



Talent Show and Art Gala

By Susan Savetwith
Mohican News Reporter

Stockbridge-Munsee Family Services After School Program recently held a talent show at the Mohican Family Center showcasing the talents of many community children. There were dance routines, skills demonstrations, solo, duet and group song performances, hand drum performances, a puppet show and even card tricks performed in the lobby. The talent show also showcased community children's artwork.

Much of the artwork carried messages learned through various programs under Family Services. There were a number of paintings and posters, pottery and woodwork, sand-art, wood burning, and much more on display showcasing the talents of the children in the community.

The singing acts were: Maxwell Bennett singing the, "Chinese Tiger Song" sung to the tune of Frere Jacques. It's about two tigers running through the forest one without ears and one without a tail. Isley Welch sang, "I Believe I Can Fly." Bertina Dodge sang, "Like I'm Gonna Lose You." Maleeya Peters and Kenna Davids sang the song, "Your Lips are Moving." A large group of children gathered to sing, "Let it Go," led by Weengeetah Mohawk and Kenna Davids. And Cassandra Komanekin sang "Just the Way You Are."

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Pharmacy Intern

Amanda Barkley is a Pharmacy Intern from UW-Madison School of Pharmacy. She's a fourth year student on rotation here for eight weeks.

Barkley says her mother and father own and operate a 72-cow dairy farm and she has a brother, who is four years younger than her, who works on the farm with her parents.

Amanda graduated from Merrill High School and went to UW-Madison for two years of undergraduate study and four years for pharmacy school.

Barkley says growing up on a farm, she doesn't remember a time not working. "I have taken on more responsibilities as I have gotten older and still enjoy helping out whenever I have free time." She said she also works at an independent community pharmacy in Merrill, which is where she plans to practice after graduation.

Amanda enjoys reading, painting, horseback riding and showing dairy and beef cattle.

Spring clean up is May 18, 2015. Please see flyer for what and how to discard items.

Semi-Annual Meeting to be held May 2, 2015 at 2p.m. at the Tribal Office.

Connections: Race relations — then and now. How Indian Town became Stockbridge



The Stockbridge Indian monument and burial grounds in 1905, situated now on an overlook above the Stockbridge Country Club golf course the the Housatonic River beyond.

By Carole Owens Tuesday, Mar 17 Life In the Berkshires

About **Connections:** Love it or hate it, history is a map. Those who hate history think it irrelevant; many who love history think it escapism. In truth, history is the clearest road map to how we got here: America in the twenty-first century.

In Stockbridge 1739 – 1939, Christina Marquand and Sarah Sedgwick wrote, "The Stockbridge

of today, swept clean of its original owners, the Indians, is the actuality that the Williams and the English families up on the hill have built for us." It was robbery but it was not armed robbery. If you take land from an indigenous people by trickery, is it morally superior to taking it by force?

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25 Years for Headquarters General Store



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The Headquarters General Store recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a customer appreciation event. Customers received a HQ General Store mason-jar mug, were entered in free drawings, were able to draw a chip for additional savings in the store and enjoyed other free treats throughout the week.

According to Pat Miller, before it was a business it was a resale

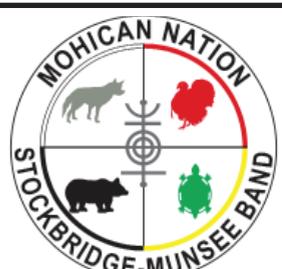
shop. She said her and her husband, Dick, would go to auctions and pick up furniture and boxes of stuff and sell the items. "It was Headquarters Resale and Crafts. We called it Headquarters because, according to Dick's mom, Bernice Pidgeon, that's what this area was known as. Because the BIA office was just across the road and this was a logging camp area known as Headquarters," Miller said.

Pat said she wanted to do Store continued on page Four:

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Community Conservation



As indicated in the first installment of this series, I promised an article on how a community can work together in lessening the impacts on the environment. Much of this is an extension of the individual choices that a person makes in order to live lightly on the earth. However a community cannot become environmentally responsible only through a collection of individual efforts. The entire community has to work together to achieve the goals of taking from the environment only what nature can replenish. This concept is known as sustainability.

Towns built like this are often called "green or sustainable" communities, and always end up being very desirable to live in.

As I drive within the reservation and beyond I see examples where energy, and the environment, could be conserved. I see tribal vehicles left running for extended periods of time, and people explain that "we can afford it". It's not a matter of being able to afford the fuel, it's a matter of natural resource conservation and air pollution. We should have the most economical vehicle that can get the job done, and many

of those should be hybrid electric vehicles.

As a community, government services should be together to better serve community members, not scattered causing communication issues and increasing the transportation needs. A consolidation of buildings would accomplish all this, reducing dependence on fossil fuels. This is actively being pursued by the tribal council and, shouldn't the major reason for its construction be to build a sense of community, a place of belonging? Through the adoption of "green building" codes we can build structures that people want to be inside, where its comfort is linked to the connection with the exterior, and the natural environment there, as well as reducing energy costs of buildings.

