



Purchased/Referred Care Department

Reminder for PRC Eligible Persons

This article was created to assist you in assisting our department in getting the necessary information needed to process payment of bills.

When you receive a referral to go to your doctor's appointment, there may be several services that you will be billed separately for as a result of **ONE** appointment.

For example, you may receive a referral to go to Wausau Hospital for a biopsy or colonoscopy. As a result of this one procedure you may receive several different billings/statements in the mail. These billings/statements may consist of a;

- ✓ Hospital/clinic bill
- ✓ Physician bill
- ✓ Anesthesiology bill
- ✓ Pathology bill
- ✓ Radiology bill
- ✓ Radiologist reading bill, and in some cases
- ✓ Physician Assistant bill may follow the Physician bill

Unfortunately, the PRC staff does not have knowledge of all these services that may have occurred as a result of your one referred appointment unless you provide our offices with those bills. It is very important that you bring us your billings/statements as soon as you receive them in the mail. If you are unsure and receive

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North Star GM Hired



Michael Bonakdar is the General Manager of the North Star Mohican Casino and Resort. Bonakdar will be responsible for operational and financial growth of the property, and directing initiatives to improve performance for all aspects of the facility through a long term strategic plan.

Michael Bonakdar brings to his new role proven gaming experience. He has established himself as a top notch industry executive holding key positions within the industry working for properties within Caesars Entertainment and MGM Resorts International, and most recently serving as Chief Casino Operating Officer at Quinault Beach Resort and Casino. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Business, and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration, and Bachelor's Degree in Hotel Administration.

Bonakdar and his Wife, June, and Son Michael "Mikey" enjoy art, golf, and helping community (via art donations, etc.).

Stockbridge-Munsee President, Shannon Holsey said, "We are proud to have Mr. Bonakdar lead our team at North Star Mohican Casino and Resort, his success with carrying out casino financial and operational goals as well as his overall positive and innovative approach in improving customer and employee satisfaction will greatly benefit our valuable customers and employees."

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Stockbridge-Munsee Urgently Calls Upon Governor Walker to Fairly Enforce State Gaming Compacts

BOWLER, WISCONSIN – The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians today called upon Governor Walker and his Administration to fairly enforce state gaming compacts for all tribes. This plea is echoed by other tribes throughout the State, including the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community. As defined by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, gaming compacts are negotiated between each tribe and the State to set forth the rules, regulations and conditions under which each tribe may conduct Class III gaming. These policies are intended to create a fair balance between the State's need to regulate gaming and each tribe's sovereign rights and need for economic development.



For decades, the State has placed clear restrictions on the size, number and nature of gaming facilities across the state, establishing a distinction between full-scale casinos and much

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Recognizing Those of Our Past



By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

On September 24, 2016 at the Stockbridge Cemetery in Stockbridge, WI the Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution welcomed over 115 people to a program aimed at dedicating a special Historical marker recognizing Bartholomew Calvin as a participant in the Revolutionary War.

Tribal Council Members JoAnn

Schedler and Joe Miller were on hand to participate in the event.

Schedler said, "(It was a wonderful) honoring of Revolutionary War Patriot Bartholomew Calvin, a Delaware Indian, who moved from NY with us and lived and died in Stockbridge, WI. Puzzle Hill singers and Brent Michael Davids flute playing were awesome."

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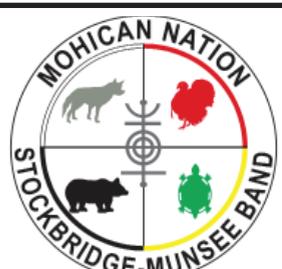
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Tribe Selected as a 2016 Cellcom Green Gift Recipient



BOWLER, WI – Stockbridge Munsee Community has been selected as a 2016 Cellcom Green Gift recipient. The nonprofit received a \$1400 Green Gift from Cellcom to add raised gardens in the community.

The Mohican Family Center aims to make fitness, health and nutrition education and activities

available to the Stockbridge Munsee community, including the Food Sovereignty Initiative. As part of the initiative, the Shawano UW-Extension provides monthly classes at the Mohican Family Center. These classes teach gardening basics, how to use raised bed gardening and green house gardening.

“We have a great need and desire in the community to be more self-sustaining, practice food sovereignty, and to produce healthy food by our own people. After the first year of raised bed gardening, we had an increase in the number of requests for gardens. The Green Gift from Cellcom will help us construct an additional twelve raised garden beds for use by the elders in our community,” said Joe Miller, tribal council member.

Stockbridge Munsee Community was among 22 green organizations that received a share of the \$37,800 in Green Gifts from Cellcom this year.

