

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Tribal Council will be seeking input from membership regarding site designation of the future Tribal Offices. **THIS IS ONLY FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.**

Tribal Members will be able to give their opinion regarding four proposed sites and providing opinions to the Tribal Council for long-range planning for future development.

The third week of November all Tribal Members 18 years and older will be mailed a self-addressed

survey post card that will provide you the opportunity to choose from one of four proposed sites.

**The follow article “Planning for the Future” previously ran in the August 1, 2018 issue of the Mohican News on page One.**

**Planning for the Future**

On June 17, 2015 the Tribal Council approved a Strategic Plan with an effective start date of October 1, 2015. The Strategic Plan consisted of 18 Goals; each **Plans continued on page Five:**

### New Head Start Manager



Ginny Rusch is the new Head Start Manager. She and her husband live south of Antigo. They have four grown children and six grandchildren. Their ages are from one month old to 12 years old. Ginny acquired a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and majored in Early Childhood Special Education. Ginny completed Emergency Medical Technician training through Nicolet College in Rhinelander Wisconsin. She also has Wisconsin Health, Life and Disability Insurance Training from Kaplan University in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Ginny was employed for 23 years as a teacher/case manager and Director of Children’s Services at North Central Health Care in Wausau Wisconsin. She was responsible for the Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon County Birth to Three program for infants and toddlers with special needs. Ginny enjoys photography and scrapbooking photos of her family and nature.

### New News Reporter



Brett Miller is the new Mohican News Reporter. He is an enrolled tribal member of the Stockbridge Munsee Community. He is the son of Robert “Bob” Vele, and Clorissa “Creasa” Vele. He is the grandson of the late Alfred Miller and Sandy Otradovec, the late Eva “Evon” Malone Lasher and late Robert “Dick” Lasher, grandson of the late Merton “sugar boy” Vele and late Carol Vele, and great grandson of the late Arvid E. Miller and late Bernice Miller, the great grandson of the late Arthur “Skidunk” Malone and late Cleo Malone. Brett has recently moved back to the Stockbridge Munsee Community from the Fox cities area. Brett likes to spend time with his kids and family. He likes loud car stereos, watching Tiger Woods playing golf on tv, and playing board games. Brett is also a member of the Pine Hills Golf Course; in the spring and summer months you can find him there teeing off during his free time.

## Enrollment Input from the Community

Based on a motion at a Special Tribal Council Meeting on October 31, 2018, the Tribal Council has decided not to act on enrollment requests, other than those for newborn babies, until a meeting can be held with the community about enrollment standards. This pause was required to allow for community input and guidance on what materials may be submitted as proof of meeting the enrollment criteria along with any other enrollment concerns the community may have.

While there isn’t an immediate enrollment crisis (enrollment over the last decade has been steadily in the 1,400s), looking forward generationally there are concerns we need to discuss together. As we continue to monitor and address this important issue the Tribal Council believes that tribal member input and guidance on this issue is imperative, President Holsey stated that the Tribal



Council believes it is not seven Tribal Council members decision, the decision lies within the power of its membership, its about the power of the people, not the people in power.

**Input continued on page Five:**

## Domestic Violence Awareness



By Brett Miller- Mohican News Reporter

Abusive behavior at home is an example of practices utilized by one partner to keep up power and authority over the other partner in an intimate relationship. Abusive behavior at home incorporates practices that physically hurt, stimulate fear, keep a partner from doing what they wish or power them to carry on in manners they don’t need. It incorporates the

utilization of physical and sexual abuse, dangers and terrorizing, psychological mistreatment and monetary hardship. A considerable amount of these types of abusive relationships can be happening in anyone’s home at any given time without anyone knowing about it. If you feel you are a victim of domestic violence please reach out to your local authorities or call the Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

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## Dr. Jolene Bowman Gives Thanks



By Jolene Bowman, Ph.D. — Director of Education, Employment, and Training

The opportunity to represent the Stockbridge-Munsee Community on the national level in Native education was most rewarding. I hope you felt my appreciation as I brought you along on my journey with regular coverage in the Mohican News of the year served as President of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA). A person knows they did not get there by their self and they could not do it by them self. My rewarding tenure on NIEA included gains and losses. The gains were creating lasting

friendships and allies in Native education that will benefit our students for years to come. With gains also came the deep loss of my grandmother, Leona Bowman in 2016. It is not without the support of my family and friends that I could have survived through this deep loss while maintaining effective work in Native Education. I was raised in a home where we were continuously asked what we wanted to be when we grew up and, more importantly, how are we were going to get there. That question influenced my life's work in cultivating academic and career mindsets for a sustainable future. It is honorable work to use these personal influences while simultaneously leaving a lasting imprint on the future of Native education.

