kietlinski, Micah Fox, Brock Strassburg, Zach Ziemer



After practicing basketball skills and scrimmaging for several Sunday afternoons, Bowler's 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys (and one girl!) had the opportunity to play at halftime of a Varsity game on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The program was organized by the high school coaches and players.



**Bowman Sisters Graduate from UW-Madison**

Leslie Bowman (above), an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May 2012 with her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Certificate in Spanish. Leslie's daughter, Kadence (pictured), as well as the Bowman and Berquist families were in attendance to celebrate this achievement. Leslie is currently teaching at the Oneida Headstart in Green Bay.

Lindsey Bowman, an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe (and pictured below with her two nieces Kadence and Sage), graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December 2012 with her Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Certificate in Native American Studies. The Bowman and Berquist families attended the ceremony to honor her success. Lindsey is currently working at the Carbone Cancer Center in Madison as she explores graduate programs.



**Employees of the Month**

for the month of January at North Star Mohican Casino Resort are Willy Hoepfner (above), Table Games Department and Ellen Mehlberg (below), Marketing Department



20th Anniversary!  
**NAMA'O**  
 (sturgeon)  
**KEWAEHMAKAT PIATAEH**  
 (they are coming home)



4th Annual  
**L.C.P.L.**  
**BradLee J. Wilber**  
 Teka' Hu Wa'Ke  
 "Two Canoes"  
 Memorial Mens  
 Traditional Contest



1st Sturgeon Ceremony  
 Menominee Ceremonial Dances

**MAEC MICEHSWAN**  
 (big feast)



Last Harvested Sturgeon  
 Keshena Falls

Hoop  
 Dancers

Tobacco  
 Offerings

Sturgeon  
 Ceremonial  
 Offerings

**Sturgeon Feast & Celebration Powwow**  
 Menominee Indian High School Keshena, Wisconsin

**April 20, 2013**

1<sup>st</sup> Grand Entry 1:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Entry 7:00 pm

Sturgeon Feast 5:00 pm

Host Drum: *Wolf River Singers*

Honorarium for invited drums only

Head Veteran Dancer: TBA

Head Male Dancer: Tony Fish

Head Female Dancer: Vanessa Northrup

**Traditional Arts Vendors**

For more information Please contact Jean Cox 715-799-3757

Presented by Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

For more information call Historic Preservation: 715-799-5258

We are not responsible for stolen property. This is an alcohol & drug free event



### Records cont from page One:

Providers can view schedules in their offices and get real-time status updates such as when a patient is checked in and waiting for services or if an appointment has been cancelled. The system also tracks no-shows for reporting and policy enforcement. Supporting departments, such as registration and medical records, utilize the electronic scheduling system to prepare for their responsibilities in the patient care process.

The medical department is now entering vitals, allergies, chief complaints, family and reproductive histories, past procedures, immunizations, purpose of visits, chronic problems and medications into the EHR. This information is verified for accuracy with the patient at each visit. Nurses use EHR reminders to address tobacco, lead and colon cancer screens, immunizations, and to document education materials given to the patient. Medical providers use EHR to order radiology and lab tests. The ordering provider then receives a notification in EHR with the test results once completed and all is documented in the patient's electronic chart. Medication prescriptions and refills are also ordered in EHR and printed. Other departments using RPMS-EHR include dental and behavioral health for lab tests and medication prescriptions as well as chiropractic for radiology ordering and community health for lead screening.

Upon completion of every visit to the medical department, the patient is given a patient wellness handout (PWH), either at the end of their appointment or in the mail shortly after. The PWH contains details about the patient's contact information, vitals, allergies, chronic problems, immunizations, medications and recent lab tests. The purpose of the PWH is to give the patient a printed record of current information from their electronic chart and to reconcile with their provider any information that may be incorrect. All patients are encouraged to review the PWH carefully, contact their provider to correct any discrepancies and ask questions if necessary.

The dental department has implemented Dentrix, an electronic dental record (EDR) system. Dentrix integrates with RPMS for patient registration information and updates RPMS-EHR to record the dental visit in the patient's

electronic chart. It is used in dental to schedule appointments; document problems, allergies and meds; chart work and needed treatment; document treatment plans and progress notes; generate short call lists and cancel/fail lists; and recall.