The Green Gifts program launched in 2010 and uses funds generated from Cellcom’s cell phone recycling program to fund green nonprofit initiatives. Customers and community members can bring in their old or unwanted phones to be reused and recycled. Cellcom sends the phones to recyclers who in return send money to Cellcom for the materials that were saved from the phones. Cellcom’s Green Gift program completes the green cycle that starts with consumers being environmentally-conscious and donating their devices.

The 2016 Cellcom Green Gifts were awarded to non-profits

throughout Cellcom’s service area and included Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve (Appleton), Heckrodt Wetland Reserve (Menasha), Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (Appleton), Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, NEW Zoo & Adventure Park (Suamico), Greater Green Bay YMCA, River District Development Foundation (Merrill), Northland Pines Farm to School Program (Eagle River), Trees for Tomorrow (Eagle River), Wild Instincts (Rhineland), Open Door Bird Sanctuary (Sturgeon Bay), Woodland Dunes Nature Center (Two Rivers), Crossroads at Big Creek, Inc. (Sturgeon Bay), Kelly Lake Advancement Association (Suring), Navarino Nature Center, Stockbridge Munsee Community (Bowler), Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (Abrams), The Etude Group (Sheboygan), Bookworm Gardens (Sheboygan), Maywood Environmental Park (Sheboygan), Friends of Mead/McMillan Association (Milladore), and Boys & Girls Club of Portage County (Stevens Point).

Cellcom is proud to support organizations of all sizes, whose work is impacting the community and building a greener tomorrow. The company’s recycling program has generated \$266,975 for local charities over the past 13 years.

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

Community Voices

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

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Elders in the Know....

Greetings, hope all is well!
November is National Caregivers Month and the staff and I at Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services wish to thank all of you who care for a family member, friend or neighbor. You are a caregiver if you run an errand, pick up items or give someone a ride to an appointment or store. Thank You for caring and most of all it is very important to take good care of yourself! Please contact your area Aging Unit or Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for available services to assist you in this journey as a Caregiver.

The construction of the new elderly center is going strong. Today (November 2nd) the stone facing on the building is being put on and it is gorgeous! Electrical surveillance and computer wires/cables are being run and sheet rocking is next on the agenda. Landscaping will be worked on as well and we are anxious to see how the siding is going to look! We have a new assistant cook (due to retirement) and he sure can

make a beautiful meal. He makes the dishes look "too pretty to eat" if you can imagine that! So join us and come see for yourself, a hot meal is served Monday through Thursday at noon and on Friday breakfast is served from the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. We ask that you do call in and reserve your meal at least 24 hours in advance, and for a donation of \$1.00 if you are able to do so. No elder will be denied a meal.

We will be serving a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 17th at noon and will also be celebrating our November birthdays. We will also have a drawing for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Remember to visit our website at Mohican.com and read our monthly newsletter which can be found on that site.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Respectfully,
Kristy Malone, Manager
Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services

My Fellow Tribal Members

I'm deeply offended by the tribal council's latest actions! Taking a family and just making them tribal members! They went over the enrollment department head and went against what enrollment said and just made these people tribal members. What for six votes?

What are our options; the only fair thing to do is nullify the enrollment of those people and recall anyone who agreed to it.

These people are elected to serve us and they think they can just do whatever they want with no consequences!

These elected officials who allowed this to happen must be removed from their seats. They hurried up and ran this through before

election time, like it will be set in stone, you're in the membership, nothing can be done after that.

Well, we need to change that, the tribal council has too much say in our money affairs too much power! Now they can just take someone and make them Indian? This whole blood quantum thing is getting to be an issue with our grandkids, and now you push this down our throats and we're supposed to swallow it with no recourse?

Bottom line is, the tribal council has too much power, and put themselves above the laws. We need to set up a committee over the tribal council to veto any questionable actions they take.

Adrian S. Vele



Tribal Veteran Service Officer

Robert Little, TVSO, please contact me by cellphone: 715 853-3356 or leave message at Veteran Lodge 715 793-4944 located at W12790 Cty Hwy A, Bowler, WI 54416. If you need immediate assistance contact the Assistant TVSO, Roger Miller at 715 793-5070.

I'll try to be at Mohican Veterans Lodge from 9 a.m. to Noon Monday through Thursday. It is best to call and set-up an appointment to go over your benefits as a veteran because I might be off on training or other veteran's affairs such as driving the DAV van, taking veterans to their doctor appointments in Milwaukee, Appleton or Green Bay for all of Shawano County. I can help with the benefits you are entitled to such as:

- Benefit Claims & Appeals
- Pension
- Education, GI Bill or other grants
- Homeless issues
- Suicidal Guidance
- Death Benefits
- VA Home Loans "still in legal at the present time"
- Employment Issues
- Cemeteries for Veterans

News

At the Mohican News we cover as many interesting events as possible and provide you current information. We do this with a staff of two people.