Above all, people are a part of nature and we have a right to be on earth. We should not need to be keepers of the earth, we should live in a way that the earth doesn't need protection from us. Our pride, egos, intellect and our extreme modification of the natural world has caused us to be removed from nature and nature to be harmed by us. Why do we enjoy a campfire with the blanket of stars above? Could it be somewhere within our psyche we were born to this, not to the crazy helter-skelter that we have created for ourselves? I wonder "to what

extent does a well-planned and conservation minded community contribute to the happiness of individuals". Psychologist like B. F. Skinner wrote extensively about how surroundings contribute in a major way to a persons emotional well-being. For example, on the reservation most folks take the view of the forest for granted. Whether you know it or not, this view provides a much more comfortable and relaxing home or office than one where the view is restricted. A good view costs money in most places, apartments in New York City with a view of central park sell for over ten times as much as an identical apartment without a view.

The entire landscape, both the "natural" and the human built portions, should blend into one harmonious whole, with room for all Gods creatures, if man designs his parts to work with, not antagonistic to, the laws of nature. For this to happen the community needs to know the landscape, through scientifically studies as well as through indigenous knowledge and wisdom, and treat that landscape and the animals it supports as equals.

On April 22, have a great earth day and then live your life to make every day, earth day. It's the only planet we have.

By Greg Bunker

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CORRECTION: In the last edition of the Mohican News we incorrectly included a caption of Dr. Wrone presenting a check. We apologize for any inconvenience. The caption should have read: Dr. Wrone presenting a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Molly Miller and Judy Huebel for the Gathering to be held in July.

Re: Lion Miles Letter

The Mohican News is certainly an appropriate place to criticize my book, *Proud and Determined: A History of the Stockbridge Mohicans, 1734-2014*. However, after reading Lion Miles' letter to the editor in the most recent issue, it was clear to me that he hasn't actually read my book. Everything in Mr. Miles' letter is either in my book, or at least consistent with it.

Mr. Miles chose to criticize my book based on his *interpretation* of a very short phrase in Steve Comer's review (which also happens to have been printed in this publication rather recently).

If you look at the notes in my book, you'll see that I have made use of Lion Miles' published works as sources for my research. I also gave him credit for a helpful e-mail which regarded the 1821 and 1822 trips to Green Bay. I thanked him and other historians in the Afterword.

I'll be flattered if people continue to use the Mohican News as a forum to comment on Proud and Determined.

Jeff Siemers

Due to the Gym Floor being refinished, we will have to close the Gym April 20 thru May 1.

The Cardio and Weight rooms will be opened on limited bases depending on fumes of the refinishing.

Thanks, John Miller

Survey Being Mailed Out to Bowler and Gresham Area Tribal Residents

Dear Bowler and Gresham area tribal members; you will receive a survey in the mail about public transportation services for our community. Please take the time to complete and return the survey in the addressed and stamped envelope provided by April 30th.

Thanks.
Steven J. Davids, Director of Economic Support.



Call for Artists for NY Exhibit:

"Taking Root: Canishek and the Meeting of Two Worlds" is an exhibition that will be at the Athens Cultural Center in Athens, New York this June and July of 2015.

350 years ago a deed was signed between the Mohicans and the Dutch for the lands along the Hudson River that become the present town of Athens, New York.

Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, the exhibit will be a mix of historical artifacts and contemporary artwork using that event as a jumping off point to explore the world as it was then: the cultures, relationships and the environment as well as concepts of exploration, settlement, loss, ownership

and destiny. Hopefully, exploring that world will encourage the artists in the exhibition as well as the audience to think about what happened here and it's many repercussions continuing to this day.

We are seeking the work of 2-3 artists and writers of the Mohican community to be loaned for inclusion in the exhibition.

Traditional crafts or contemporary work, or writings. The artwork will be insured and shipping costs for the loans will be provided.

Please contact Carrie Federer asap @ stonloon@mhicable.com or at 518 421-3443.



Spring Large Item Cleanup 2015



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Spring Cleanup is May 18, 2015