I am thankful for the support that the tribes and organizations of Wisconsin provided NIEA over the last three years: Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Forrest County Potawatomi Foundation, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Bowman Performance Consulting. The investments made in NIEA directly support the future of education within Native communities.

As the game of life takes me on new



STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE

*Community Health's Annual Turkey Trot*

**NOVEMBER 17, 2018**

*The Turkey Trot will be held at the Mohican Family Center.*



- Light Breakfast will be available— Oatmeal & Fruit
- Walk start at 9:00AM
- Turkey Drawing will be done at 10:00AM (must be present to win)

adventures, the support I received from all during this period of my life will be forever remembered and cherished. My outgoing message in my final remarks as the NIEA

President are what I want to echo to you, "Go out and teach our children to be the future we want to see in the world". ANUSHIIK! ANUSHIIK! ANUSHIIK!

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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## Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library/Museum is looking for volunteers to help set up an exhibit.

If interested call Yvette Malone at 715-793-4834

- **We now have the book "MEDICINE GENERATIONS" for sale, written by Misty (Davids) Cook**
- **Historical Committee Meetings** are held here at the Arvid. E. Miller Memorial Library Museum, Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am
- **Language and Culture Meetings** are held here at the Arvid. E. Miller Memorial Library Museum, Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:45 pm  
**All are welcome to join these meetings!**

Come visit the Library Museum for some one of a kind Christmas Presents, Made locally and from near-by artist. We are having a sale on most giftshop items! Just in time for the holidays. They make great Christmas presents.

### CHECK US OUT!

#### Veteran's corner:

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#### NOON BALL?

By Brett Miller- Mohican News Reporter  
As long as the Mohican Family Center has been established many basketball lovers have been playing this game at the noon hour. You can find locals of all ages and skill levels attending this sporting event. If you're looking for a quick pick up game to get you ready for winter leagues this is a great way to start. Everyone who shows up will have a chance to shoot for a spot on a team. The first five people to make a basket from the free throw line is

on the first team. The second five that make a basket is the second team. These two teams will battle it out to see who has the skills to win the game. Each basket during the game only counts for 1 point unless you are behind the three-point line then it counts as two points. First team to 11 points must win by two points is the winner and will remain on the court for the next team of challengers. If you think you have what it takes to be a winner then go to the Mohican Family Center Monday-Thursday at Noon.



## Voices



# Cookie Walk

Homemade holiday cookies sold by the pound!  
(unless pre-marked)

**Saturday December 15th**

**9AM - 12PM**

**Grace Bible Church**

**401 W Main St. Bowler**

**"Walk" Thru and Buy Your Christmas Treats  
Bigger Variety-More Cookies**

Please Share and help us get the word out.  
Thank You

### REDUCED PRICE!

Home for sale to a Tribal Member ...\$185,000



Do you want a move in ready single story home (no repairs needed) on a quiet dead end road? Home is located at N8075 N Schmidt Lane, Gresham. Serious inquiries call Debbie at 715-853-8424.

This home manufactured in 2004 is handicap accessible. Living area is 1859 sq. ft. with a 2 1/2 stall attached garage. Land assignment is 5 beautiful, well maintained acres: includes shed, enormous heated shop with large door access, large storage area and many amenities. The barn (30'x40') is set up for 3 horses and an indoor pen for small animals. Barn has running water and electricity, including electrical outlet for campers.

