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**Family Center Manager**

Jerilyn Johnson started her new position of Mohican Family Center Manager on February 10<sup>th</sup>, after serving as the Tribal Council Secretary for the last eighteen years. The decision to accept this new position was bittersweet, as Johnson enjoyed serving the community as a political appointee, but knew that her years of education and work experience may be better served in another capacity. One statement that resonated with her, came from a former Tribal President, who said, “your education, is the one thing no one can ever take away from you.” So, her educational journey ensued, earning an associate’s degree in Business Administration (2008), a bachelor’s degree in Public Administration (2018), a MBA with a concentration in Human Resource Management (2019) and in August of this year will complete her masters in Leadership and Organizational Development with a concentration in Nonprofit Leadership.

Johnson, the daughter of Mabel (Mohawk) and the late Gerald “Skip” Miller, moved to the community in 2000. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities with her husband Scott and watching the array of sports her children Rainer, Walker, Tom-Ass and Tynea participate in. Basketball, baseball, softball,  
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**News Reporter**

Thomas Kazik II was hired as the new Stockbridge/Munsee News reporter. He has lived in the community his entire life and is the product of Tom Kazik (Tribal Forester) and Jerilyn Johnson (Mohican Family Center Manager). Thomas has 3 brothers: Rainer Shooter, Walker Miller and Tristan Kazik and 2 sisters Jada Kazik and Tynea Johnson. He recently proposed and is engaged to Brianne Rosenow and together they have a yellow lab puppy Remington.

Thomas graduated Bowler High school in 2015 where he played  
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We want to thank Dietician Intern Jennifer Straw for her work here with Casey Rosenberg from 02-18-2020 to 03-13-2020.

**WNATN at Mohican Family Center**



Left to Right: Kristin Gabrielsen, Vera (Judy) Heubel, Angela Veitch and Courtney Schwefel

By Thomas Kazik II – Mohican News Reporter

WNATN is the Wisconsin Native American Tobacco Network. They recently took the floor at the Mohican family center on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Community Health Outreach Director, Vera (Judy) Heubel and Healthy Start Worker Courtney Schwefel were joined by (Program Director - Wisconsin Native American Tobacco Network) Angela Veitch and (Native American Tobacco Network Smoke Free Housing Program Coordinator) Kristin Gabrielsen of Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc Family Health.

by talking about Natural tobacco and the healthy traditional ways it is used. They then spoke to the children present about the impact of smoking and what secondhand smoke does to them. The children were very interactive with they speakers when asked questions about what to do if they come across cigarettes; most answering to either throw them away or keep walking by them.

The night was open to guests of all ages and the program was geared to seeking thoughts or ideas on how the tribe could move forward toward healthy air initiatives, effective prevention methods, and also look to preserve natural tobacco traditions.

The two guests opened the night

**Make Time for a little Self-Care**



Elderly Social Worker Miranda Vele and WCST Coordinator Diane Burr show some of the bead work being done at the event

By: Thomas Kazik II – Mohican News Reporter

Looking for some time to relax? Well, the first Monday of the month might be your opportunity.

On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Elderly Center was used to host a self-care night. Kim Taylor and Tessa Paiser were there to help teach

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Dear Tribal/Community Member/  
Employee,

As you have probably already been aware, the Coronavirus, now known as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19, is spreading fast around the globe, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that communities prepare themselves

in the case of its arrival in the U.S, therefore it is important that our community take steps to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the coronavirus.

This specific virus originated in Wuhan, China and now poses risk of becoming a global pandemic (a disease that is present around the whole world).

The virus is in the same family as influenza (the flu) and is spread through close contact with an infected person (within 6 feet) through droplets release during sneezes and coughs. It is also believed that the virus can be contracted from contact with infected surfaces.

The symptoms are similar to influenza, including: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may last for anywhere from 2-14 days. These symptoms can range anywhere from mild or severe cases that result in severe illness or death. The elderly and those with chronic conditions are at higher risk of severe illness.

Although serious, we must maintain the motto, "Keep calm and carry on." It is important that we as a community remain collected in order to effectively handle any situation that may arise. There are several things the CDC recommends we can do to prevent the spread of coronavirus:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
3. Stay home when you are sick
4. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
5. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects/surfaces with household cleaner
6. Washing your hands using soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. (If soap and water isn't available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty).
7. Face Masks are only recommended for those who are displaying symptoms, not for

healthy individuals

As additional precautions, please avoid travel to affected areas, as well as avoid contact with people who have travel to affected areas. If you think you may have been exposed, or are displaying symptoms please call your health care provider before arriving if it is not an emergency situation. If symptoms are severe please seek medical attention.

A sheet has been attached for your viewing that summarizes what to do if you have contracted virus. Currently the treatment is supportive, meaning getting rest, maintaining enough fluids, cough and congestion medications, and other home remedies. As more information comes out about this new virus, more treatment guidelines (ways to treat the virus) will be made available to healthcare providers and the public.

If you desire more information regarding COVID-19 please contact our community health department at 715-793-4144 or visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Sincerely,  
Shannon Holsey  
President

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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PO Box 70  
Bowler, WI 54416  
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### Purchased/ Referred Care (PRC)

If you receive a referral from your primary care provider at Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center (SMHWC) to an outside provider, the referral staff will contact you with the details of your appointment. If you have a follow up appointment, please contact the referral staff with appointment information to have a referral made up. Failure to get a referral for all visits outside of the SMHWC may result in denials from the PRC department.  
REFERRAL STAFF:  
Danielle Ewald- 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.

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Kasha Coyhis- PRC Manager 715-793-5011  
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Ally Miller- PRC Assistant 715-793-3015



### Veterans Corner

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Bowler, WI. 54416

Gregg W. Duffek,  
Tribal Veterans Service  
Officer  
Office: 715-793-4036  
[gregg.duffek@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:gregg.duffek@mohican-nsn.gov)



715-793-4036

### Veterans Crisis Line

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach **caring, qualified responders** with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves.