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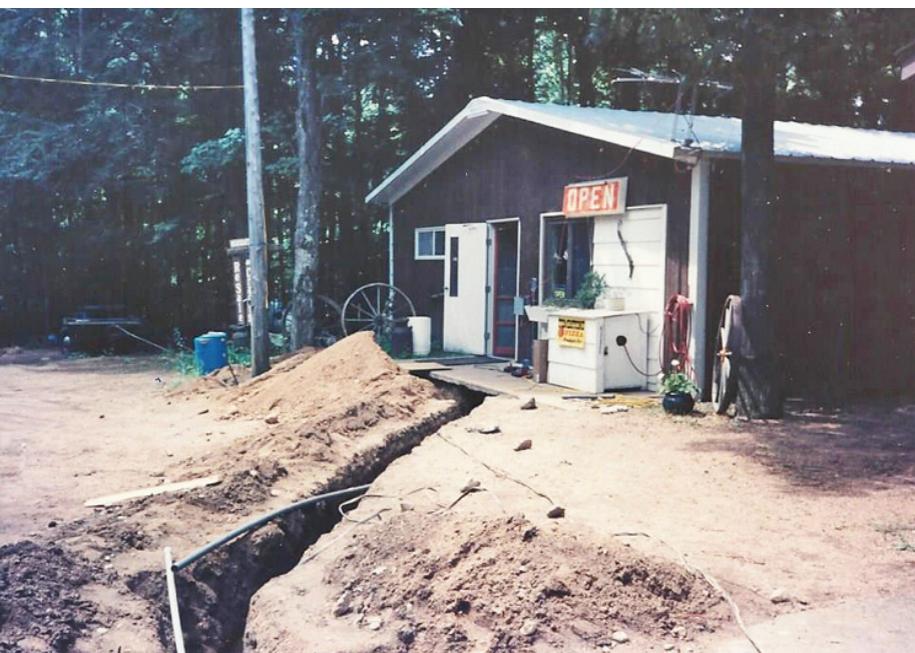
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Elder Wisdom



Headquarters General Store has grown in stages and this is one of the first stages. In this picture you can see where the garage door was.

Store continued from page One: something where she could be home for her family. "When we were deciding what to do, Bernice told us that whatever we did, we should have food; she said people always need to eat," Miller explained. She said they started out with milk, eggs and bread. "In the beginning we had a refrigerator and an ice-cream freezer that Dick's brother got for us and we had a clip board for people so they could tell us what they needed," Miller said.

often times, they will order it. Pat said the thing that she's most proud of is that they've been able to meet the requests and needs of the community and provide some employment. "It's good to know we can help folks and they help us. It's been good to our family too," she said. Miller explained that kids have been involved throughout the years and said it's been strictly a family business. "Three generations of family," she added.

Now they have a full range of items from groceries to crafts to gift items. Pat said when they first started having craft items it was just for the pow wow season. "But as time went by, people wanted these items year round," she explained. Now they have a full stock of just about anything needed for Native American craft work, and if you need something they don't have,

According to Miller, the first building was just a 30x32 Pole building and it has grown over the years with about four additions to about 48x60. Miller says it's amazing how people from all over the world come to the store. "I am amazed that they find this place a destination and they find us," she added.



In this stage of progress you can see the awning put up over the door to add a little shade to the front of the building.



In this stage of completion you can see where an addition is built onto the side of the structure. There was also an addition built onto the back of the structure. Dick Miller used local workers to help build these additions.



Pat Miller has an extensive collection of beading and craft supplies on hand. They also have many finished craft items, jewelry, books and many other things available for sale in their shop.

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August 26th	USDA Rural Development	Deb L/ USDA
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October 14th	Elder Fire Safety/Moshuebee Bldg/10:00 am	Bob Vele

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- Hiking
- Kayaking & Canoeing
- Trip to the American Indian Museums
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- Fill out student application at the Mohican Family Center
- Attend canoeing, camping, and survival field trips as well as Stockbridge-Munsee history lessons.
- **Must be committed July 16th-August 4th, 2015**

Please have applications submitted by: JUNE 1, 2015

Any additional questions please contact:
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HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk



By Susan Savetwith
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Family Services recently held an HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk at the Family Center. The guest speaker was EMT, Roberta Carrington. Carrington talked about the impact of HIV and AIDS on Native Americans and said the observance was to raise awareness of the risks of HIV to Native people, help communities understand what contributes to those risks, and encourage people to get tested for HIV.

She said overall, approximately 14 percent of the 1.2 million Americans with HIV do not know they are infected. "Among American Indian/Alaska Natives this figure is 19 percent, and among Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, the figure is 25 percent," Carrington stated. She said the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that all adults and adolescents get tested for HIV at least once as a routine part of medical care, while those at increased risk should get an HIV test at least every year and sexually active gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) might benefit from HIV testing every three to six months. "Women should get an HIV test each time they are pregnant," she added.

Carrington said HIV is a serious public health concern for Native people. She talked about the some specific HIV prevention challenges such as; poverty, culturally based stigma against MSM, and high rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STD), compared to whites and Hispanics/Latinos. Carrington said the stigma associated with gay relationships and HIV, barriers to mental health care, and high rates of alcohol and drug abuse, STDs, and poverty all increase the risk of HIV in Native communities and create obstacles to HIV prevention and treatment. Native communities are working to overcome these barriers by increasing HIV/AIDS

awareness, encouraging HIV testing, and promoting entry into medical care. The CDC is working with communities to share stories, build awareness, and reduce the toll of HIV.