In March, medical providers will receive training for Dragon Medical Practice Edition speech recognition technology. This software will convert their dictated notes to a typed document which will then be available immediately in the patient's electronic chart upon signature. Use of Dragon for dictation will result in reduced transcription costs and timely updates of notes in the patient's chart.

In April, the clinic will be working with IHS to implement e-Prescribing. e-Prescribing in conjunction with EHR will give providers the capability to generate a drug prescription and transmit it electronically to the pharmacy of the patient's choice. As of April 29th, paper prescriptions will no longer be given to patients except those required by law to be printed and signed including controlled substances.

Also coming will be note templates developed for all departments to consolidate the patient's chart into the one electronic chart. Additional reminders will be added to EHR for diabetes, health maintenance and women's health among others. An upgrade of the patient registration and scheduling systems to the new Practice Management Application Suite will be completed. In-house and outside referrals will be entered into the patient's electronic chart and automatically transferred to the Referred Care Information System and Contract Health for improved tracking. Vista Imaging will be implemented to allow scanning of paper documents and forms into the patient's electronic chart. Additionally, the clinic will continue to evaluate and optimize use of all other integrated RPMS packages available to them.

The next year will continue to bring many changes as the clinic staff continues to ask for patience as they learn the new systems and processes. Appointments may take a bit longer to guarantee accuracy and thoroughness of electronic records, but the number one commitment for all is to provide the best patient care possible. EHR is helping the clinic to accomplish this goal.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Makes Significant Investment in Vision 2017

SHAWANO, WI—The Ho-Chunk Nation recently demonstrated their support of *Shawano County Vision 2017* with a platinum level investment. The commitment came in the form of a resolution passed by their Tribal Legislature on March 6, 2013. The resolution recognized the importance of Shawano County Vision 2017 in helping businesses create jobs which will improve the quality of life for all Shawano County residents, including Ho-Chunk members. According to Hope Smith, Ho-Chunk Tribal Legislature Secretary, this is an important opportunity to create stronger partnerships. "It is an honor and privilege to work together in our efforts to promote businesses and thereby creating jobs for all the residents of Shawano County. When word gets out that we are working together we may be drawing businesses into Shawano County that will benefit us all," said Smith.

As a platinum investor, the Ho-Chunk Tribe will have representation on the *Shawano County Vision 2017* Executive Oversight Council. The Executive Oversight Council is responsible for ensuring that funds raised for the initiative are prioritized and administered in a manner that represents the best interests of all the program's many investors. To date the capital campaign for *Shawano County Vision 2017* has received cash pledges totaling \$965,000 from over 80 corporations, municipal and tribal government, local businesses, foundations and individuals. "This significant investment from the Ho-Chunk Nation pushes our total very close to the \$1 million mark. That is exciting. We welcome investments of any level to help us reach our goal of \$1.27 million so we can have the greatest impact on job creation with Vision 2017," said Steve Sengstock, executive director, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc.

Executive Oversight Council Chairman Robert Nueske is pleased and excited to have Ho-Chunk Nation's participation. "We thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for reaching out to partner with us on this effort. It is empowering for us all to be a part of this proactive initiative which will have a positive impact on our business and community," said Nueske.

In addition to Ho-Chunk Nation representation, members of the Shawano County Vision 2017 Executive Oversight Council include Chairman Robert Nueske,

Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Vice-Chairman Charlie Harvey, Charlie's County Market; Robert Chicks, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; Dan Miller, Associated Bank; Dan Gast, CoVantage Credit Union; Glen Gilbert, CRI/Genex Cooperative Inc.; Mary White, Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Dorothy Erdmann, Shawano Medical Center, ThedaCare; Lee Crawford, TimberPro Inc.; Arlyn Tober, Shawano County; Jim Feeney, Wisconsin Film & Bag Inc.; Char Larsen, Premier Investment Services; Steve Sengstock, Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc. and Nancy Smith, Shawano County Chamber of Commerce. The Shawano County Chamber of Commerce and SCEPI will administer Shawano County Vision 2017.