Several departments within the organization have their own newsletters they send out to individuals. So you may not see information from those departments in the Mohican News all of the time.

Notice

On November 3, 2016 the Stockbridge-Munsee Court made the following Order:

"The November 12,2016 Re-Election is Canceled Effective Immediately Until Further Notice."

If you need any paper for starting your wood stove or for pets come by the office and get some paper.

FY 2016 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM AT THE HOUSING OFFICE

A Public Hearing will be held for any questions and comments concerning the Stockbridge-Munsee Division of Community Housing's FY 2016 Annual Performance Report.

Copies of the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report are available at the Housing Office.

If you have any questions or comments prior to the Hearing, please feel free to stop in at the Housing Office or call 793-4219.

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smaller ancillary facilities. However, in a perplexing and surprising reversal on its past position, the State is allowing the Ho-Chunk Nation to broadly reinterpret compact terms related to ancillary facilities and is, in effect, sanctioning unapproved and unfettered expansion of gaming in Wisconsin. If allowed to continue, all tribal/State gaming compacts will be rendered meaningless, destabilizing Wisconsin's carefully negotiated gaming environment, increasing the likelihood of widespread and costly tribal litigation, and creating uncertainty about the future of State tribal gaming revenues – all of which benefit no one.

This issue came to light when the Ho-Chunk Nation announced an expansion of its Wittenberg ancillary casino facility (located near a gas station on U.S. Highway 45) into a full-blown casino resort, complete with over 750 slot machines, a new high-limit gaming area, 10 table games, an 86-room hotel and conference center facility, and an 84-seat restaurant/bar. The groundbreaking for this expansion took place in late September 2016.

According to the State's own definition, an ancillary gaming facility is restricted in both size and scope in order to clearly differentiate it from a full-scale casino. Among other qualifications, it must be attached to a non-gaming facility (such as a gas station) and generate less than 50 percent of the combined facility's net revenue. In addition, 50 percent or more of the lot coverage on which the ancillary facility is located must be used for a primary business purpose

other than gaming. Neither the Ho-Chunk's current Wittenberg facility nor its planned expansion adheres to those terms. Moreover, long-standing questions persist regarding whether gaming of any type is permissible on this particular parcel of land. The State's refusal to demand an Indian Land Opinion from the National Indian Gaming Commission on the Wittenberg Casino site essentially allows any tribe to operate any type of gaming on any land it wants.

Lastly, it appears the Administration is applying different criteria to different tribes when considering the expansion of gaming in Wisconsin. When rejecting the Menominee Indian Tribe's proposed new casino in Kenosha, the State defined three core criteria as the basis for its decision: support from the community; consensus from all 11 tribal governments; and no increase in overall gambling. The expansion of Ho-Chunk's facility in Wittenberg does not pass muster on any of these three criteria.

"The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe is committed to positive relations between all tribes and believes in each tribal nation's right to self-determination in accordance with federal and state Indian gaming regulations," said Shannon Holsey, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council. "We find it hard to believe that Gov. Walker would endorse such a broad reinterpretation of State compact language given the profound consequences for future gaming expansions in Wisconsin. All we are seeking is a fair resolution that protects the validity of tribal state compacts while allowing each tribe to pursue continued self-determination."

P&E Completes Renovation on Museum



The Property and Equipment Department, under the direction of Stacey Schreiber, has been looking to utilize in-house labor for some of the projects on the reservation. Several of the projects already completed include the pow wow bowl, camping area, parking area in the Many Trails Park, and the Stockbridge cemetery expansion.

The latest project completed is the renovation of the exterior of the Arvid E. Miller Library/Museum. We can all thank the following for their efforts and dedication in getting this project completed: Clifton Pecore, who was the leader on this project, Les Slater Jr., Cody Miller, Terry Miller, Joe Blum, Ron Blum, Bert Moede Jr., Charles Gardner, Pete Moderson, and Curtis Kroening. Thank you For a great job!

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Bonakdar said since he got here in August, they've found over 20 areas that need to be optimized, but they are not moving forward and changing things too quickly.