Here is some information she shared on why American Indians and Alaska Natives are affected by HIV:

- Race and ethnicity alone are not risk factors for HIV infection. However, AI/AN may face challenges associated with risk for HIV.
- Lack of awareness of HIV status. Overall, approximately one in 7 (14 percent) adults and adolescents living with HIV infection in the United States at the end of 2011 were unaware of their HIV infection. Of the 3,700 American Indians and Alaska Natives estimated to be living with HIV in 2011, 18.9 percent (700) are estimated to be undiagnosed.
- Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). AI/AN have the second highest rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea and the fourth highest rate of syphilis among all racial/ethnic groups. STDs increase the susceptibility to HIV infection.
- AI/AN gay and bisexual men may face culturally based stigma and confidentiality concerns that could limit opportunities for education and HIV testing, especially among those who live in rural communities or on reservations.
- Cultural diversity. There are over 560 federally recognized AI/AN tribes, whose members speak over 170 languages. Because each tribe has its own culture, beliefs, and practices and can be subdivided into language groups, it can be challenging to create culturally appropriate prevention programs for each group.
- Socioeconomic issues. Poverty, including lack of housing and HIV prevention education, directly and indirectly increases the risk for HIV infection and affects the health of people living with and at risk for HIV infection. Compared with other racial/ethnic groups, AI/AN have higher poverty rates, have completed fewer years of education, are younger, are less likely to be employed, and have lower rates of health insurance coverage.
- Mistrust of government and its health care facilities. The federally funded Indian Health Service (IHS) provides health care for approximately 2 million AI/AN and consists of direct services delivered by the IHS, tribally operated health care programs, and urban Indian health care services and resource centers. However, because of confidentiality and quality-of-care concerns and a

Talent cont from page One:

There were several traditional talents acts: Jeremy Mohawk Jr. played the hand drum and sang a song; Kayla Pecore and Ja'ni Webster sang the round dance song, "No More;" and Riley Mohawk sang the round dance song, "Don't Cry" and played the hand drum accompanied by Ryan Haswood.

Athenna Ligman, Jasmine Welch, Aden Terrio and Weengeetah Mohawk had a puppet show. Their puppets were: a parrot named Polly, a monkey named Monkey, a cougar named Cougar, and a lion named "Tighty Whitey." They did a skit about their characters getting into fights and then saying sorry the next day.

Libby Carrington did a ballet solo to, "Let it Go;" Alexandria Vele and Konna Linder did a synchronized dance routine, and Kyson Dodge did a hip hop dance to "Uptown Funk." Another group danced to the song, "Cooler than Me," sung by Lily Welch.

Two groups of kids showcased their athletic skills. Delson Pero, Ashwuut Mohawk, Connor Kaquatosh and Aden Terrio

performed their talents with basketballs; and Rose Shultz, Weengeetah Mohawk, Bertina Dodge, and Jasmine Welch showcased their jump rope talents.

The stand-alone talent of Jayce Price was showcased out in the lobby where he performed card tricks.

Midway through the talent showcase an intermission was held with the option of hotdog and chips, chicken tenders and chips, or a walking taco. There was also a wide variety of dessert choices. Food was provided by the Family Services After School Program, Little Star C Store and North Star Mohican Casino and Resort.

After all the acts were completed there was a time for open mike and thank you's to all who helped in making the talent show and art gala successful; the Mohican Family Center Staff helped with setting up, food preparation, and clean up; Nathaniel Madsen was a volunteer extraordinaire donating his time and equipment and KJ Welch for being the parent contact to get volunteers on board to help with the dj, stage lighting, and sound system.

general distrust of the US government, some AI/AN may avoid IHS.

- Alcohol and illicit drug use. Although alcohol and substance use do not cause HIV infection, they can reduce inhibitions and impair judgment and lead to behaviors that increase the risk of HIV. Injection drug use directly increases the risk of HIV through contaminated syringes and works. Compared with other racial/ethnic groups, AI/AN tend to use alcohol and drugs at a younger age, use them more often and in higher quantities, and experience more negative consequences from them.
 - Data limitations. Racial misidentification of AI/AN may lead to the undercounting of this population in HIV surveillance systems and may contribute to the underfunding of AI/AN-targeted services
- New HIV Infections:
- In 2010, fewer than 1 percent (210) of the estimated 47,500 new HIV infections in the United States were among AI/AN.
 - HIV and AIDS Diagnoses and Deaths
 - AI/AN men accounted for 78 percent (169) and AI/AN women accounted for 22 percent (49) of the estimated 218 AI/AN diagnosed with HIV infection in the United States in 2013.
 - Of the estimated 169 HIV diagnoses among AI/AN men in 2013, most (71 percent; 120) were attributed to male-to-male sexual contact.



Jerilyn Johnson is usually found proudly walking for a cause...