House has newer flooring and has been freshly painted. Window treatments are included.  
3 bedrooms  
2 full baths  
Open concept with vaulted ceilings: including kitchen, dining area with built in buffet, family room with gas fireplace, small office and living room.  
Central Air  
Appliances included: stainless steel refrigerator, built in microwave and dishwasher, stove, washer and dryer.  
Island and pantry in Kitchen, raised snack bar with bar stools  
Master suite has oasis tub, shower and large walk in closet.



## On the Trail Home



Gladys A. Jacobs

Gladys A. Jacobs, age 72 of Bowler, passed away on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Gladys was born on December 19, 1945, daughter of the late Lucy Ciush. She enjoyed taking care of her home, gardening, tending to her flowers and plants as well

as watching the birds. Gladys supported many charities and causes throughout the years. She worked as a mail carrier and for the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe for many years.

Gladys is survived by two grandchildren, Brendan Chapman-Jacobs and Rhiannon Jacobs.

She was preceded in death by: her son, Brian Jacobs; her mother, Lucy Ciush; and one sister Elna Pfannerstill.

Funeral services for Gladys were held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church in Morgan with Rev. Micah Shin officiating. Burial is in the church cemetery. Visitation was held at the church on Monday until the time of the service. Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family.

[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

## Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum

### Will be Teaching Session Workshop Series

- 6 Saturdays 11 AM – Noon
- Facilitators: Yvette Malone, Leah Miller, Molly Miller

**NOVEMBER 10** Sovereign – what does that mean, tribal court, citations, tribal law, persona.

**NOVEMBER 17** How to do research at library. How, to do genealogy.

**NOVEMBER 24** 12 levels of living a Munsee-Mahican Teaching.

**DECEMBER 1** The “Why” of tribal current tribal enrollment.

**DECEMBER 8** Final class – discussion on recommended changes for the survival of our people.

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## Helping a Smoker Quit: Do's and Don'ts General hints for friends and family

- Do respect that the quitter is in charge. This is their lifestyle change and their challenge, not yours.
- Do ask the person whether they want you to ask regularly how they're doing. Ask how they're feeling – not just whether they've stayed quit.
- Do let the person know that it's OK to talk to you whenever they need to hear encouraging words.
- Do help the quitter get what they need, such as hard candy to suck on, straws to chew on, and fresh veggies cut up and kept in the refrigerator.
- Do spend time doing things with the quitter to keep their mind off smoking – go to the movies, take a walk to get past a craving (what many call a “nicotine fit”), or take a bike ride together.
- Do try to see it from the smoker's point of view – a smoker's habit may feel like an old friend that's always been there when times were tough. It's hard to give that up.
- Do make your home smoke free, meaning that no one can smoke in any part of the house.
- Do remove all lighters and ash trays from your home. Remove anything that reminds them of smoking
- Do wash clothes that smell like smoke. Clean carpets and drapes. Use air fresheners to help get rid of the tobacco smells – and don't forget the car, too.
- Do help the quitter with a few chores, some child care, cooking – whatever will help lighten the stress of quitting.
- Do celebrate along the way. Quitting smoking is a BIG DEAL!
- Don't doubt the smoker's ability to quit. Your faith in them reminds them they can do it.
- Don't judge, nag, preach, tease, or scold. This may make the smoker feel worse about him or herself. You don't want your loved one to turn to a cigarette to soothe hurt feelings.
- Don't take the quitter's grumpiness personally during their nicotine withdrawal. Tell them that you understand the symptoms are real and remind them that they won't last forever. The symptoms usually get better in about 2 weeks.
- Don't offer advice. Just ask how you can help with the plan or program they are using.
- Do help the quitter remember all the reasons they wanted to quit, and help them forget about the slip as soon as possible.
- Do continue to offer support and encouragement. Remind them they're still a “quitter” – NOT a smoker.
- Don't scold, tease, nag, blame, or make the quitter feel guilty. Be sure the quitter knows that you care about them whether or not they smoke.
- If your quitter relapses
  - Research shows that most people try to quit smoking several times before they succeed. (It's called a relapse when smokers go back to smoking like they were before they tried to quit.) If a relapse happens, think of it as practice for the next time. Don't give up your efforts to encourage and support your loved one. If the person you care about fails to quit or starts smoking again:
    - Do praise them for trying to quit, and for whatever length of time (days, weeks, or months) of not smoking.
    - Do remind your loved one that they didn't fail – they are learning how to quit – and you're going to be there for them the next time and as many times as it takes.
    - Do encourage them to try again. Don't say, “If you try again...” Say, “When you try again...” Studies show that most people who don't succeed in quitting are ready to try again in the near future.
    - Do encourage them to learn from the attempt. Things a person learns from a failed attempt to quit may help them quit for good next time. It takes time and skills to learn to be a non-smoker.
    - Do say, “It's normal to not succeed the first few times you try to quit. Most people understand this, and know that they have to try to quit again. You didn't smoke for (length of time) this time. Now you know you can do that much. You can get even further next time.”
- If you are a smoker
  - Do smoke outside and always away from the quitter.
  - Do keep your cigarettes, lighters, and matches out of sight. They might be triggers for your loved one to smoke.
  - Don't ever offer the quitter a smoke or any other form of tobacco, even as a joke!
  - Do join your loved one in their effort to quit. It's better for your health and might be easier to do with someone else who is trying to quit, too.
  - Call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 to find out what resources might be available to help someone quit and stay quit.
- If your ex-smoker “slips”
  - Don't assume that they will start back smoking like before. A “slip” (taking a puff or smoking a cigarette or 2) is pretty common when a person is quitting.
  - Do remind the quitter how long they went without a cigarette before the slip.