They are currently working on a five-year strategic plan. "We're concerned about the competition and how we can improve so the tribe can move forward. He said one thing the casino has going is a great facility, but said he understands improvements will be necessary over the years although he admitted they'd be minimal. "How do we keep them [customers] here when they go to other venues [and see other services]? We need to raise the bar, but we have to be able to hang onto it. If we can't hang onto it and we slip, then we've not truly accomplished raising the bar. From what I've found, our people want to do more and that's a good thing," said Bonakdar.

He said the Mohican North Star Casino and Resort facility is an attraction people like coming to for the service and entertainment and indicated they are working to get even more entertainers. "In the service area, we're looking at paying more attention to what we do."

Bonakdar said the Casino is not losing business at the current time but indicated they can't get stagnant either. "We've been calculating player investment and we've done a good job so far and the trends are good. But we are addressing the weak points and definitely will be enhancing promotions. Even this

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another one in the mail, bring it to us even if you think you may have already given us a copy, as we pay bills at Medicare Like Rates and they may be trying to bill you for the balance. We can then call the provider and have them write the balance off. It is better to be safe than sorry later.

According to Indian Health Service regulations, PRC is the last payor, so if you have other private insurance, Medicaid, Badger care, or Medicare you need to make sure you provide them with the necessary information to bill your primary insurance. All providers need a copy of your insurance card in order to bill your insurance properly. Your insurance company may send you a form requesting additional information before they will determine whether or not they can process payment from their offices. It is very important that you complete the form and submit it back to your insurance carrier as soon as possible because our department cannot process payment until your insurance



month already we've had two senior days with players able to earn up to five times the points. We're looking to start a new member program, adding more hosts, and more of a VIP program," Bonakdar explained.

Bonakdar said, with the food service, they've had to start at the basics like training and cleaning to get things started properly before they moved on to bigger greater things [new menus and specials]. He said they've brought in Christophe Boniface from Las Vegas to help train employees. He says there are efficiencies that need to be worked on; the configuration of the kitchen is a problem because there is one kitchen and three areas that need to utilize it. "Service and quality of food is extremely important, but we had to get the basics set up first," Bonakdar explained.

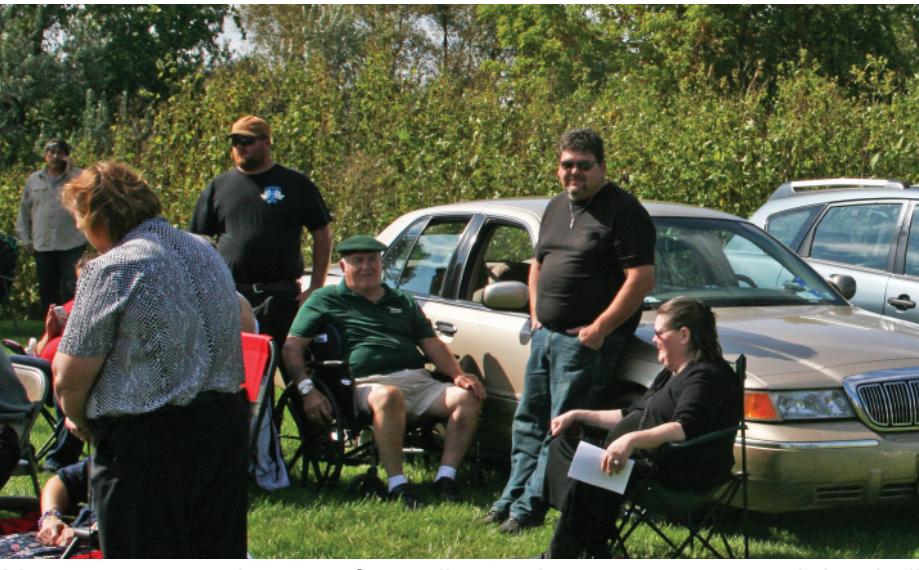
According to Bonakdar, even though they are working on a five-year plan, they aren't missing anything and are keeping an eye on the day to day activities as well. "And if the strategic plan needs changing as time goes by we'll make those adjustments," Bonakdar said. "We are aware of what needs fixed and looking to roll out some new things in 2017. We're looking at rebuilding the customer experience, but there's so much coming and it won't happen overnight," he added.

carrier has completed their process.

Sometimes in order to obtain the necessary documents needed the PRC staff may request that you call either the provider or the insurance company in case we are not able to get the information needed for our offices to issue a payment. Therefore, if you receive a request by one of the PRC staff to contact our office it is very important that you do so in a timely manner.

We are here to help you get your medical bills paid in a timely manner but sometimes that requires you, as the PRC eligible person, to take an active role in assisting the PRC staff in acquiring all the necessary documentation needed before we can process that payment.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss you can call our offices at (715) 793-5011 or (715) 793-5010 or (715) 793-3015 and we will be happy to assist you in any way that we can.