- Of the estimated 49 HIV diagnoses among AI/AN women in 2013, the majority (69 percent, 34) were attributed to heterosexual contact.
- In the United States in 2013, both male and female AI/AN had the highest percent of estimated diagnoses of HIV infection attributed to injection drug use, compared with all races/ethnicities. Among men, 13 percent (22) of new HIV diagnoses were attributed to injection drug use and 6 percent (10) were attributed to both male-to-male sex and injection drug use. Among women 29 percent (14) of new HIV diagnoses were attributed to injection drug use.
- In 2013, an estimated 104 AI/AN were diagnosed with AIDS, a number that has remained relatively stable since 2009.
- By the end of 2012, an estimated 1,867 AI/AN with AIDS had died in the United States.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month <http://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

April 17-19 Global Youth Service Day http://www.ysa.org/global_youth_service_day

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month <http://national-save.org/chapter-tools/crime-prevention/teen-safe-driving/>

May 25 National Missing Children's Day <http://www.missingkids.com/May25>

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Cancer Awareness



Teachers Brandi Dove, left, and Dean Hermsen displaying their best camo attire during Cancer Awareness Week recently at Bowler Elementary. The day was meant to illustrate "hunting down cures for cancer."



From left, teachers Becky Liethen, Brandi Dove, Alexandria Graves and Dean Hermsen. The day at school signified that people should be "crazy about cures."



The S/M Community and Employee's are invited to Support Sexual Assault Awareness
April 16, 2015 – S/M Family Center- 12:00 to 1:00 pm
Light Lunch
Special Speaker: Shelby Mitchell, Sexual Assault Advocate for Safe Haven



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From more information Please Call Jan RedCloud
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2015 Summer Youth Work Experience Program

Stockbridge-Munsee Employment & Training Program

When: Summer Youth will start **June 15** and end by **August 14, 2015**

Where: Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Who is Eligible: Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled youth who are between the ages of 14-18. Also, direct descendants may participate if their established residency for the 14/15 school year was within the townships of Bartleme or Red Springs, excluding Middle Village and including Bowler and Gresham. Direct descendants must submit last report card received with application for it to be considered complete and are chosen on a space available basis, chosen by lottery.

DOB: must be 14 years of age on or before **June 15, 2015 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

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

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

Deadline: Completed applications **must be dated** as received by program staff no later than **Friday, May 1st, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS**



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Talent Showcase Gala



Kenna Davids & Maleeya Peters



Kayla Pecore & Jani Webster



Kyson Dodge



Isley Welch



Cassandra Komanekin



The stage set up looked fantastic



Jeremy Mohawk Jr.



Aden Terrio



Weengeetah Mohawk & Jasmine Welch



Bertina Dodge



Group singing "Let it Go"



Lilly Welch (in back), Rose Schultz, Weengeetah Mohawk, Jasmine Welch, & Athenna Ligman



Keonna Linder & Alexandria Vele



Libby Carrington



Riley Mohawk, Jayden Welch, & Ryan Haswood



Maxwell Bennett



Puppet Show



Rose Shultz Jump Rope Group



Community

Town cont from page One: The original owners

In March 1736 the General Court in Boston granted six miles square (23,040 acres) on the river north of Sheffield to the Housatunnucks. In addition, six white families, "the English," were permitted to settle. Each of the six, the missionary John Sergeant, Timothy Woodbridge, his brother Joseph, Ephraim Williams, Ephraim Brown, and Josiah Jones, was granted 400 acres. That represented little over 10 percent of the total acreage: 2400 acres out of 23,000. The Indians retained 90 percent and the settlement was briefly called Indian Town. Later, it would be renamed Stockbridge.

various. The whites purchased land from members of the tribe for outrageously low prices without first securing the approval of the General Court. The approval was required precisely to insure fair prices. The English swapped land rather than purchasing to avoid the involvement of the General Court. For example, Williams swapped 290 acres of land closer to town for 4,000 acres of wild and unimproved lands further removed. The Indians thought it a fair trade because they did not understand the value of undeveloped land. With Williams in the lead and others following, many questionable practices were employed. They paid for a 500-year lease at a



Looking from Heston Hall, Stockbridge, Mass.

The village of Stockbridge, from a 1912 postcard published by Allen T. Treadway, Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Highway Robbery

John Stoddard was selected to survey the township. When he arrived he found the Indians had both questions and doubts. Stoddard reassured them that they held title to the land and enjoyed the full protection of law exactly as other citizens.

The survey of 1739 laid out 32 meadow lots along either side of the river for the Indians. Each lot was between two and ten acres. The meadow was considered the most desirable land. The six English proprietors had lots on the hill above. Each of their "settling lots" was 75-100 acres.

In "The Red Man Dispossessed" (New England Quarterly March 1994) Lion Miles traces the dispossession and ousting of the Indians from their land in Stockbridge. He writes, "The Indians found the English were not content with that [the size and position of the land grants]. The Indians charged that the English had claimed lands amounting to 4,800 acres, twice the 2,400 originally allocated."