How to Connect With a Responder

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Text [838255](tel:838255) - [838255](tel:838255)

Support for deaf and hard of hearing

[1-800-799-4889](tel:1-800-799-4889)

## ATTENTION TEACHERS

If you are a Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled member with a degree in Education and working in education please provide the S/M Education office with your name and contact information by **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** to P.O. Box 70, W13447 Camp 14 Road, Bowler WI 54416 or email the information to [jolene.bowman@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:jolene.bowman@mohican-nsn.gov). If you have any questions please contact Jolene Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services at (715) 793-4060.

### Health Career?

I just wanted to share a few upcoming "fully funded" health career learning opportunities for Native Youth. Please help us promote among your contacts.

Please see the attached flyer files for:

- 1. Indigenous Health and Wellness Day + Pow-Wow (April 23-25 at Madison College and UW Madison) \*7-9<sup>th</sup> grade level

Registration Link: <https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/native-american-center-for-health-professions/registration-indigenous-health-and-wellness-day/>

- 2. American Indian Science Scholars Program (July 20-July 30, 2020 at UW Milwaukee \***now taking applications**\*) \*10-12<sup>th</sup> grade level

- 3. Great Lakes NARCH – Research Internships for Native American College Students ( Summer 2020 at various locations \***now taking applications**\*) \*undergrad-grad level

- 4. NARCH Postcard with overview and dates for all 3 opportunities.

Best regards!

**Azael Meza**

Great Lakes NARCH

Program Coordinator

(715) 588-1073

[ameza@qlitc.org](mailto:ameza@qlitc.org)



### Red Springs History

Heather Bruegl, Director of Cultural Affairs

Hello from the Cultural Affairs Department! We hope that you 2020 is off to a great start. We are working on many projects here and we are excited to share one with you. We need your help with this one. We will be embarking on a Red Springs History Project and we want to hear from you. We are looking for anyone who has photos, knowledge of the area, and stories regarding Red Springs. Please contact us with your history knowledge. You can reach out to either Heather Bruegl at [heather.bruegl@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:heather.bruegl@mohican-nsn.gov) and (715) 793-4270 or Yvette Malone at [yvette.malone@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:yvette.malone@mohican-nsn.gov) and (715) 793-4834. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your help in this project!

### Stylin At Mr. B's

Stylin at Mr. B's in Gresham is looking to rent a chair for Two hair Stylist and One Nail Tech.

If interested please contact Annette Ejnik at Stylin at Mr. B's

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Join us in a series of workshops to support, inspire, and cultivate people who work to make a difference in their community.

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April 2 & 16, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, CEC

Come gain insight into how to research and leverage online search, channels, and tools to find and connect with others who share your passion.

### The M&M's for Success in Fundraising...and Life!

April 4, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm, CEC

Come learn about the Artful Asker Cycle of Successful Relationships™ and the role our mindset plays in our overall success. You will leave with not only a new mindset, but also an enhanced appreciation for specific actions you can take to enhance fundraising success.

The **Community Works!** Series is sponsored by the First Nations Development Institute.

Register online at [oneidacommunityeducationcenter.org](http://oneidacommunityeducationcenter.org)



# Housing News

Division of  
Community Housing

N8618 Oak Street • Bowler, WI 54416 • Voice: 715-793-4219 • FAX: 715-793-4529

## Are You Planning to Build A Home or Purchasing A Trailer Home or Double Wide?

Join us to learn all the steps to do both.

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
At the Housing office, address above  
4:45 pm light refreshments  
5:00 pm Speaker; Bob Vele, Housing Inspector, Project Monitor, Maintenance Supervisor

Please let us know if you would like to attend in order to have enough refreshments available.

***If no one signs up by April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, the session will be cancelled.***

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### Elder Lawn Care Summer 2020

### NOTICE FOR SERVICES OF LAWN MOWING & WEED EATING

**Who:** Enrolled aged 65+yrs  
Enrolled disabled 40+yrs  
65+yrs widow/widower of enrolled member

**Service Area:** Enrolled Elders living in the Townships of Bartelme & Red Springs Or in the Villages of Gresham and Bowler

**NOTE:** If you received services last year (2019) your name will remain on the list again for 2020. You do not need to complete any paperwork.

If you are an enrolled elder, and fit into the above categories, but you have **NOT** received Lawn Care Services in the past, please stop at the Housing Office at the address above and complete an authorization form for services. **OR** call the office to have a form mailed to you so your name can be placed on the list for services.

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Tenant Information Day  
Wednesday March 25, 2020  
8:00am-5:00pm

Low Income Apartments, Low Income Homebuyer Program  
Ah Toh' Wuk Court Apartments, Rental Homes

You are invited to come to the Office and inquire about the following items:

1. Your specific Lease Requirements
2. Your specific Admission & Occupancy Policies
3. Your specific Maintenance & Inspection Policies
4. The Tribe's Public Peace & Good Order Ordinance
5. The Tribe's Housing Law

You can also call the office at any time with questions.

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### Informational Packets Available About the Stockbridge-Munsee Loan Department

March 18, 2020  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
At the Housing Department Office

Stop in to pick up a packet or call Housing 715-793-4219 to have one sent to you through the inter-office mail delivery.

After you review the information, you can contact Tanya Miller with further questions at the Loan Department at:  
**715-793-4861 or email:**  
**tanya.miller@mohican-nsn.gov**

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**Shaw Moede (715) 793-4219**  
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**Bob Vele (715) 793-4033**



## Sharp: Tribal sovereignty still threatened from 'every corner'

By McKenzie Sadeghi  
*Cronkite News*

WASHINGTON – Despite some “encouraging developments,” threats to tribal sovereignty still come “from every branch and every corner of federal and state governments,” the president of the National Congress of American Indians said Monday.

NCAI President Fawn Sharp said in a wide-ranging State of Indian Nations address that the state of the nations is strong, with “remarkable stories of cultural, social, political and economic renewal” made possible by “the greatest indigenous core value of all – self-governance.”

But that self-governance continues to be threatened by many Americans, including policymakers, who don’t understand tribal sovereignty, she said.

“They don’t recognize the indisputable fact that we are genuine governments with the right, and more importantly, the ability, to govern our own lands and communities,” Sharp said.