*Shawano County Vision 2017* is a five-year economic development plan strategically designed to address various needs of area businesses and communities. The plan's overall goal is to create 1,000 jobs paying an average of \$16 per hour, by implementing specific action steps in key areas, including business expansion, attraction and recruitment; tourism/retail development and community development. This plan was initiated two years ago by the board of directors of SCEPI and the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce to proactively tackle economic challenges including several plant closures, job losses, and lower than average per capita income. It will provide a blueprint for future growth and prosperity and a stronger economic climate for Shawano and Menominee Counties. *Shawano County Vision 2017* is the first major fundraising campaign undertaken cooperatively to promote job growth in Shawano and Menominee Counties. For more information contact the Chamber at (715) 524-2139 or [chamber@shawano.com](mailto:chamber@shawano.com).

(Photo Caption: Shawano County Vision 2017 representatives accepted the first installment of Ho-Chunk Nation's investment at the Ho-Chunk Tribal Offices on March 8. Pictured (L-R) Greg Blackdeer, Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President; Steve Sengstock, Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc.; Nancy Smith, Shawano County Chamber of Commerce; Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Legislature Representatives Heather Cloud and Hope Smith; and Jim Webster, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Director of Business.)

## To drink soda or not to drink soda?

By Mary Murray R.D.

Ongoing facts about soda: One way of reducing sugar intake that some find appealing is switching to diet soda. In 2004 15% of the U.S. population was consuming artificially sweetened beverages compared to just 3% in 1965 (Gardner et al.). Interestingly, while it would seem that an increased intake of artificially sweetened products would correspond to a decreased consumption of sugar, that has not been the case for American consumers (Gardner et al.).

There are several ideas about why artificial sweeteners don't displace sugar including: people choosing diet products to save calories so they can eat a non-diet treat later, and artificial sweeteners cause people to maintain a high preference for sweets, and thus eat plenty of both diet and regular sugary treats.

Another idea that has been suggested is that once artificial sweeteners stimulate the sweet taste buds, the body begins to respond as though carbohydrate had been eaten, such as by releasing more insulin. Part of the body's response to artificial sweeteners may result in increased hunger later (Gardner et al.).

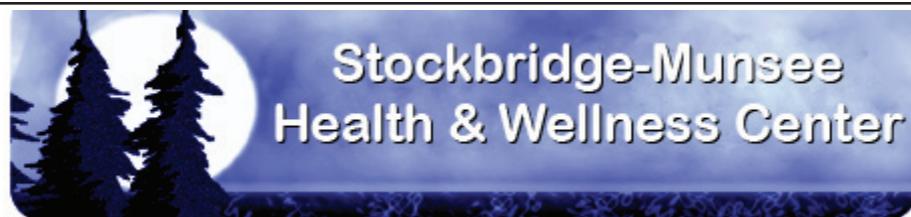
There is need for more studies in this area, but for now, the studies that have been done indicate that about 32% of the calories saved from using artificial sweeteners in foods are added back into the diet within 24 hours. Diet beverages have better results with only 15% of the calories saved being eaten later in the day. Part of why people don't save all of the calories they cut by choosing artificial sweeteners may be because they are overestimating the calories they saved, or under estimating the calories in their food, or overestimating how many calories they should eat. Less than 10% of Americans can accurately estimate the calories they should consume in a day (Gardner et al.). Some individuals do seem to have success with cutting calories by using artificial sweeteners. These individuals may have genetic differences that affect how much they crave sweets or how their bodies respond to artificial sweeteners stimulating their taste buds. Despite these few, for most people using artificial sweeteners is not a proven way to help manage body weight. Further more, if people with diabetes choose for example, to switch to diet soda, that can be helpful for blood sugar control, but only if that carbohydrate is not made-up for by eating it in some other food or drink.

You may have seen a news article on Yahoo.com about a study recently done in France

linking artificial sweeteners with type 2 diabetes (<http://shine.yahoo.com/healthy-living/study-diet-soda-increases-risk-diabetes-why-still-192600358.html>). While the news article summary sounds alarming, the study itself does not really show that diet soda is somehow causing diabetes. What the study does show is that women in this study who were overweight or obese were more likely to drink diet soda and also had a higher risk of developing diabetes. When obese women in the diet soda group were compared only to obese women in the other groups, there was no increased risk of developing diabetes among diet soda drinkers. Overweight and obese women in the study may have been more likely to drink diet soda as a way of trying to loose weight or trying to reduce their risk of developing diabetes, which would already be higher than among healthy weight women.