Modus Operandi

The methods of theft were

reduced rate because a lease was not a purchase when holding land for 500 years certainly equated to ownership. They asked a tribesman to pledge title to his land as security or collateral when the General Court had forbidden titles be used as collateral in order to protect the Indians' holdings. When, in 1765, the General Court released the Stockbridge Indians from using their lands for debt payment, a cash-strapped people already had liens on a significant share of their holdings, and the English were in a position to grab their land at a dizzying speed.

Politics in the aid of Commerce
The land-grabbers concealed bribes, bought votes, and generally operated on the edge of the law. The goal was invariably the same: enhance white holdings at the expense of the Indians.

There were those who sought to defend the Indians, their rights and property. Chief among them was John Sergeant, but Sergeant died prematurely in 1749.

The government of Massachusetts itself believed it advantageous to befriend the Indians on the western frontier as a defense against the

French. However, when the threat of French invasion was removed after Quebec fell in 1759 the General Court lost interest in the Stockbridge Indians.

Again and again Williams successfully used the political system for his own ends. For example during the town meeting of 1763, Williams secured votes by questionable means. To vote at town meetings required one was a male with forty shillings, or other property valued at forty pounds, and had lived in town at least three months. Williams introduced nine young men as voters whose credentials were questionable but whose loyalty to him was not in doubt.

Both Timothy and Joseph Woodbridge fought for the Indians after Sergeant's death. Joseph called Williams' on his shenanigans: "Williams and a party he has made...are endeavoring not only to get all the power but all our lands too into their hands."

Unfortunately, the Woodbridge brothers were often outmaneuvered politically by Williams. Increasingly, the Court upheld the theft of land by Williams.

The Numbers Game

Williams and Brown were joined by

what happened next. "When the French Indian War was over, English settlers poured into Western Massachusetts looking for cheap land. By the end of 1759, more than one thousand English families had migrated into the northern part of Berkshire County without making payment to the tribe for the lands on which they had settled," Miles reports. Indian lands were dwindling, and compared to the influx of English, so were their numbers.

The Last Strip of Indian Ground
The last bit of ground under their control was their burial ground. It was given in exchange for "\$10 in services rendered" to a white man whom they trusted.

Miles writes, "In 1809 they granted to Dr. Oliver Partridge... the Indian burial ground on condition that 'the bones of our Ancestors may there lie undisturbed.'"

Partridge could fence the property, plant trees, and improve the land in any way but "tilling or breaking up the Soil" was forbidden.

Their land gone, unable to sustain their living members, the Indians did what they could for their dead, and they left what was once Indian Town.

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OLD MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE, MASS. BUILT ABOUT 1740 BY REVEREND JOHN SERGEANT, FIRST MISSIONARY TO THE STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS.

The Old Mission House where John Sergeant, the first missionary to the Stockbridge Indians — and eventually Dr. Oliver Partridge — lived.

traders from Berkshire County and New York and other entrepreneurs throughout New England. They all conspired to get Indian land by whatever means. Their numbers were small, however, compared to

of The Berkshire Edge: <http://theberkshireedge.com/connections-race-relations-then-and-now-how-indian-town-became-stockbridge/>.

Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week

(MADISON) – **Listen, Act and Live!** Those words could protect you and your family during severe storm season. Listening to warnings and seeking shelter immediately will save lives. That's why Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA) have teamed up for Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week from April 13-17, 2015.

a statewide tornado drill is planned. At **1:00pm**, the National Weather Service will issue a statewide mock tornado watch and at **1:45pm** a statewide mock tornado warning. Many radio and TV stations will participate in the drill. In addition, NOAA weather radios (also known as emergency weather radios) will issue alert messaging. This is an ideal opportunity for schools, businesses and families to practice safe procedures for severe weather.

On Thursday, April 16, 2015,

<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.



New Programs and Emphasis Options Ready for CMN Students in Fall 2015

KESHENA – Applications are now open at the College of Menominee Nation for Fall Semester 2015 and for new programs including an Associate Degree in Environmental Engineering Technology.

The College's academic array includes three Bachelor's Degree programs, with a fourth and fifth in planning stages for probable introduction in 2016. CMN's established baccalaureate majors prepare students for teacher licensure at the Early Childhood/Middle Childhood Education levels, and for professional work requiring degrees in Public Administration or Business Administration. For the coming Fall Semester, the College's B.S. in Business continues to offer an emphasis in Management and adds an emphasis area in Accounting.

"We have been strong in professional studies with education and administration majors," says CMN President Verna Fowler. "As we look to the future, we see careers opening up for graduates with Bachelor's Degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Current and prospective students are also interested in traditional liberal studies that can help them prepare for jobs in areas such as human services and broad-field communications. Degree programs that address those areas are still on the drawing board, but certainly look promising."