The **annual address** touched on everything from a lack of federal funding for tribal programs to concerns about voter suppression and climate change. But through it all, Sharp stressed the need to renew the “enduring government-to-government relationship between tribal nations and the U.S. government.”

There have been successes in the past year – like the reauthorization of a grant program for the study of **Native American languages** and the passage of a bill to **fund tribal colleges** – but Sharp said those “are the exceptions to an increasingly alarming rule.”

She pointed to Congress’ refusal to pass a reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, that has given tribes greater authority to prosecute domestic violence cases, and legal attacks on the Indian Child Welfare Act, which gives priority to tribal members in adoption cases.

**VAWA**, she said, provided justice for Native victims of violence “where none existed before,” but that Congress is “refusing to expand tribal authority to administer justice for sexual violence, child abuse, stalking, and human trafficking.”

Among the greatest threats to Indian Country are the ongoing problems “caused by federal inaction and indifference,” Sharp said. That neglect was “powerfully illustrated” in the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights’ 2018 report, **“Broken Promises,”** which said the “federal government continues to fail to support adequately the social and economic wellbeing of

Native Americans.”

“This report is a troubling glimpse into the pervasive impacts that federal budget shortfalls have on the health and vibrancy of tribal communities,” said Sharp, noting that the 2018 report mirrored findings of a report 15 years earlier. Sharp laid at least some of the problems at the feet of the Trump administration – a claim echoed in the congressional response by Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M.

“I have witnessed actions that I never thought possible by a president of the United States,” Haaland said during her speech. Haaland said the most important legislation right now is the **VAWA reauthorization**, because “women have the right to be safe.”

President Donald Trump did sign an **executive order** in November creating “Operation Lady Justice,” a task force aimed at combating the problem of missing and murdered indigenous women. But Haaland said she is concerned that the task force does not include the voices of any survivors or tribal leaders.

She said the order “lacks concrete transparency and consultation requirements.” Haaland said the administration needs “to recognize the centuries of violence that Native people endured, which won’t be solved without concrete procedures and with only \$1.5 million.”

She and Sharp both blamed the administration for inaction on climate change, an issue Sharp faced firsthand when rising sea levels forced her Quinault nation to move its main village to higher ground.

“Federal inaction and indifference is perhaps no more destructive than with the current failure of the administration and some in Congress to address the rapidly accelerating impacts of climate change, or even knowledge that it exists,” Sharp said.

Sharp called on the government to fully count Native Americans in the 2020 Census, and to protect them against attempts at voter suppression.

“We will settle for nothing less, and we will exercise our rapidly growing political power and voice in Washington and at the ballot box against any and all who fail to meet this standard,” she said.

That call to protect voting rights hit home for Susanna Osife and Tyler Owens – Jr. Miss Gila River and Miss Gila River, respectively – who were at Monday’s address.

The two said that ensuring that Native Americans have a voice is important, as they have seen “time and time again,” in their community and across Indian Country, that things that tribal communities hold important are being ignored.

## Jay Leno to Appear at North Star Mohican Casino Resort’s Fall Car Show

BOWLER, WISCONSIN – Former host of “The Tonight Show” and host of “Jay Leno’s Garage,” Jay Leno, will be the celebrity speaker the night of North Star Mohican Casino Resort’s annual Stars, Cars, and Handlebars Car Show this upcoming fall.

Dominating the late night TV arena for more than two decades as the host of “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” Leno has earned the highest consecutive ratings, two Emmy Awards, a TV Guide Award, an induction into the Television Academy’s Broadcast Hall of Fame, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Currently, Leno produces and hosts the CNBC Television series, “Jay Leno’s Garage,” now in its fifth season. “Jay Leno’s Garage” explores the world of cars, never forgetting that it’s the people behind the wheel who provide the real stories.

Debuted in October 2015, the series delivered the most-watched first season in CNBC’s history. New episodes of “Jay Leno’s Garage” air on CNBC throughout

the year.

North Star Mohican Casino Resort, known as the friendliest casino in Wisconsin, is pleased to have Leno join for the annual event.

“Jay Leno is a legendary comedian and we’re excited to bring one of the biggest comedians in from the business” said Michael Bonakdar, General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort. “Car enthusiasts and the like will be sure to enjoy his presence here at North Star.”

Jay Leno brings his stand-up comedy to The Orion Event Center at North Star Mohican Casino Resort on Saturday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

In addition to live performances and concerts, The Orion Event Center can be reserved for a variety of occasions including corporate receptions, seminars, weddings and more.

Tickets are \$99 and are available for purchase at [www.northstarcasinoresort.com/entertainment/](http://www.northstarcasinoresort.com/entertainment/)

## Gresham Scholarship Fund

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet**  
**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**The Woodland Restaurant**  
**Gresham, Wisconsin**

Time: 4:30 P.M. Reception and Raffle Ticket Sales - 6:00 P.M. Dinner

Program: Michelle Carstensen - Gresham HS Grad (Class of 1992)

**Please check one of the following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Table Sponsorship (\$675 total includes \$300 for table of eight and \$375 for sponsorship). Sponsorships received by March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be listed in the program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Table of eight
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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Single
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 I would like to sponsor a graduate’s Banquet meal.
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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (cont.): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations are on a first come first served basis. Reservations received by March 21<sup>st</sup> will be mailed, those received after that date will be held at the door.

**Tickets for the event WILL NOT be available at the door; you must have a paid reservation by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Make checks payable to **Gresham Scholarship Fund** and mail to:

Gresham Scholarship Fund Banquet  
P.O. Box 102  
Gresham WI, 54128

Any questions - please contact: Bob Klopke (715) 787-3386





Left to right: Tynea Johnson, Amber Strassberg-Belzer (Facing away from camera) Taylyn Paiser, Tessa Paiser, Jamie Mattingly (Elderly services worker), and Nathalie Kristiansen

**Care cont from page One:**  
some newcomers on beadwork. If you were new to beading, they more than willing to assist. Even if you were seasoned with beadwork experience, they wandered around to see designs and help answer any questions.