### Input cont from page One:

The Tribal Council wants to hear directly from the membership about their enrollment concerns at a meeting soon after the holiday season. At this meeting, the Tribal Council will listen to the membership's enrollment concerns and jointly brainstorm an appropriate path forward based on the concerns of the membership. The path forward could be a referendum posed to the membership for further guidance,

proposed enrollment ordinance changes or even a secretarial election for constitutional reform. All options are on the table for discussion and guidance from the membership directly.

As your family gathers to celebrate the holiday season, please take some time to reflect on these issues and the future of the Tribe so we can all start the new year together planning for our future generations.

### Plans cont from page One:

having objectives to carry out. Goal #8 was New Tribal Facilities Plan, which had one objective to complete a study of space needs. On July 13, 2016 the Tribal Council approved to enter into a contract with Venture Architects, a firm out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to complete a work-space needs analysis, current facilities assessment and recommend future development to meet the work-space needs of the organization.

Venture Architects completed their study and provide the recommendation to create a campus-style structure for future office space development. This would allow for construction in phases as funding or grant opportunities become available. The four buildings consist of:

**Administrative – Tribal Offices:**  
All Tribal Office departments currently housed at the current Tribal, Legal and Administrative Offices would be housed together.  
**Land & Natural Resources:**

The staff/offices of Land Management, Agriculture, Land & Enrollment, Environmental, Forestry, Ecology and Water Resources would be housed in this facility.

**Judicial & Public Safety:**  
Tribal Court, Law Enforcement and Conservation would be housed in this facility.

**Cultural Center:**  
Education, Historical Preservation and room for Cultural Center staff would be housed in this facility.

In addition to the structures and organization of offices Venture Architects worked with Tribal Staff to determine building sites.

**Site 1:**  
Located at the current Tribal Offices site. The new site will encompass 13.6 acres. The estimated costs

for site development for this site will be \$155,000.

**Site 2:**  
Located at the current Environmental/Forestry/Ecology Building along County Hwy A. The new site would encompass 9 acres. The estimated costs for site development for this site would be \$158,000.

**Site 3:**  
Located near the current Health & Wellness Center of County Hwy A. The site would encompass 9 acres. The estimated costs for site development would be \$120,000.

**Site 4:**  
Located west of Mohican North Star Casino on the north side of Hwy A. Approximately 60 acres was purchased in 1999, former Gara property. This site would encompass 15 acres. The estimated costs for site development would be \$156,000. Site development for all sites includes utility hookups, onsite utilities, site lighting, paving and landscaping. All costs are based on 2018 costs.