On the other hand, when the researchers compared only non-obese women to one and other, those who drank diet soda were more likely to develop diabetes, but their total sugar intake was not assessed. Therefore, the diet soda drinkers could have been eating more sweets.

While the recent study doesn't show that diet soda is causing diabetes, it does show that diet soda is not all that helpful for weight management. This also serves as a good reminder that diet soda should not be thought of as a "health food." If a person is trying to stop drinking regular soda, switching to diet could be a first step in that process, but the end result hopefully will be a transition to drinking water. If you are absolutely stuck on bubbles, try mixing your beverage half & half with carbonated water and then slowly working your way towards just drinking water. Sources Fragherazzi, Guy, et al. "Consumption of artificially and sugar-sweetened beverages and incident type 2 diabetes in the Etude Epidémiologique auprès des femmes de la Mutuelle Générale de l'Education Nationale—European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition Cohort." *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Jan. 2013: Bethesda, MD. 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](http://www.sugarydrinkfacts.org).



## Tips for Grandparents on Safe Medicine Storage

You love your grandchildren and would do anything for them, but did you know these startling facts?

- Annually, more than 60,000 children – or roughly four school busloads of children per day – age five or younger are treated in emergency departments for accidental ingestion of household medicines.<sup>1,2</sup>

- Nearly 1 out of every 4 grandparents say they store prescription medicines in easy-access places; and 18 percent keep over-the-counter medicines in easily accessible spots.<sup>3</sup>

Don't let your grandchildren become a statistic. Take the following precautions to help keep them safe:

**Keep all medicines and vitamins up and away and out of sight** in a high cabinet or other place inaccessible to your grandchildren.

**Keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicines or vitamins** in them out of their reach and sight. **Remember to never leave medicines or vitamins out** on a table, countertop, or bedside table where your grandchildren could reach them – always make sure the caps are locked and put them away every time they are used. **Set a daily reminder** to take your medicines and vitamins on your refrigerator or a location you check on a daily basis, since they will be safely stored up and away and out of sight. **Program the national Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222**, along with other emergency contact numbers into your home and cell phone, so they are available in case of an emergency.

For more tools and information, visit [UpandAway.org](http://UpandAway.org).

## Keeping Alcohol in the Limelight: 6 Facts for Alcohol Awareness Month

Provided by: Dr. Deni Carise, Deputy Chief Clinical Officer, [CRCH Health Group](http://CRCHHealthGroup.org)

When most people think of substance abuse, heroin, marijuana and prescription drugs often come to mind. However, one substance that can be bought over-the counter legally is among the most destructive and sadly, overlooked.

Alcohol is society's oldest and most widely used mind-altering chemical, it's so ingrained in our culture, that it's difficult to imagine it as illegal for adults. Cocaine, heroin, and now prescription drugs continue to occupy the headlines—as indeed they should—but alcohol deserves the same attention. Our nation's alcohol problem may not seem as scandalous, but it's just as serious. When compared to many drugs, alcohol is as equally life-threatening claiming more than 80,000 lives a year.

As April is Alcohol Awareness Month, below is a list of six destructive powers of alcohol we've brought to the forefront – facts that are often overlooked:

- 1. Alcohol is indeed a drug.** What's more, it's a drug that carries especially high risks for adolescents, whose brains are still developing.
- 2. Alcohol is a financial burden.** Excessive drinking causes more public health problems than all other drugs combined and according to the CDC, costs society \$224 billion annually.
- 3. More people abuse alcohol**

**than illicit drugs.** Eight percent of Americans over the age of 12 abuse illicit drugs. 34 percent abuse or misuse alcohol.

- 4. Alcohol destroys the brain.** There's no evidence to show that heroin—a drug perceived to be highly dangerous—causes extensive structural changes in the brain. But there *is* evidence that this occurs as a result of long-term heavy drinking. Also, heroin withdrawal is less likely to be fatal than alcohol withdrawal.