Diane Burr is the organizer in the Self-care circle. When asked why

she organized a group like this she stated, "This group offers Self-care tools you can use every day. Its not a lecture and its for everybody; come enjoy a light snack, visit with others in the community and have fun". The next self-care circle meets Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> and the group will be working with aroma therapy and cornhusk dolls.

**Jerilyn cont from page One:**  
volleyball, track and field, club volleyball, pool and of course timber sports. These sports have allowed the family to travel to Missouri, Iowa, Milwaukee, Toronto and most recently Sweden, for the Stihl Timber Sports Rookie World Championship. The family will be making the trek to Halifax, Nova Scotia this Summer for the North American Indigenous Games in July.

When her boys were young, they spent a lot of time as a family at the Mohican Family Center. As the boys grew up and participated in school sports and clubs, they always found time to shoot around, go on field trips or just hang out with their friends. As a parent, Johnson explained how important it was to keep her children busy, if they were involved in after school

activities or hanging out at the Family Center, she knew exactly where they were, that they were safe and that they were not in any trouble. She is not sure where the breakdown occurred but she noticed her daughter does not frequent the family center like her boys did, and would like to have the youth and their families to be comfortable in visiting the center. "I am excited to be a member of the Mohican Family Center Team, and am looking forward to hearing from our youth and families on how to make a great place even better. This community has given my family so much to be thankful for, such as a safe place for my children to make friends and learn, an education and the opportunity to work for and with some amazing leaders and mentors."

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three-sports; football basketball and baseball and was a member of numerous clubs and organizations. After graduation Thomas attended Saint Norbert College in DePere, WI to pursue a degree in communication. During his time in college he worked as waiter at Julie's Café a family owned restaurant in the Green Bay/DePere area. In 2017 when he returned home, he began working at North Star Casino in the bar but later moved to the hotel. During the summer you could find him out at Pine Hills Golf Course both for work and pleasure.

Aside from golf his hobbies include spending time with family and friends. During the summer Thomas plays baseball for the local Bowler BABA team. Come fall time the baseball bats and golf clubs get put away and out comes the archery bow and rifle for hunting. Archery hunting is his absolute favorite of the two, but the 9 day gun season allows more time to spend with good friends and family who he might not see other times of the year. When winter is in its full effect you can find him on the ice trying to catch fish, though he hasn't mastered it quite yet.



## THE F.R.E.S.H. PROJECT

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### The F.R.E.S.H. Project again offering Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Shares - Partnering with local producers to bring healthy foods to your area

Shawano WI - March 7, 2020 - Are you interested in having access to fresh, local produce this summer? Join the F.R.E.S.H Project's Mobile Market Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program.

The program will operate alongside The F.R.E.S.H. Project's Mobile Market, a second-year program operating from mid-June through September. The mobile market delivers fresh local produce to area communities at a very low price to the customer providing affordable, accessible, and healthy food to all.

"CSA allows you to have a deeper connection to your food, without having to grow it," said Barb Mendoza, executive director of The F.R.E.S.H. Project. "Your membership will give you an inside look at what is happening with the farms growing your food around Shawano County."

There are two membership options available, with pricing based upon your annual income. Recipients will receive shares bi-weekly for seven weeks. The program is limited to 100 participants. "By staggering the prices of our CSA boxes, this will allow the opportunity for us to reach those that may not be able to afford healthier foods."

**Meat and Produce Share** – In this box, you'll receive one pound of locally grown meats, 1-2 kinds of fruits, and 3-4 kinds of vegetables. Cost: varies between \$77-\$112 for seven deliveries (Retail value: \$200)

**Produce Only Share** – In this box you'll receive a variety of 1-2 kinds of fresh fruits and 3-4 kinds of vegetables. Cost: varies between \$42-\$63 for seven deliveries (Re-

tail value: \$100)

How does it work? All you have to do is fill out a F.R.E.S.H Project CSA membership agreement at <https://forms.gle/uZJjo9eSUC3huvMq5>. For seven weeks from late June through late September, The F.R.E.S.H. Project team will prepare a package of fresh produce bi-weekly. "Investing in the CSA is a great way to have locally grown produce in your neighborhood. You will also receive special discounts on produce, learn about cooking techniques and healthy recipes for the foods in your share package," said Mendoza. "CSAs will also help our farmers plan what to grow by sharing what kinds of produce and/or meats you are interested in."

Pickup locations include Bowler, Cecil, Gresham, Shawano, Marion, Navarino, Tigerton, Wittenberg, and Keshena. The Mobile Market will also carry loose produce items for sale at a low fee for anyone at the locations determined. Schedules will be published once finalized. Questions or want to donate a CSA Membership to someone in need? Contact Barb Mendoza at 715-526-5206 or [barbara@thefreshproject.org](mailto:barbara@thefreshproject.org).

The F.R.E.S.H. Project's work is made possible through the generous support of the Mielke Foundation, and community and private donations. All these efforts are geared to fulfilling the Project's mission of "Building the foundation for healthier, accessible, and sustainable food systems by increasing food security, educating, and engaging the community." To learn about the Project, to get involved, or to donate, go to The F.R.E.S.H. Project website at [www.thefreshproject.org](http://www.thefreshproject.org).

If you're interested in receiving an absentee ballot for voting come talk to me, Jamie Mattingly, or Mr. Bill Terrio & we can help sign you up online. (<https://myvote.wi.gov>) Or if you'd like, the municipal clerk for the area will send you the sign-up paperwork if you call her. \*She's available after 4:00 PM

Municipal Clerk for Bowler Area:  
Beth Grosskopf  
Town of Bartelme - Shawano Co.  
Phone: 715-793-4491  
Email: [bg6575@frontiernet.net](mailto:bg6575@frontiernet.net)  
Mailing Address:  
N7525 Maple Rd, Bowler, WI  
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## MFC Kicks Off Men's Basketball League

By: Thomas Kazik

Looking for a little Tuesday night entertainment? The Mohican Family Center kicked off its second season of its men's basketball league on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020. This year there will be six teams competing for a year's worth of bragging rights. Cheryl Pieper, MFC Recreation Coordinator, with the assistance and guidance of Nathaniel Long, a/k/a Nano, have set up the Tuesday Night league.