### WHAT IS NEXT:

All enrolled Tribal Members 18 years and older will receive a survey post card to pick the site they would like to see the future Tribal Offices Campus to be built. The information will be tallied and presented to the Tribal Council.

The survey post cards will be mailed to the designated Tribal Members the week of November 12, 2018.

Remember this is for the purposes of future planning. The designation of a site is the next step needed for the plan.

A change in the original timeline for the survey was in order to access the most current address information of the targeted population.

## Texas Judge Strikes Down ICWA

According to an article from indianz.com: Tribes across the nation are preparing for a big battle after a federal judge struck down the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) as unconstitutional in a case many believe is headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Cherokee Nation, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Oneida Nation and the Quinault Nation, were dealt a major blow with the ruling. So was the Navajo Nation, whose government wasn't even allowed to intervene even though the case affects a child who is eligible for citizenship.

But appeals are being strongly considered after Judge Reed O'Connor, a Republican Appointee who has little experience in Indian law, accepted arguments that courts across the country have rejected. In the 47-page decision, he declared ICWA to be a "race-based statute" that treats Indian children differently because on their ancestry or heritage.

The outcome conflicts with numerous other rulings, which have determined that ICWA -- like most federal Indian laws -- is consistent with the recognition of tribes as sovereign governments. That's a political, not a racial, distinction, the courts have consistently noted.

O'Connor, however, went against decades of precedent from his courtroom in northern Texas, where no tribes are located. He said the federal government "did not prove—or attempt to prove" why Indian children need to remain connected to their communities.

"The ICWA's racial classification applies to potential Indian children, including those who will never be members of their ancestral tribe, those who will ultimately be placed with non-tribal family members, and those who will be adopted by members of other tribes," O'Connor wrote in the decision, a copy of which was posted by Turtle Talk. "Because two of the three preferences have no connection to a child's tribal membership, this blanket classification of Indian children is not narrowly tailored to a compelling governmental interest and thus fails to survive strict scrutiny review."

O'Connor didn't stop there, saying, by recognizing tribal preferences in child welfare proceedings, ICWA represents an illegal grant of power to tribal governments.

"No matter how defendants characterize Indian tribes—whether as quasi-sovereigns or domestic dependent nations—the Constitution does not permit Indian tribes to exercise federal legislative or executive regulatory power over non-tribal persons on non-tribal land," the decision stated.

And, finally, O'Connor struck

down Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations that were meant to strengthen compliance with ICWA. The rules, which were finalized during the Obama era, violate the so-called "commandeering" doctrine because it forces states, their child welfare agencies and their courts to act in a certain way, he concluded.

Although the Indian Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution is often cited as the basis for most federal Indian laws, "no provision in the Constitution grants Congress the right to 'issue direct orders to the governments of the states,'" O'Connor wrote. In a joint statement, the four tribes who were granted a role in the case said they were "deeply disappointed" with the decision. They are considering their options as they continue to defend the 1978 law that was enacted at a time when tribal children were being removed from their communities at alarmingly high rates. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to defend the constitutionality of ICWA by all available means for one simple reason: If ICWA is struck down in whole or in part, the victims will be our children and our families, Native children and Native families," Chief Bill John Baker of the Cherokee Nation, Chairman Robert Martin of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Chairman Tehassi Hill of the Oneida Nation and President Fawn Sharp of Quinault Nation said in the statement. Taken in part from an article posted Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on <https://www.indianz.com/News/2018/10/05/judge-strikes-down-indian-child-welfare.asp>

In a joint statement by the National Indian Child Welfare Association, National Congress of American Indians, the Association on American Indian Affairs, and the Native American Rights Fund they added: In a decision published by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was declared unconstitutional, jeopardizing the landmark legislation protecting tribal children.

This egregious decision ignores the direct federal government-to-government relationship and decades upon decades of precedent that have upheld tribal sovereignty and the rights of Indian children and families. Through 40 years of implementation, ICWA's goal is to promote family stability and integrity. It continues to be the gold standard in child welfare policy.

While this disturbing ruling is a pivotal moment for Indian Country, we vehemently reject any opinion that separates Native children from their families and will continue to fight to uphold ICWA and tribal sovereignty.