Newest Major: Environmental Engineering

Current and new students don't have to wait for the new Environmental Engineering Technology program; a two-year offering that begins in Fall 2015 and leads to an Associate of Applied Sciences Degree at CMN. CMN graduates will have automatic transfer to four-year environmental engineering technician programs at UW-Green Bay and UW-Oshkosh. The CMN credits will also apply at any UW campus for baccalaureate offerings in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering or related majors.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics describes environmental engineering technicians as workers who test, operate and modify equipment used to prevent or clean up environmental pollution, or work to mitigate sources of pollution. The Bureau sees the field as a faster-than-average growth occupation with

an 18 percent increase between 2012 and 2022. One predicted boost to the field will come as agencies and municipalities focus on more efficient water use and wastewater treatment.

Program Alignments Address Market

National and regional issues are also informing the College's on-going program reviews and changes.

A downward trend in enrollment peaked in 2013 for college and university enrollments across the U.S. and in 2014 for the College of Menominee Nation.

"Like higher education in general, we enjoyed an enrollment bubble for several years," says President Fowler. "When the national economy declined, more people returned to school to add credentials, prepare for new career fields and in general become more marketable. As employment has opened up, fewer are choosing to pursue studies. It is certainly part of the long-standing cycle in higher education of several years up and then a leveling or decline. You can see it in the University of Wisconsin System and you can see it here."

For CMN, the bubble was reflected in an increase of about 21% in enrollment between Fall 2008 and Fall 2012. Enrollment began returning to earlier levels in 2013 and has continued into the current academic year, with Spring 2015 numbers at approximately 500 students.

CMN has also closely watched information from the U.S. Department of Education on the subject of gainful employment. DOE concerns have mostly focused on whether the proliferation of for-profit colleges that use federal student aid dollars are meeting their promises of preparing students for paid work in recognized occupations. "We are a not-for-profit college, but we have always scrutinized our offerings from a job market perspective," Fowler says. "It is a particular challenge in an economically depressed area where there are fewer job opportunities in general, but we embrace the obligation and new gainful employment rules, nonetheless."

Initiatives Right Size, Tuition Unchanged

The College is using a variety of initiatives to off-set the revenue declines attendant with lower enrollment and to sustain course offerings and services for its

students.

Leadership has been realigning some operations, right-sizing staff numbers, and reviewing the academic and technical program array.

"It was especially painful to reduce staff positions," President Fowler says, "but we still remain a strong community employer with nearly 175 employees."

Of greatest interest to students and parents is the CMN Board of Trustee's decision to hold tuition at \$250 a credit hour, which has been the rate since Fall 2012, and to assure that no program changes prohibit students from completing their chosen degree or

diploma requirements. Fees are being adjusted in some science-based and technology-intensive programs having high support costs, but overall CMN's student fees remain significantly lower than at most other institutions.

Fall Semester 2015 begins on Aug. 17 with degree or diploma offerings in 16 majors, including new and reconfigured areas of study. The College offers free, online application at www.menominee.edu and encourages prospective and continuing students to contact the CMN Financial Aid Office early to inquire about scholarships and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

ANNOUNCING: SURVEY for CMN Summer Course Camps

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Gresham School News



Pictured: Taylor Hoffman, Beau Hoffman, River Otradovec, Levi Ludvigsen, Tatelyn Ferguson, Nicole Creapeau, Kevin Ile, Nande Carroll, Christian Haffner, Brianna Stehberger, Tyli Lau, Emma Lau

Gresham School just came back from spring break and on Sunday the Easter bunny came to visit all the kids and he even took pictures with them. The golf team started practice the Monday break started. This week the Scholastic book fair started and books will be sold through this whole week.

On Thursday Gresham is having the 3rd quarter teacher parent conferences from 3:45-7:15pm. Finally, the week before spring break Gresham's National Honors Society had a banquet to induct the new members and welcome them.