Many, many people came from all over the country to attend the dedication of the monument; from those who fought long and hard to simply maintain the cemetery and its' existence, to those who are directly related to Calvin by blood.

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Joe provided a welcome and later said, "Indeed this was a wonderful event, the weather cooperated perfectly, attendance was great. Thank you for the opportunity to represent the community and thank you to the State and Federal representatives for attending."

The Puzzle Hill Singers sang an Honor song for the Presentation and Posting the Colors by the Wisconsin Society Sons of the American Revolution (WISSAR), Mohican, Oneida, Brothertown and Town of Stockbridge American Legion veteran color guards. The multiple veteran groups stood at attention, saluted the Stockbridge-Munsee ancestors, provided a firing 21-gun salute and played taps.

Robert Little, Mohican Veterans Commander led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was done by Woody Davids, Mohican Elder and Veteran, who said, "We honor today, Bartholomew Calvin, for his service in the American Revolution. Without his contribution to the cause of freedom, we would not enjoy the blessings of liberty that you have bestowed upon us. Remind us always of our obligations and responsibilities in maintaining this Republic for which they struggled and sacrificed. Following his example, may we continually be gripped with the fever of freedom. May the pulse of patriotism be felt in our veins and may our hearts be warmed with the lessons of liberty."

There was an introduction of dignitaries present on this day. Among them were: Charles McGee, WISSAR President; Jeremy Marx, Chairman of Brothertown Nation; Robert Fowler, Vice Chairman of Brothertown Nation; Wally Blanc, Council member of Brothertown Nation; Roger Straw, Council member of Brothertown Nation; George Wright and family members, including Dennis Gramentz; JoAnn Schedler, Mohican Nation council member; Joe Miller, Mohican Nation

council member; and Tom Nelson, Outagamie County Executive

Charles McGee said, "The American Revolution was brought about by many men and women working together in a common cause. History remembers the great and the near great, the Washingtons, the Franklins and the Jeffersons. History also records the stories of those who are made to play the villains, the Hutchinsons, the Arnolds, the Butlers; what history does not often reveal are the stories of the ordinary people who brought, by hard labor and great personal sacrifice, this nation into being. The real hero of the American Revolution is the common soldier; had he not been convinced of the rightness of the cause for which his leaders asked him to fight, the Revolution would never have succeeded."

Ever since the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was formed, one of our most important missions has been to locate, record and identify with a special bronze marker the grave sites of those brave men and women who served the cause of independence during the Revolutionary War.

To date well over 100,000 such graves have been recognized, with 42 Revolutionary contributors here in Wisconsin. We have completed our mission, at least to the best of our knowledge."

"On behalf of The Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution we would like to thank you for being here and for assisting us in celebrating the life of a true American Patriot – Bartholomew Calvin and the dedication of his Historical Marker. We again would like to thank all of those people, who have contributed in one way or another to this dedication. Thank you Kim Heltemes for all your hard work on behalf of WISSAR. Thank you to the Mohican Nation for their contribution to the Historical Marker! I would like to personally



give a hardy thank you to Jaqueline Wright for her fortitude and persistence in starting this process. I know she is no longer with us, but I'm sure she is watching with a large smile," ended McGee.

The life of Bartholomew Calvin was presented by Dennis Gramentz of Des Moines, IA. "I am a Native American mixture of Oneida, Stockbridge & Brothertown. As a Peacemaker of the Brothertown Indian Nation I am a proud direct descendant of Bartholomew Calvin. It is a great honor to be part of this dedication ceremony. Thanks to all who had a part in making today's event possible."

Gramentz went on to say this has been a long journey that began in 2007. While working in the BIN office in Fond du Lac, I received a call from an elderly lady in Springfield, IL. She asked if someone would visit the Old Indian Cemetery in Stockbridge, WI to gather information verifying that Bartholomew Calvin was buried there. I told her there was evidence and I would send her some photos. She was a member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and was persistent and determined to see this day of honoring her great grandfather Bartholomew Calvin come to fruition. Her name was Jacqueline Wright of Springfield, IL. Some of you here today have received friendly phone calls or letters of inquiry from her. She passed away just a few weeks ago on July 31, 2016. I know at this very moment Jacqueline is looking down from heaven with a smile and at the same time tears of joy on her face. We can all be thankful for her persistence and determination. Her son George and granddaughter Leigh from Illinois are with us today.