- 5. Just because alcohol is legal doesn't mean it's safe.** We know that legal prescriptions drugs, if misused, are anything but harmless and cause a growing number of deaths each year. The same is true of alcohol. Drunk driving—one of the many causes of alcohol-related fatalities—accounts for 32 percent of all traffic deaths.

- 6. Alcohol-related deaths are preventable.** In fact, heavy drinking, including binge and underage drinking, is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States. We must invest in education, screening, and treatment efforts, so the public better understands alcohol's dangers, and a person struggling with alcoholism can get help—before it's too late.

*Deni Carise, Ph.D. is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in behavioral health and substance abuse treatment and research and has been part of the recovery community for over 25 years.*



## Federal Agencies Announce Action Plan to Guide Protection of Indian Sacred Sites

WASHINGTON – As part of President Obama’s commitment to honoring a nation-to-nation relationship with Indian Country, four cabinet-level departments today joined the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in releasing an action plan to strengthen the protection of Indian sacred sites and provide greater tribal access to these heritage areas. The interagency plan is required by the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) signed in December 2012 by the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding coordination and collaboration for the protection of sacred sites.

“The Obama administration has taken a number of steps to ensure that American Indians and Alaska Natives have full access to the programs and services offered across the federal government,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Since 2009, USDA has stepped up Tribal consultation efforts. We understand the importance of these sites and will continue to make sure Tribes have full access to the resources they need in their communities.”

“Protecting America’s air and water and our nation’s heritage is an important part of the Energy Department’s commitment to Tribal Nations across the country, particularly those that are neighbors to the Department’s National Laboratories, sites and facilities,” said Energy Secretary Steven Chu. “I look forward to continuing this important work and collaborating with other federal agencies and Tribal Nations to protect Indian sacred sites throughout the United States.”

“Through collaboration and consultation, the signatory agencies are working together to raise awareness about Indian sacred sites and the importance of maintaining their integrity,” said Milford Wayne Donaldson, chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. “The tools to be developed under this action plan will help agencies meet their Section 106 responsibilities while affording greater protections for sacred sites. The Advisory Council is very pleased to be part of this historic initiative to address the protection and preservation of Indian sacred sites.”

The MOU, unveiled at the White House Tribal Nations Conference in 2012, will be in effect for five years. The MOU commits the signatory agencies to work together to achieve enhanced and improved interdepartmental coordination and collaboration to improve the protection of and tribal access to Indian sacred sites. Among other things, the MOU commits the participating agencies to work together on developing guidance on the management and treatment of sacred sites, on identifying and recommending ways to overcome impediments to the protection of such sites while preserving the sites’ confidentiality, on creating a training program for federal staff and on developing outreach plans to both the public and to non-Federal partners.

### The Action Plan includes:

- A Mission Statement that commits the agencies to work together to improve the protection of and tribal access to Indian sacred sites, in accordance with Executive Order 13007 and the MOU, through enhanced and improved interdepartmental coordination, collaboration and consultation with tribes;
- A list of actions the agencies will undertake together;
- A commitment to consultation with Indian tribes in developing and implementing the actions outlined in the plan to ensure meaningful strategies for protecting sacred sites;
- The establishment of a standing working committee made up of designated senior staff from the participating agencies, as well as other subject matter experts from the participating agencies as needed, to carry out the stipulations of the MOU; and
- The commitment of the Agencies to designate senior level officials to serve as members of a Core Working Group, which the Department of the Interior will Chair.

Secretary Salazar also announced that Interior plans to provide a report on the Department’s Tribal Listening Sessions on Sacred Sites. Last year, the Department held several Tribal Listening Sessions across the country to elicit tribal and spiritual leaders concerns regarding sacred sites.

## Indian Health Service Scholarships

The Indian Health Service continues to encourage Native Americans to enter the health professions and to recruit students for the following scholarships:

- **The Indian Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship:** Awards are made to enrolled tribal members and first and second degree descendants who have successfully completed high school and have been accepted for enrollment in a compensatory, pre-profession general education courses.
- **The Health Pre-graduate Scholarship:** Awards are made to students who are enrolled tribal members, first and second degree descendants who are enrolled in an accredited pre-

graduate program leading to a baccalaureate degree in pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-optometry or pre-podiatry.