## Purchased/ Referred Care (PRC)

Failure to get a referral for all visits outside of the SMHWC may result in denials from the PRC department.

### REFERRAL STAFF:

Dusty Welch- Referral Case Manager 715-793-4102

Sarah Miller-Referral Specialist 715-793-5077

Make sure you stop at the PRC department to sign all referrals before you go to any appointment outside of the SMHWC. Failure to sign referrals may result in denials from the PRC department.

### PURCHASED REFERRED/CARE STAFF:

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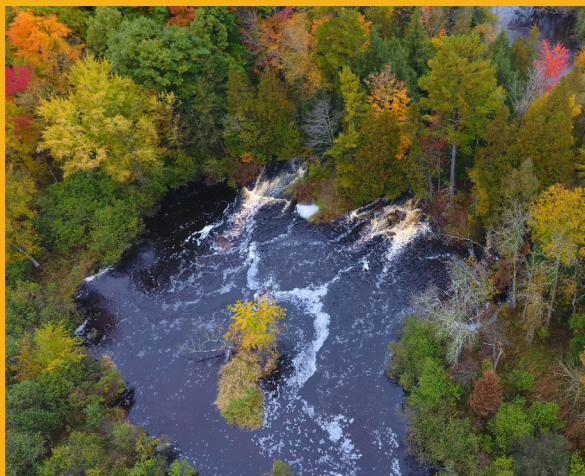
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# DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS



# ELDERLY HALLOWEEN AND FALL AERIAL PICTURES





## SHARPS DISPOSAL DROP OFF SITE

The Stockbridge Munsee Health & Wellness Center is a drop off site for sharps waste such as used needles, and lancets. The health center is glad to assist with the safe handling and disposal of your sharps waste. It is important to your safety and others that before sharps waste is brought to the health center for disposal, that you know how it must be contained prior to, so we can accept it. Before sharps waste is brought to the health center and before it can be accepted it must:

1. Be placed and stored in a rigid closed heavy duty laundry detergent bottle. This bottle must not be compromised in anyway where it would expose the contents.
2. Containers must not over-filled and be filled no more than ¾ full.
3. Container must be labeled with the words written on it **“SHARPS”** and **“DO NOT RE-CYCLE”**
4. Cover on the container must be intact and closed tightly. The health center cannot accept containers that are not safe for storing used needles and syringes. These types of containers can be poked through easily and are not safe for storing this type of waste. Unsafe containers that cannot be accepted are as follows:
  - Paper Boxes,
  - Plastic or Paper Bags,
  - Glass, Plastic Jugs/Containers,
  - Baskets,

- Milk Jugs and Juice Containers,
- Bleach or other Cleaning Solution Bottles,
- Coffee Cans or other cans,
- Container without its cover,
- Containers where duct taped is replacing a missing cover or damaged surface

When used sharps are brought to the health center where do I take them first?

- Check in first with a registration clerk and let them know you are here to drop off sharps waste. Do not leave sharps waste with registration or give them to another clinic employee. Instead stay with your sharps waste and wait for the Registration Clerk to confirm they have contacted a Maintenance or Housekeeping staff to assist you further. You will then be directed to go back outside the main entrance to take your sharps waste to the shipping/receiving overhead doors at the west end of building, where someone will meet you and receive your sharps waste.

Thank you so much for being conscious of the need to properly dispose of used sharps in a safer manner. For questions regarding the safe handling of sharps waste please give the Safety Manager at Stockbridge Munsee Health & Wellness Center a call at (715) 793-4144 or send an email to [bonnie.welch@mohican.com](mailto:bonnie.welch@mohican.com)

## Newly Appointed Health Board Members

There were three Health Board member terms due to expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

At the regular Tribal Council meeting held October 25<sup>th</sup> they chose Roberta Carrington, Stacey Schreiber and Carolie Miller. Welcome to the Health Board ladies. And welcome back Carolie.

The Health Board members are as follows: Misty Cook-President, Regina Williams-Vice President, Carolie Miller-Board Member, Roberta Carrington-Board Member, Stacey Schreiber-Board Member.