Let me begin with Stephen Calvin, Bartholomew's father who was educated by Scottish Presbyterian Missionaries to take the Gospel message to Native Americans. In 1758 he became a preacher, an

interpreter and a schoolmaster for an Indian school on the Brothertown Reservation near today's Princeton, NJ. He was a full blooded Delaware Indian.

Stephen was the father of the more noted Bartholomew Calvin who was born in 1756 near Trenton, New Jersey. He was educated at the Scottish Missionary School named Princeton, which today is an Ivy League University. Bartholomew attended Princeton University 1774 & 1775.

At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War Bartholomew left his studies at Princeton and joined General Washington's Army and was to serve throughout the war, from 1776 – 1781. He served as an interpreter, scout and guide. Being an American, we can be proud and thankful we had Godly men like Bartholomew who were willing to put their lives on the line so that we today have freedom. Since our nation's founding, the dedication and bravery of US soldiers has been the key pillar on which our country stands.

After the war he was to follow in his father's footsteps and teach school. Bartholomew was known to be an eloquent - humble person. He acquired a reputation as an excellent teacher and many white colonial families sent their children to Bartholomew's school. He had as many white students as Indian. The relationship of the Delaware Indians and white settlers had always been friendly. Any disputes or questions were settled by treaty and without bloodshed. Bartholomew was to become the spokesman and leader for the Delaware Indians of NJ for the remainder of his life.

In 1802 the Stockbridge and Brothertown Indians living in upstate New York invited the Delaware Indians to come live with them. Bartholomew along with 70 or 80 other Delaware moved to Oneida and Madison County NY. In 1823 the New Jersey Delaware

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Stockbridge Cemetery Dedication



Bob Little, Stephanie Bowman, Monique Tyndall, Terrie Terrio, Bertina Dodge, & Fran Miller
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Wisconsin Sons of the American Revolution
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Mohican & Oneida Veterans



Stockbridge American Legion



Wisconsin Sons of the American Revolution



Brent Michael Davids



Veterans Lined to present colors



Monique & Stephanie



Puzzle Hill Singers



Bob Miller, Woody Davids, Roger Miller, & Joe Miller
Keith Rudesill

Vicki Dalve Retired After Over 30 Years Service to the Community



Vicki Dalve was honored with a Stockbridge-Munsee Pendleton Blanket at her retirement luncheon



She was also awarded an Eagle Feather by Jeremy Mohawk for her years of service to the community.



Mohawk shows Dalve how to wrap the feather.



Angelia Irving and Vicki Dalve



Vicki & Richard Dalve

New Elderly Center





Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program



The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations.

Operating with federal and state funding, the program provides assistance to approximately 230,000 Wisconsin households annually.

Most types of fuel are eligible to receive assistance. Whether you use wood, propane, natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil to heat your home, energy assistance is available if you qualify.

Heating Assistance

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of the heating costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of heating a residence. The amount of the energy assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs.

In most cases the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

Electric Assistance

Your household may be eligible to receive a payment for non-heating electric energy costs through funding provided by Wisconsin's Public Benefits.

WHEAP electric (non-heating) assistance is a one-time benefit payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15).

The funding pays a portion of the household's electrical (non-heating) costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of the non-heating costs.

The amount of the non-heating assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and non-heating costs. In most cases the non-heating assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

Crisis Assistance

A household may be eligible for crisis assistance if you have no heat, have received a disconnect notice from the heating vendor, or are nearly out of fuel and do not have the money to purchase more.

Crisis assistance is available through local WHEAP agencies that provide a 24-hour crisis phone number to help with emergencies that occur after business hours.

WHEAP crisis assistance provides both emergency and proactive services.

There are also non-emergency or proactive crisis services that include providing information on how to reduce fuel costs, counseling on budgeting and money management, providing payments to a fuel supplier, and co-pay agreements.

Furnace Assistance

WHEAP emergency heating system assistance can provide services to eligible home owners if the furnace or boiler stops operating during the heating season.

Heating system assistance includes payment for repairs, or in some situations your residence may qualify for a total replacement of a non-operating furnace or boiler.

Call the local energy assistance office immediately if you are experiencing a no heat situation.

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Indians together with their hosts the Mohicans migrated from New York to a tract of land on the FOX River in Wisconsin. Their descendants today are found among the Stockbridge, Oneida and Brothertown Indians in Wisconsin.

In 1832, at the age of 76, Bartholomew came from Green Bay Wisconsin to the old New Jersey home as the delegate of his tribe, for the purpose of raising funds for the sale of their hunting and fishing rights, which were reserved under the Treaty of Easton. His speech before the Assembly was eloquent and heartfelt. The New Jersey legislative body voted the full sum requested of \$2000 for the payment of these claims. Bartholomew expressed his gratitude in a letter praising them for their uniform justice in dealing with his people and ending with the following prayer. "I fervently pray that GOD will have you in His holy keeping. Will guide you in safety through the difficult decisions of this life and ultimately through the rich mercies of our blessed Redeemer will receive you into the Glorious pleasure of His Kingdom above."