The teams come from near and far to compete, bringing players from Bowler, Clintonville, Green Bay, Keshena, Neopit, Shawano, and Wittenberg. Our hometown players are Ashton Oswald, Ray Creapeau, Jaden Parker and Steven Duffek, from our neighbors to the west players

include Dominic Anderson, Blu Anderson and Jacob Vargas and rounding out the team is Legacy Skenandore from our neighbors to the north. The team name Gathering of Nations seems to fit the team, as it includes players from three different Tribes, Ho-Chunk, Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee, who are pumped and ready to battle on the hardwood.

The league follows standard high school WIAA rules and is refereed by one members of each team that have just finished playing in the previous game. The league runs for six to eight weeks, including playoffs, if you would like to catch a game or three, tipoff is at 6:00 PM, with games on the hour.

## He Acted As His High School's 'Indian.' 50 Years Later, He Calls For Ending Native American Mascots.

Activists, School Districts Push For All Native Mascots, Imagery To Be Retired



By Rob Mentzer

Richie Plass (pictured above) was 16 when he became his high school's mascot.

The school principal approached him about it, along with the basketball coach and the athletic director. The Shawano Community High School mascot at the time was the Indians. Plass is Menominee and Stockbridge/Munsee, and grew up on the Menominee Indian Reservation. He was one of maybe 15 Native Americans in the school, and the principal knew he could dance. Would he be willing, they asked, to dress up as the Shawano Indian and perform at halftime?

It was 1968. His time as mascot would last three games, and would end in tears. The experience would be with him for the rest of his life. Today, Plass is an educator and the curator of "Bittersweet Winds," an exhibit of more than 400 artifacts that show how Native Americans have been depicted in culture — from caricatured mascot

images to plastic toys and old cowboy movies. In November, more than 50 years after he graduated, he came back to Shawano High School to show the exhibit in the school library. Plass is also an activist, calling for an end to Native American mascots in schools and professional sports.

That push to retire Native mascots in Wisconsin got a statewide platform this week at a state educational association, but supporters' efforts fell short.

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards at its annual convention considered a resolution calling on all Wisconsin schools districts to retire any remaining Native American mascots, symbols and imagery. Eighteen school districts from around the state offered their support for the resolution ahead of the convention. There are about 30 high schools in Wisconsin that use Native American names or mascots. On Wednesday afternoon, the resolution failed 101-218.

The resolution was created by Wausau School Board president Tricia Zunker. Zunker, a Ho-Chunk woman who is also running for Congress as a Democrat in the 7th Congressional District, cites research showing psychological and educational harm from the mascots to both Native and non-Native students.

"It still does affect (students') perceptions," Zunker said. "And it affects their educational experience outside of the classroom."

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards is a lobbying body; it wouldn't have had the power to force any district to make a change. But the group's adoption of the resolution would have been seen as progress by those, like Plass, who argue the use of Native Americans as mascots devalues the humanity of actual Native Americans.

How Performing As Mascot Went Wrong

Before he agreed to act as Shawano's mascot, Plass went to a tribal elder to ask if he should do it.

The advice he got, Plass said: "If they want a Hollywood Indian, give them a Hollywood Indian."

He got a fake feather headdress and some moccasins mass-produced in Asia.

"Everything in (the costume) was all fake," he said. "My little necklace thing was plastic. I even had



a rubber tomahawk."

A photo in the "Bittersweet Winds" exhibit shows Richie Plass dressed as an Indian mascot in 1968. Rob Mentzer/WPR

A couple of members of the basketball team who were Native told him they supported him. He said he had classmates and friends who told him, "Hey man, show them how proud we are." When he ran out in front of the full gymnasium, the crowd cheered for him, and he spotted his parents and many people from the reservation in the crowd. It felt good.

He'd only agreed to perform once, but he said the principal convinced him to go out again at the next

game. Again he felt supported.

Then came the away game. Plass went with the team to Kaukauna, a Fox Valley city about an hour's drive away. Here, things were different. There were no friends and relatives from the reservation to cheer for him. As soon as he ran out into the gym, he said, the crowd laughed and taunted him. They made the derogatory war whoop sound stereotypically associated with Native Americans.

"And then I can specifically remember orange peels, banana peels and paper cups being thrown at me," he recalled. He backed up, toward the perimeter of the gym. "And that's when the guys in the top row started spitting on me."

Plass ran to the locker room, in tears. When the principal and the basketball coach came in to talk to him, he told them he quit.

The whole experience, he says now, shows the psychological toll the use of Native American mascots can take. It's why Plass still talks about the experience decades later. And it's why he makes little distinction between mascots that use Native imagery in a cartoonish way and those that use more restrained images. By their nature, he says, they reduce Native people to stereotypes.

Plass is still deeply engaged with the issue. In October, the Clintonville School District in Waupaca County canceled its homecoming football game and dance after a video posted online showed a group of students doing a mock tribal dance at a school pep rally. Later that month, Clintonville invited Plass to display "Bittersweet Winds" at the school. From there, he went on to Milwaukee and Washington, D.C. before returning to show the exhibit in Shawano.

The exhibit includes artifacts from the 19th century to the present, and a huge range of depictions of Native American images. Many of them are thoughtless stereotypes — plastic "peace" pipes ("They're pipes," Plass said. "'Peace pipe' is a white man's word"), glassware with cartoon Natives on them. Some are openly racist, such as a sign from a bar in 1928 Oklahoma that reads "No liquor served to Indians after sundown." Other artifacts are positive images, including images of Native lacrosse players or from the film "Smoke Signals," written and directed by Native Americans.