The Health Board meetings are held every third Friday of the Month at 12:00 p.m. in the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center's conference room, located on the lower level.

The next meeting is November

16<sup>th</sup>. The meetings used to be at 1:15 p.m. but have since been rescheduled to the new time.

*The mission of the Health Board is to raise the health status of the Stockbridge-Munsee people to the highest level possible.*

*The purpose is to advise and assist the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council and the SMHWC Director and staff in the planning and development of goals, objectives and policies for the operation and development of the SMHWC and related programs for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.*

For information regarding the Health Board meetings you may contact Liza Duffek-SMHWC Administrative Assistant by phone: 715-793-5025

or email: [liza.duffek@mohican.com](mailto:liza.duffek@mohican.com).

# APPRENTICE

**National Apprenticeship Week!!**  
November 12th—November 17th

**Come celebrate and learn about local Apprenticeship opportunities!!**  
**[Apprenticeship Speakers & Booth Information Event](#)**

Date: Wednesday, November 14th, 2018

Time: 10:30am to 3:00pm

Location: Mohican Family Center

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## Higher Education Student Survival Kit

New this year at the Education Department is the **“Student Survival Kit”**. We know that going to college can be challenging, so we created a fun kit to encourage persistence as students work through their individual college challenges to attain a degree.

According to statistics from “Graduation Rates & American Indian Education (May 16, 2017),” published by Partnership with Native Americans, only 17% of American Indian Students can continue education after high school and only 13% of those students complete a college

degree. The Education department provides the opportunity for our enrolled members to receive Higher Education assistance but wanted to extend our encouragement by providing a Student Survival Kit.

The survival kits were mailed to all of our undergraduate students and they will continue to receive them each Fall at the start of a new school year. The items contained within the kits were carefully planned and prepared. Our hope is that these kits will encourage our higher education students to keep pushing on and complete the goal of an Undergraduate Degree.

### Student Survival Kit

- Starbursts:** For a burst of energy after a long day,
- Bubble Gum:** To remind you to stick with it and not give up,
- Box of Paper Clips:** For when you need to hold it all together,
- Roll of Mints:** Cause you are “worth a mint” to your family & friends!,
- Snickers Bar:** To remind you. . it's **important** to laugh!,
- Pencils:** To remind you to leave your mark!,
- Pennies:** So you always have enough **cents** to realize you are a valuable person,
- Erasers:** To remind you it's ok to make mistakes,
- Rubber Bands:** To help you stretch beyond your limits,
- Band-Aids:** For when things get a little rough,
- Highlighter:** To shine bright and bring out the positives,
- Wintergreen Tea Bag:** For a little taste of home and to remind you we're always here.

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## NCAI Objects to the Department of the Interior's Decision on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Questions What It Means to the Future of Indian Country

WASHINGTON, D.C. | The National Congress of American Indians disagrees strongly with the Department of the Interior's recently announced decision affecting the tribal homelands of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

In the decision, the Department (DOI) failed to consider the totality of the Tribe's evidence in determining whether or not the Tribe was "under the jurisdiction" of the Federal Government in 1934. Instead, the Tribe was unfairly expected to prove that each individual submitted piece of evidence on its own proved that the Tribe was under federal jurisdiction, rather than viewing the collective evidence presented by the Tribe and then making a determination based on all of the assembled facts.

DOI rendered this unfounded decision despite the fact the Tribe presented evidence that Mashpee Wampanoag children, enrollees of the federal Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania, were subjected to the most repugnant policies toward Indians during that era – the forced removal of Native children from their tribal homes so they could be stripped of their cultures and languages.

The Tribe also presented evidence that the Office of Indian Affairs considered the Tribe in several large policy discussions, including whether to remove certain groups of Indians from their reservations. In addition, the Tribe provided evidence that a United States (U.S.) Attorney represented the Tribe's interests in court, but DOI suggested that the Tribe needed to show the actual authorization from the Federal Government enabling the U.S. Attorney to take the case, or some other comparable indicia that a U.S. Attorney was acting on behalf of the Federal Government other than his title at the time he provided the Tribe his services.

Furthermore, the Tribe presented evidence that its lands and people were included in various federal reports documenting Indian tribes at various points in history.