Bartholomew and his wife Mary are both buried here in unmarked graves. Their names are listed on the large sign at the cemetery entrance. Mary died 1837 and Bartholomew died 1840. They had six daughters who produced many descendants, and one son, who died at an early age.

I don't want to close without giving credit & thanks to Caroline Andler a good friend of mine who has been a mentor to me for many years. Most of the information I've gathered about Bartholomew Calvin came from her research material. She has been the genealogist and historian for the Brothertown Indian Nation for 25+ years. She has put together a book of Bartholomew's life and his descendants. It can be accessed on the internet at: brothertowncitizen.wordpress.com.

Dennis Gramentz ended his presentation by saying, "This day has been a mountain top experience. We can all be proud to pass on to our children and grandchildren the story of Bartholomew's life. We all have stories to tell. Let's tell them. Let them not be forgotten! Saturday was a great day and lots of thanks need to go to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. The weather was beautiful and the cemetery was in great shape and all the attendees were so proud to be there."

Schedler summed up the event by saying, "The event ended with the beautiful sounds of the Puzzle Hill singers and a prayer in Munsee from Riley Mohawk, which touched our hearts. Many people stayed to view the historical marker, eat cake, share stories and just to walk in the historical Stockbridge cemetery."



House Ways and Means Committee Chair Nominates Tribal Treasurer of the Oneida Nation Patricia King

Today the House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) announced Patricia King, Tribal Treasurer for the Oneida Nation as the new appointee to the Tribal Treasury Advisory Committee (TTAC).

Treasurer King has been involved with the Oneida Nation in several roles and responsibilities for nearly 30 years. Her experience includes economic diversification, business development, and service agreements with local municipalities in Wisconsin. She has also served her tribe as Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee and member of the Finance Committee and Audit Committee

Treasurer King joins five other appointees to the TTAC: Ron Allen, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sharon Edenfield, Tribal Council Member for the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, Lacey Horn, Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, Eugene Magnuson, Treasurer of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and Lynn Malerba, Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe. The remaining appointee of the TTAC will be made by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance.

TTAC, established under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-168), will advise the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury on taxation issues in Indian Country and help establish training and education programs for Internal

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were approved:

Tribal Council Members Present: Shannon Holsey, Douglas William Huck, Janet Miller, Joe Miller, Jeremy Mohawk, and Scott R. Vele

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Taconic Project Request
Strike: Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Request for Funding for SMHWC Staffing and the H.R. Issue (Executive)

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the revised agenda with deletions and additions. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINTUES-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Rescheduled Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Friday, October 21, 2016. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION:

Revenue Service field agents who work with tribal governments.

Trish King is the elected Treasurer for the Oneida Nation. Treasurer King has served in elected and administrative capacity for the Oneida Nation for 30 years. Beginning in 1986 through 2002, Trish gained tribal government knowledge and expertise through first-hand experience with the Oneida Business Committee. Beginning 2002, Trish became a public servant of the Oneida People as Councilwoman. She served as Chairperson of the Tribal Legislative Operating Committee, member of the Tribal Finance Committee and Tribal Audit Committee as well as an alternate tribal representative to the National Congress of American Indians and Nation Indian Gaming Association.

King said, "I am honored and excited to have been appointed to the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee today. This appointment is another great example of government to government relationship building and exhibits the true meaning of cooperation. On behalf of Oneida we are grateful to Chairman Brady and Congressman Nunes for their support and work to include tribal representation on tax matters related to Indian tribes."

Treasurer King will continue her duties as treasurer of the Oneida Nation while serving on this national committee.

Ted & Dorothy Foster Request- Motion by Joe Miller to approve the request of Ted and Dorothy Foster, for access to our Big Lake Property, which is immediately adjacent to their Big Lake Property, just for access so they can clean up along the shoreline on their land. Seconded by Janet Miller.

Roll Call: Scott no, Doug yes, Janet yes, Jeremy no and Joe yes. Motion carried.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS-Roberta Carrington, Board

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the recommendation of the S/M Education Board and appoint Aurora Arce, Gresham, Wuskapuw Vele, Bowler, student representatives Stockbridge-Munsee Education Board. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: Scott abstain, Doug yes, Janet yes, Jeremy yes, and Joe yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Vele abstained, as it is a direct conflict for him.