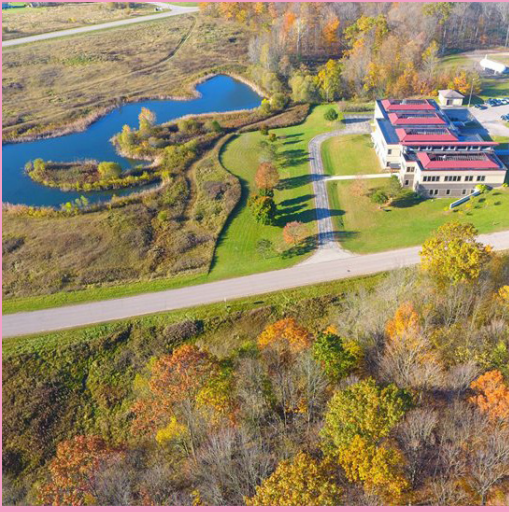
Plass said the point of the exhibit is to show a range of depictions, and allow viewers to consider the images and their effects for themselves.

In Shawano, as in Clintonville and elsewhere, Plass said he had a warm, respectful reaction from students, who showed interest in the exhibit. In 1993, Shawano High School changed its mascot

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# Wishing for Warmer Weather



Drone Footage of the Clinic



The Bowl At the Powwow Grounds



Veterans Building City A



Tribal Seal on the Water Tower



Eunice Stick Gathering Place



New Pine Hills Golf Course Deck



Mr. Bingo



Gerald Miller



Lee Miller



Grill Master Steven Duffek



Stockbridge Little League



Quinn Miller



Public Safety Vehicles



Winged Wonders in the park



Fun at Public Safety



# Wishing for Warmer Weather



Motorcycle Ride at Northstar



Northstar Casino Car Show



Community Bike Ride



Pine Hills Golf Course



WGRA Golf Outing



Drone Footage of Pine Hills Golf Course



Gresham Parade



Gresham Parade



Gresham Parade



Swimming at the Lake



Powwow Weekend



Language Camp in the Park



Kayaking



Powwow Weekend



Lacrosse in the Park





## Community

### When to wash your hands

As you touch people, surfaces and objects throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your hands. You can infect yourself with these germs by touching your eyes, nose or mouth, or spread them to others. Although it's impossible to keep your hands germ-free, washing your hands frequently can help limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses and other microbes.

Always wash your hands before:

- Preparing food or eating
- Treating wounds or caring for a sick person
- Inserting or removing contact lenses

Always wash your hands after:

- Preparing food
- Using the toilet, changing a diaper or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- Touching an animal, animal feed or animal waste
- Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- Treating wounds or caring for a sick person
- Handling garbage
- Handling pet food or pet treats

Also, wash your hands when they are visibly dirty.

### How to wash your hands

It's generally best to wash your hands with soap and water. Over-the-counter antibacterial soaps are no more effective at killing germs than is regular soap. Follow these steps:

- Wet your hands with clean, running water — either warm or cold.

- Apply soap and lather well. Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Remember to scrub all surfaces, including the

- backs of your hands, wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails. Rinse well.

- Dry your hands with a clean towel or air-dry them.

### How to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers, which don't require water, are an acceptable alternative when soap and water aren't available. If you use a hand sanitizer, make sure the product contains at least 60% alcohol. Follow these steps:

- Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand. Check the label to find out the appropriate amount.
- Rub your hands together.
- Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry.

### Kids need clean hands, too

Help children stay healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands frequently. Wash your hands with your child to show him or her how it's done. To prevent rushing, suggest washing hands for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If your child can't reach the sink on his or her own, keep a step stool handy.

Be sure to supervise young children using alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Swallowing alcohol-based sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning. Store the container safely away after use.

### A simple way to stay healthy

Handwashing offers great rewards in terms of preventing illness. Adopting this habit can play a major role in protecting your health.

## Renowned Comedian, Jeff Foxworthy, Coming to North Star Mohican Casino Resort

**BOWLER, WISCONSIN** – North Star Mohican Casino Resort proudly presents Jeff Foxworthy, largest selling comedy-recording artist in history, to perform in the Orion Event Center on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Widely known for his redneck jokes, Foxworthy's act goes well beyond that to explore the humor in everyday family interactions and human nature, a style that has been compared to Mark Twain's.

Foxworthy hosted the FOX television game show "Are You Smarter Than A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader" for several seasons, including its return to primetime this past fall.

He hosted three seasons of "The American Bible Challenge" for GSN, had an animated series "Bounty Hunters" on CMT, hosted the reality series "The American Baking Competition" for CBS Television Network and narrated the Lifetime reality show "The Week the Women Left".

Jeff executive produced and starred in, Foxworthy's Big Night Out and the television series, Blue Collar TV, which he created for the WB network. Blue Collar TV came about due to the success of Blue Collar Comedy Tour,

The Movie and the concert tour of the same name. The movie premiered on Comedy Central and was the highest rated movie in the channel's history. To date the movie has sold more than 4 million units.

The soundtrack for this movie has been RIAA certified gold (more than 500,000 units).

North Star Mohican Casino Resort, known as the friendliest casino in Wisconsin, is pleased to have Jeff Foxworthy in the area after much success in previous Midwest shows.

"Jeff Foxworthy undeniably relates to many people in this area which is why I believe he'll do so well here" said Michael Bonakdar, General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort. "It's pretty substantial that we can bring such big national acts to a rural area such as Bowler."

Foxworthy will perform in The Orion Event Center at North Star Mohican Casino Resort on May 15<sup>th</sup> with doors opening at 7:00pm.

In addition to live performances and concerts, The Orion Event Center can be reserved for a variety of occasions including corporate receptions, seminars,

weddings and more.

**Tickets are \$99 and are available for purchase February 21<sup>st</sup> at [www.northstarcasinoresort.com/entertainment/](http://www.northstarcasinoresort.com/entertainment/)**

### North Star Mohican Casino Resort

Known as the "Midwest's Friendliest Casino," North Star Mohican Casino Resort is nestled in the breathtaking North Woods of Wisconsin.

Not only is it home to 1,200 of your favorite slots, a wide array of table games, bingo, and exciting daily and weekly promotions, it also offers the best in player rewards and benefits with its exclusive Star Club.

To complement the excitement of the casino, North Star offers multiple venues for dining, crafts and drafts that will delight any preference.