- **The Indian Health Professions Scholarship:** Awards are made to individuals who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe and are pursuing a degree in a health profession.

**Applicants must go online to [www.ihs.gov/scholarship](http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship) to begin the application process for an IHS scholarship. For questions please call Mr. Tony Buckanaga, IHS Area Scholarship Coordinator at 1-800-892-3079. Application Deadline: April 14, 2013**

## Understanding Your Credit Report

This workshop will be held at the Housing Office  
Wednesday, April 24, 2013  
4:45 pm – Food 5 pm – Speaker

Due to space, this session is limited to the first 10 (ten) that register. Ryan Alexander, CoVantage Credit Union, will speak on how to read and understand your credit report, why your credit report is important, and how to clean up your credit history.

You are **REQUIRED** to pre-register for this workshop and complete a form by **APRIL 17, 2013** that will allow the Housing to pay for and obtain your confidential credit report which will be in a sealed envelope from the Loan Department. Forms can be obtained from the Housing Office. Ryan will discuss your report with you if you have any questions.

**This session WILL BE CANCELLED IF NO ONE REGISTERS BY APRIL 17, 2013! No late registrations because time is needed to obtain the reports before the session.**

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support in everything I do. I want to thank the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Education Department for their support. As Nelson Mandela says, ‘Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.’”

The conference was sponsored by the Woodland group of colleges which includes 11 tribal colleges located in Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Students from all 36 tribal colleges in the U.S. were invited to attend and participate in ceremonial and social events, and in academic and physical competitions. The 2013 event celebrated the 40th year of AIHEC organization and included special activities honoring all tribal college presidents. The opening ceremonies on March 18 started with a Parade of Flags by participating colleges, a traditional pipe ceremony, and a presentation and discussion on AIHEC’s history.

Student competitions, banquets and other events continued from noon on Monday through Wednesday evening. Academic and creative talent was featured during Knowledge Bowl, Science Bowl and Critical Inquiry contests; art, film, speech, one-act play, creative writing competitions, and a traditional plant identification

challenge. Business and finance students demonstrated their business plan development skills and future graphic artists competed in web page development. Physical contests included a 5K run, volleyball, archery, and a traditional tribal interchange of skills called Hand Games in which teams energetically tried to fool each other about where an object was by elaborate distractions and movement.

Evening entertainments during the conference included a Native American Idol program on March 18, an Honoring the Presidents Pow Wow on March 19, and the top native comedian in the U.S.A. and member of the Oneida Nation, Mr. Charlie Hill, on March 20.

With its credo “Educating the Mind and Spirit,” the American Indian College Fund is the premier scholarship organization for Native students. Created in 1989 to provide scholarships and support for the nation’s 34 tribal colleges, the Fund receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators, including the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance, and received its third consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator. It provides more than 3,500 Native students with scholarships annually.



## Tribal Council Directives

On Tuesday, March 20, 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:** Resolution of Support: AmeriCorps Program (will be added to the April 2, 2013 agenda) Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, March 19, 2013, as revised with moving resolution 028-07, Robert Chicks Complaint from Joe Miller and resolution 028-07, Robert Chicks Complaint from Douglas William Huck, to the top of the agenda, after the Moment of Silence and the Approval of the Agenda, as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**RESOLUTION 028-07 Robert Chicks Complaint-Joe Miller**

**RESOLUTION 028-07 Robert Chicks Complaint-Douglas William Huck**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to deny the resolution 028-07 complaint as submitted by Joseph Miller and resolution 028-07 complaint as submitted by Doug Huck, to deny their request for removing the President. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

### -OPEN SESSION-

**RESOLUTION 028-07 Robert Chicks Complaint-Joe Miller**

**RESOLUTION 028-07 Robert Chicks Complaint-Douglas William Huck**

Continued . . .