LAND & ENROLLMENT OFFICE BACK UP PLAN-

No action taken at this time, the resolution will come back at a later date accompanied by the policies and procedures, as well as a Legal opinion on whether or not the ordinance will have to be posted to implement the changes suggested in the resolution.

CAPITAL APPROVAL-Stacey Schreiber, Public Works Director

Motion by Douglas William Huck to approve payment to Storage Battery Systems under PO #201677205312. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

STATUE OF LIBERTY MOA-Shannon Holsey, President

Motion by Douglas William Huck to authorize the President's signature on a Memorandum of Agreement, among the National Park Service, Statute of Liberty National Monument, New York State Historic Preservation Officer, New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, regarding the proposed construction of Liberty Island Museum in New York. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

SMHWC EXPANSION FUND-Elena Cox, Health and Wellness Center Director and Jeremy Pieper, Assistant Director

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Elena Cox, the Health and Wellness Director for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, to set aside monies from the Ramah CSC Settlement, that it should go into the Building Fund for the future expansion building fund and she will work with Tribal Treasurer to track those funds down and to ensure that they are placed in a building fund for the future project at the Health and Wellness Center. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

REQUESTING PERMISSION TO POOL DATA AND PUBLIS RESULTS- Elena Cox, Health and Wellness Center Director and Jeremy Pieper, Assistant Director

Motion by Douglas William Huck to grant permission to Dr. Neil Binkley of UW-Madison, to pool data collected from Stockbridge-Munsee with other Native American Tribes in Wisconsin and to publish the findings related to the Vitamin D Study. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

TACONIC PROJECT REQUEST-Willy Miller, Roads Manager

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk for authorization of payment to American Asphalt of Wisconsin for

the increased cost for the cul-d-sac and additional asphalt for bus turnaround. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

BOARD / COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-

Housing Board-

Motion by Joe Miller to repost. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

Roll Call: Scott abstain, Doug yes, Janet yes, Jeremy no and Joe yes. Motion carried. *Scott abstains, due to a direct conflict.*

Language and Culture Committee

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to appoint Jeff Vele to Language and Culture Committee.

Seconded by Janet Miller.

Roll Call: Scott abstain, Doug no, Janet yes, Jeremy yes and Joe no. President Holsey votes yes to break the tie. Motion carried. *Scott abstained due to a direct conflict.*

Forestry Committee-

Motion by Douglas William Huck to appoint Beau Miller to the Forestry Committee.

Seconded by Janet Miller.

Roll Call: Doug yes, Janet yes, Jeremy yes and Joe yes. Motion carried. *Scott did not take part in the secret ballot, as it was a direct conflict.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Douglas William Huck to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 5:33 PM

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried at 6:34 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on an Audit Report, Land Acquisitions, Legal Issues, a Contract Issue and Personnel Issues.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution 005-17, which is the extension of the Tribal Prosecutor Agreement as presented and explained in Executive Session, for the President's signature. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas William Huck to utilize monies from the FY2016 carryover for a donation to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce for economic initiatives to benefit the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

Roll Call: Scott yes, Doug yes, Janet yes, Jeremy abstain and Joe yes. Motion carried.

-OPEN AGENDA-

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:40 PM.

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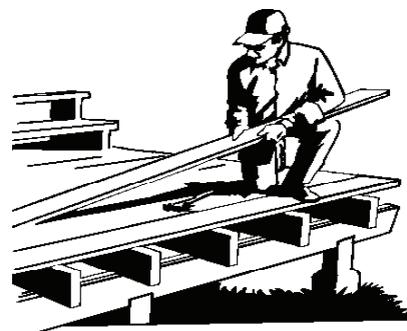
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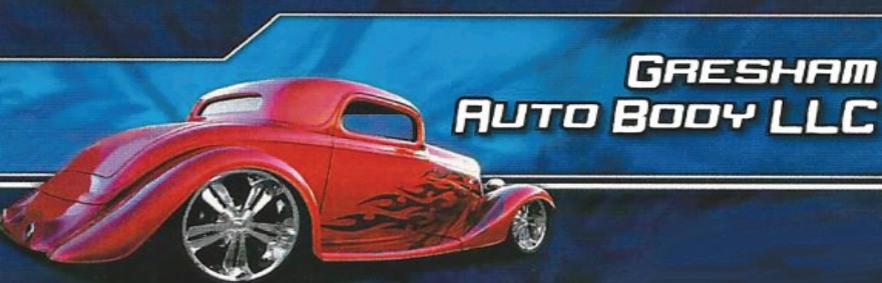
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