Check out Embers Grill for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Relax at The Groove for draft beers and American favorites or visit Aroma Deli & Café for a sandwich or a quick bite. Need a break? Grab a cocktail at the center of it all, The Gravity Bar.

The resort offers a hotel with comfortable rooms, luxurious yet charming suites, full-service RV parking, fitness center, meeting rooms and business center.

Guests can enjoy playing 9 or 18 holes surrounded by lush, natural beauty at Pine Hills Golf.

Looking for unparalleled entertainment? North Star Mohican Casino Resort is known for its sprawling venue, The Orion Event Center, that features HUGE acts such as Foreigner, Theory of a Deadman, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Trace Adkins, Gabriel Iglesias, Cheap Trick and Michael Carbonaro to name a few.

No matter what you're looking for, North Star Mohican Casino Resort is truly where there is more: more action, fun, entertainment and rewards!

Owned and operated by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, this destination resort and casino is located within an hour drive of Green Bay, North of Hwy 29.

To learn more visit [northstarcasinoresort.com](http://northstarcasinoresort.com) or call a friendly member of the team at (800) 952-0195.



## April is National Cancer Control Month

### What is National Cancer Control Month?

It is a reminder of factors that can reduce cancer risk.

### What are ways you can prevent or find cancer early?

- Screening Tests which include: breast, cervical, and colon.
- Vaccines: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Hepatitis B.
- Healthy Choices: Maintaining a healthy weight, avoiding tobacco, limiting the amount of alcohol consumed, and protecting your skin.

Any questions about screenings or vaccines, please contact  
Courtney Schwefel, LPN at 715-793-5013.



**Plas cont from page Seven:**  
from the Indians to the Hawks.  
Decades Of Protest To Change  
Mascots

Isabella Saiz, 14, and her friends protest the name and mascot of Washington's NFL team outside Lambeau Field in Green Bay on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019. Megan Hart/WPR

When the Washington, D.C.'s NFL team came to Green Bay in December, Plass was one of the protesters that greeted them at Lambeau Field with drumming, chanting and protest signs. The team attracts protests because its name is a racial slur, and it is the most high-profile example of such a name. But there are hundreds of teams across the country that employ Native imagery, as well as dozens in Wisconsin.

Barbara Munson, who was at the Lambeau Field protest, has been pushing to eliminate Native American mascots for decades.

"We started in 1997 to work together and in concert with others to work toward elimination of race-based Indian mascots from Wisconsin public schools," Munson said. "Since that time, we've seen 36 Indian mascots change in the state of Wisconsin and that's really good, but there's still 29 left."

Munson's message to those districts is simple: "Really, it's time for a change."

A group drummed Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, during a protest against the mascot of Washington's NFL team at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Megan Hart/WPR

A few days after that Lambeau Field protest, one more Wisconsin district made the change. The Menomonee Falls School Board voted to change its mascot from the Indians. The divided school board there took the vote after protests from parents who called on the school to resist changing the mascot.

At the Lambeau Field protest, Isabella Saiz, 14, summed up her views on the debate.

"We are people," Saiz said. "We will never be mascots."

Editor's note: Megan Hart contributed reporting.

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## Expanded Pharmacy Hours

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy will be open from 8:00am until 5:30pm, including the lunch hour. The pharmacy asks all patients to take advantage of the extra hour. Please note the pharmacy frequently gets busy on Friday afternoons and on days before a holiday. If possible, please pick up your medications earlier in the week. We hope the added hour will help by expanding access for patients throughout the week, and better serve all patients.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Indigenous Health and Wellness Day**  
**April 23-24, 2020**  
**Madison College & UW Madison**  
**Madison College Powwow, April 25, 2020**  
\*Open to Middle and High School Students\*  
\*Lodging Provided\*  
Registration Contact NACHP: [nachp@hslc.wisc.edu](mailto:nachp@hslc.wisc.edu)  
Travel Assistance Contact GLITC: [ameza@glitc.org](mailto:ameza@glitc.org)

NACHP NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
INDIGENOUS HEALTH AND WELLNESS DAY  
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
GLITC

## 2020 Summer Youth Work Experience Program

Stockbridge-Munsee Education and Career Services

**When:** Summer Youth will start **June 15th** and end by **August 21st**, 2020

**Where:** Stockbridge-Munsee Community

**Who is Eligible:** Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled youth who are between the ages of 14-18 as of June 15th. Also, direct descendants may participate if their established residency for the 19/20 school year was within the townships of Bartelme or Red Springs, excluding Middle Village and including Bowler and Gresham. This means direct descendants must submit the last report card received with home address on it, with application to be considered.

If new to the program the youth **MUST** submit proof of enrollment or descendant verification

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

**Applications available:** S/M Education Office, at Bowler School, Harold Katchenago, Jeff DePerry or Abby Behnke and Gresham School, Nancy Buettner .

**Deadline:** Completed applications **must be dated** as received by Education Office staff no later than **Thursday, May 7th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**



W13447 Camp 14 Road  
P.O. Box 70  
Bowler, WI 54416

Phone: 715-793-4353  
or 715-793-4100  
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# Education

**Stockbridge Munsee Community  
Electa Quinney Head Start  
Pre-school program for children ages 3-5 years old**

**Now Accepting Applications for  
2020/21 School Year**



**Children must be 3 years old on/before September 1, 2020**

Priority is given to Stockbridge Munsee and Tribal Families;

Families must meet Federal Income Guidelines

**Head Start is also open to ...**

**Children with Special Needs ♦ Homeless Children ♦ Children in Foster Care**



**Give Your Child a Head Start .....**

**Breakfast & Lunch**

**Safe & Interactive environment**

**School Readiness Skills**

**Cultural Activities**

**Socialization**

**Parent Engagement Experiences**



**Applications can be acquired by: Calling: 715-793-4993**

**They are available through the mail or email**

**Application Deadline June 19, 2020**

**Pick one up at Head Start: W13429 Cherry St. Bowler, WI**

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Stockbridge Munsee Head Start does not discriminate based on disabilities.**

## Gardening Classes

**Mohican Family Center**

**12:00-1:00pm**

RSVP to Kellie Zahn, Agriculture Agent, at 715-793-3031 or  
kellie.zahn@mohican.com 1 week before the class