However, the decision rejects this clear evidence of federal jurisdiction by inexplicably claiming that these federal reports – in some cases commissioned by Congress – somehow do not constitute "exercises" of federal jurisdiction.

DOI also failed to mention the plenary authority exercised by the Federal Government over Indian tribes (as that term is used in the Constitution), much less applicable canons of construction, both of which should have been material factors in making this momentous decision.

This decision severely restricts the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's sovereignty and its ability to exercise meaningful self-governance.

In addition, the Tribe's reservation is now threatened with disestablishment. The Tribe is effectively stripped of important "reliance interests" that will affect the social service programs it provides to its citizens, as well as the economic development ventures (including gaming) that the Tribe relies on to support critical tribal government functions and provide job opportunities to its people.

NCAI is extremely disappointed in this decision, as it reflects the obvious failure of the Federal Government to uphold its trust responsibility to Indian tribes.

NCAI demands an immediate response from the Department as to whether this decision indicates that the Administration's current land policy towards Indian tribes is one of "how to get to no."

## Thank you from Victoria (Editor's Note: Victoria's home burned down).

I just wanted to say how grateful I am to all the people who donated and participated in the 50/50 raffle. It means so much that so many people reached out and were willing to help us. I am humbled by all the love and support we have received. Thank you!

I also received an anonymous package today. It was wrapped in Blue paper. To whoever sent me this I want to say that there are no words to express how thankful I am to you. It brought me to tears. I cannot believe a person like you exists. Thank you so, so much.

Victoria



**On Wednesday, October 31, 2018, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken on the motions:**

**Roll Call:**

President - Shannon Holsey; Present  
Vice President – Matthew Putnam; Present  
Treasurer - Terrie Terrio; Present  
Council Member - Sterling Schreiber; Present  
Council Member – Marv Malone; Present  
Council Member – Jeremy Mohawk; Absent  
Council Member - Craig Kroening Jr.; Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**BUDGET MODIFICATION: Tribal Court-Travis Miller, Chief Judge**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve budget modification number one, which approves an additional Tribal Contribution. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to go into Executive Session. Seconded Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 12:02 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come out of Executive Session. Seconded Marv Malone. Motion carried at 2:15 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on Enrollment Minutes.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio that based off the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, minutes of the Enrollment Committee, to enroll newborn Isabella Bowman and to freeze enrollment, except for newborn babies until a membership meeting can be held, pronto, quick, to establish options for how we are going to deal with enrollment issues, either secretarial, or referendum. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adjourn. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 2:23 PM.



**November**

**Skill Building Workshops**

**Event Descriptions:**

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Learn how to create attainable short term and long-term goals.

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**Where:** Stockbridge-Munsee Education Building

**Address:** W13347 Camp 14 Rd. Bowler, WI

**Contact Information:**

Lenore Punkin Shepard at 715-793-3036 or Miranda Vele at 715-793-4582.



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**Workshop Dates**

**WIOA Information Session**

**Date:** Nov. 2nd

**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Apprenticeship Event**

**Date:** Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 10:30pm to 3:00pm

**Location:** Mohican Family Center

**Education & Employment Goal Setting**

**Date:** Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 9:30am – 11:00am

**Date:** Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Overcoming Barriers to Success**

**Date:** Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:30am – 11:00am

**Date:** Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00p

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## Apprenticeship Informational Event

**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

10:30am to 11:15 | Registration & Networking

### Informational Information Agenda

11:15am to 11:45am	<b>Youth Presentation:</b> Opportunities & Benefits
11:45 to Noon	<b>Break</b>
Noon to 12:30pm	<b>Adult Presentation:</b> Opportunities & Benefits
12:30pm to 1:00pm	<b>Lunch Break:</b> Lunch provided
1:00pm to 3:00pm	<b>Open Booth Time:</b> Great time to see information, ask questions and pick-up contact information

### Closing Time

Clean-up and exit building; Thank you all for participating & attending

3:00pm to 3:15pm **Please do not forget to drop off your event evaluation form before you leave. You will receive entry into the drawing to win a gift basket.**



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