WORK PLACE PRODUCT SAFETY

1. In order for information to be readily available to all product users, material Safety Data Sheets (SDS) can be lifesaving and must stay in or near the room where the product is located. All employees where SDS information is applicable must know where to locate them.
2. Avoid contamination of food products by not storing them with cleaning products. Handle, eat and store food products in a separate area such a break room or dining area.
3. Never store products inside another container that is not properly labeled for that product.
4. Only use products for what they are labeled for. Mixing products with other products can change its effectiveness and how it reacts. It can be very dangerous and even deadly.
5. Properly labeling a container consists of the same information that is on its primary container including the cautionary and warning information. Many vendors have available self adhesive labels for a secondary container that provide proper labeling for products they sell. Be sure to ask for them if need be. Worn out or faded labels must be replaced.
6. Always read directions first before using a product. This ensures it is handled in a safe manner and that it is mixed properly for effectiveness.
7. For your safety always use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required before handling the product. PPE requirements can be different for different products. It is important to read the product label prior to using it to identify the required PPE.
8. Do not store liquid products on the same shelf as dry products. Instead safely store them on separate shelves. Store paper items with paper and liquid items with liquid.
9. Never store liquid products at eye level on a shelf. Instead store liquids on a lower shelf below eye level and below the dry storage. In case of a spill or leak this helps lessen the risk of cleaners coming into direct contact with eyes, face and body and with stored dry items.
10. Always be prepared and ensure supplies are available for a spill cleanup. Refer to the product SDS Sheet for information on how to safely handle a product spill and/or exposure.
11. Store cleaning products in locked janitor closets or in a secure cart or cabinet.
12. Inform Safety Manager/ Supervisor when a product has been discontinued and when a new product comes on board. Do not dispose of old SDS sheets rather note on front top of SDS sheet the department name and the date it was discontinued. Next forward SDS Sheet to the Safety Manager/Supervisor who will update the change in the master SDS inventory list.
13. Reporting the quantity of the product stored onsite is helpful in measuring the cleanup prevention that will be necessary for that quantity should there be a spill.
14. For spills or exposure seek medical treatment immediately and report it to your Supervisor.
15. Before cleaning up a spill always read the products SDS sheet for safe handling and for your protection take time to put on the required PPE before handling.
16. It is not safe to leave cleaning products out in public areas and restrooms. We want to avoid by all means the risk of physically exposing a curious child or person to a product that has an acid or corrosive content and can be harmful if consumed or inhaled. Instead avoid the liability risk of someone getting severely hurt and remove such items from places that have a public access. Store them safely in a secure locked area where cleaning staff are the only ones that have access to them.
17. Ensure employees are trained on how to safely use cleaners and chemicals.
18. Complete routines checks of all public access areas and even in your own home to ensure this type of safety is practiced. Prevention and planning ahead is always a good safety measure.

“ALWAYS REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST”

Bonnie A. Welch, Safety Manager Stockbridge Munsee Health & Wellness Center



On Thursday, March 26, 2015, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken on the motions:

Council present: Wallace A. Miller, Joe Miller, JoAnn Schedler, Terrie K. Terrio and Jeremy Mohawk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

ADD: Additional Funding for Tutors (Family Services)-Kori Malone
Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Thursday, March 26, 2015, as presented. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

GRANT: Request for Additional Funding for Tutors-Kori Malone, Family Services Manager

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk approve the request to provide funding for the three tutors at 25 hours per week at 10.00 an hour, until the end of the school year and for the funds to be taken from unallocated. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

REVISED GAMING LICENSE APPLICATIONS-Annette Schreiber, Compliance

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve resolution number 029-15, whereas, The Mohican Gaming Commission is a governmental subdivision of the Tribe, with the right to exercise one or more substantial governmental Functions of the Tribe, including rule-making authority for the purpose of

Regulation of tribal gaming; and, whereas, the Mohican Gaming Commission and its agent, the Mohican Compliance Department have responsibility over the investigation and Licensing process of gaming employees; and, whereas, the Stockbridge-Munsee Compliance Department needs a revised and Updated Application for Employee Gaming License Renewal, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby

approves the Mohican Gaming Commission's revised "Gaming License Renewal Application." Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve resolution number 030-15, whereas, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, has enacted a Gaming Ordinance to Authorize, license and regulate certain forms of gaming within the jurisdiction of the

Tribe, and whereas, the Mohican Gaming Commission and its agent the Stockbridge-Munsee Compliance Department, under direction from Tribal Council, have the responsibility

Over the investigation and licensing process of gaming employees, and whereas, the Stockbridge-Munsee Compliance Department needs a revised and Updated Application for Employee Gaming License, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby Approves the Mohican Gaming Commission's revised "Employee Gaming License Application". Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

401k PROVIDER-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of Human Resources and Rob Orcutt, Lead Attorney

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the recommendation of the 401k Committee to go with the Alliance Group for our 401k plan, including fiduciary responsibly. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to end the other 401k contract with the Verisight Company and Wintrust Company and have to have Legal and Human Resources work on terminating the contract. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adjourn. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried at 9:46 AM.

This Will Be "The Worst Allergy Year Ever"

Tim Morrissey
MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Milwaukee allergist Dr. Gary Stevens' advice to anyone who suffers from asthma or allergies is to get together with an asthma specialist and formulate an asthma-and-allergy plan, which not only identifies triggers but develops a strategy for avoiding exposure to the triggers and insures having appropriate rescue medications on hand to deal with allergy flare-ups.

School-age children should have

their asthma-and-allergy plan on file with their school nurse, so there won't be questions about having their rescue inhaler available.

Dr. Stevens says the available medications for asthma and allergy sufferers are actually very good. He says in the next two to five years a new dimension will be introduced in new drugs.

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