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

**Vice President Miller called for a five minute recess. The meeting came back into session at 7:42 PM.**

Motion by Joe Miller to suspend Robert Chicks, Tribal President, pending an outcome of the internal investigation regarding the alleged violations of Tribal Law. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

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

**TRIBAL FINANCIALS-Douglas William Huck, Tribal Treasurer**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Tribal Financials for the three months ending December 31, 2012, as posted and reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**Red Shawl Gala-Scott R. Vele**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize the Treasurer to cut a check for the sponsorship of a

table for the Red Shawl Gala, as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**Resolution of Support CMN-Deanna Bisley**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution number 029-13 for the President's signature, which is support for the College of Menominee Nation Native American Career and Technical Education Program, as presented by Deanna Bisley, whereas, the U.S. Department of Education is administering grants for projects in a competitive area entitled, "Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)", to support new, improving or expanding career and technical programs; and whereas, the College of Menominee Nation proposes to provide NACTEP services that is consistent with the projects eligible for funding under the "Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)" competitive area to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community; now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council does approve the College of Menominee Nation submitting a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education to support career and technical programs that will serve and benefit members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**JOB DESCRIPTION: Lead Attorney-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of HR**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to have the Executive Director of HR post the lead attorney's position as originally posted, previously with no revisions. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS/SOPs-Robert Vele, Assistant Fire Chief**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revisions to the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department By-Laws and SOPs as presented Robert Vele, who is the Assistant Fire Chief of the Stockbridge-Munsee Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: Fee to Trust Application-Chad Miller, Land Management**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the fee to trust resolution as presented by Chad Miller, for property B32-3-6, the prior Ryle Hermann, which is resolution 030-13, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee

Tribal Council hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, for the purposes stated above, to process the attached application to convey the following parcel, commonly known as the "B32-3,6 (Ryle Herman) to Trust Application," consisting of 46.83 acres into federal trust status and proclaim it as part of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Reservation: the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ and that part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, T28N, R13E, in the Town of Bartelme, Shawano County, WI, lying North of the former railroad right-of-way, now known as the Mountain Bay State Trail, tax parcel numbers 008-32210-0000, 008-32240-0000, for President's signature. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

**POLICY FOR SECURING AND SELLING OF FORECLOSED HOMES-Bridget**

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt the policy for Securing and Selling Foreclosed Homes as presented and reviewed by our legal department. Seconded by Scott R. Vele.

**CHAPTER 15, the New Custody Ordinance-Bridget Swanke, Staff Attorney**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution number 031-13, Chapter 15, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Law, Custody, Physical Placement and Visitation as presented by Bridget Swanke for President's signature. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS-Elizabeth McDowell, Economic Support Manager**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the request of Elizabeth McDowell, the Economic Support Manager, to authorize the budget modification in Economic Support in Tribal Child Care and that she will need additional funds to offset that and it should come out of Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council travel. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the request of the Economic Support Manager to authorize the budget modification, as outlined in budget modification number three, for Economic Support GA. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve budget modification for Economic Support FSET, number one. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the recommendation of Elizabeth McDowell, Economic Support Manager, for budget modification number one, for Economic Support WHEAP, as presented and outline in the budget modification sheet attached and reviewed by Tribal Council. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE FOR THE COURT ROOM-Linda Katchenago**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the Tribal Administrator's request to have Ray Bowman work with MIS to place cameras in the Court Room for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court proceedings. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**CELL PHONE POLICY-Linda Katchenago**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revisions to the Cell Phone Use Policy as submitted and reviewed by the Tribal Administrator. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**REVISIONS TO GRANT OF STANDARD ASSIGNMENT & APPLICATION-**

No action taken at this time, legal will meet with the land committee and bring back at the next meeting.

**CASINO WALKING TRAIL-Douglas William Huck, Tribal Treasurer**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to direct casino management, environmental department, law enforcement-game warders to explore the feasibility and possible funding of a walking trail for casino guests at the casino. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 9:07 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 9:58 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a land acquisition, foreclosure, a request from a Tribal Member and a personnel issue.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize legal to act on Case Number 2012CV0047, as discussed in Executive Session, pertaining to a foreclosed home. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to have legal carry out the action as discussed in Executive Session pertaining to the Elmergreen Property on 14 and Murphy Road. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to remove Joe Miller from supervising law enforcement and to place supervision under the Tribal Vice President. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 10:00 PM.

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