**March 10th  
Seed Starting:  
Onions,  
Peppers &  
Tomatoes**

**April 14th  
Seed Starting:  
Cucumbers,  
Broccoli &  
Squash**

**May 12th  
Container  
Gardening  
Pots, soil, and  
seeds provided**

## Leaders say border wall blasting typical of feds' neglect of tribes



Earthmoving equipment clears a path up Monument Hill in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, just west of Lukeville, where a 30-foot-tall steel barrier is to be erected. Advocates and Tohono O'odham Nation officials are concerned about damage to the environment, lands sacred to indigenous people and potential impact on migrating animals. (Photo by Annabella Piunti/Cronkite News)

By MacKinley Lutes-Adlhoch  
Cronkite News

WASHINGTON — Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris said the "controlled blasting" for a border wall that will ultimately cut through his reservation is just the latest example of the federal government ignoring its duty to consult with tribes.

Federal agencies involved in border wall construction "are in violation of their own policies since meaningful consultations have not been held with the Tohono O'odham Nation," Norris said in a statement Monday.

The statement was in response to reports that crews have begun blasting Monument Hill in the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument — an area that includes a burial ground sacred to the Tohono O'odham.

Customs and Border Protection in a statement confirmed that contractors have started blasting in the area and said it "will continue to have an environmental monitor present during these activities as well as on-going clearing activities."

That was little comfort to critics, who noted that that federal government has exercised its "Section 102" authority to waive regulations, including consultation with tribes and environmental rules, if they could get in the way of border wall construction.

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Tucson, said the environmental monitor "is basically collecting a check because there's nothing he or she can do" with the environmental protections waived. He complained in a January letter to the Department of Homeland Security that the Trump administration is using that authority at "an unprecedented and irresponsible rate."

But Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Prescott, defended the use of waivers in areas like Organ Pipe, which

"current environmental laws make ... much more difficult for law enforcement to patrol and secure." "I'm grateful that President Trump has decided to put American lives first and foremost, and I fully support ongoing efforts to secure our border," Gosar said in a statement released by his office Monday.

The project in question is not on the Tohono O'odham reservation, which straddles the U.S.-Mexico border for 62 miles, but is on land in the adjacent national monument that is culturally significant to the tribe.

Grijalva visited the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument with Norris and other tribal members on Jan. 23, accompanied by an archaeologist who identified Monument Hill as a burial ground for Apache warriors and sacred to the O'odham. The sacred sites the group visited in the region also included burial grounds, villages and ceremonial grounds, dating back as long as 10,000 years, according to a spokesperson for Grijalva's office.

Construction in the area already uncovered human remains, and since the January visit at least one area where artifacts were discovered has been bulldozed to build a road for wall construction crews. The Grijalva spokesperson called it the equivalent of digging up Arlington National Cemetery.

Norris raised many of those concerns in a Nov. 13 letter to Customs and Border Patrol seeking answers to questions that came up in an October conference call with officials from CBP, the Department of Homeland Security and the Army Corps of Engineers. In that call, tribal officials said they learned, among other things, that construction crews were using up to 84,000 gallons on groundwater a day on wall construction and that government officials could

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# Got Game?



## Want to Test Your Skills?

Stop down to the Mohican Family Center, to sign your team up for the Mother of All 3 on 3s, being held April 17-19, 2020, in Seymour.

**CATEGORIES:** Youth, Varsity, Coed, Women and Men

Entry fee \$100.00 per team paid by the Mohican Family Center, entry fee guarantees 3 games

Registration Forms turned in to MFC by March 31, 2020

A \$20.00 per player deposit is required when signing up your team. Players will receive their deposit back, when they report for their first game of the tournament.

For more information, please contact the Mohican Family Center at 715-793-4080.

<https://www.seymourthunderbasketball.com/mother-of-all-33-20201.html>

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

### Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey; Present  
Jolene Bowman; Present  
Terrie Terrio; Present  
Jeremy Mohawk; Present  
Martin Welch; Present  
Marv Malone; Present  
Craig Kroening Jr.; Present

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

**ADD:** Letter of Nomination for seat on the STAC at HHS

Fiber Optic Network Business Agreement

National Board Representation

**REMOVE:** Tribal Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan Enrollment Policies

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, March 3 as amended. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

### MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Thursday, February 20, 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Monday, February 24, 2020. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

### DONATIONS-

**MISD Scholarship Gala-Wendell Waukau**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve a donation to the Menominee Indian School District. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**Shawano County Land Conservation Dept.-Scott Frank**

and Terry Nelson

Motion by Jolene Bowman to donate to the Shawano County Land Conservation Department. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**Big Brother Big Sister-Melanie Smith**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve a charitable donation to Big Brother Big Sister. Seconded by Jolene Bowman.

Motion maker amends motion to change the donation amount. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**Gresham Scholarship Fund-Robert Klopke**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the donation request for the Gresham Scholarship Fund. Seconded by Jeremy. Motion carried.

**NATIONAL TRIBAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATION-Regina Williams**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the representation of the Tribe to Reggie Williams on the National Tribal Child Support March meeting. Seconded by Martin Welch.

**Roll call:** Jeremy yes, Marv yes, Jolene no (no parameters or criteria so that it could be offer to other Tribal Members), Terrie yes, Martin yes and Craig yes. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: December 2019 and January 2020 (posting)-Amanda Stevens, CFO**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to post the December 2019 and January 2020 financials. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**SM COMMUNITY LOAN VERSUS FUNDING-Brian McDonald, CIO and Amanda Stevens, CFO**

Motion by Martin Welch to go with Option #1 using existing tribal



## Directives

funds not to exceed a set amount. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion maker amends motion to add that there will be continuation of seeking of additional funding to offset the cost. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**SM COMMUNITY BUSINESS AGREEMENT-Brian McDonald, CIO**

Motion by Martin Welch to enter into a business agreement with Wittenberg Telephone for the purpose of the fiber optic network. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**GM, CASINO, BINGO & PINE HILLS FINANCIALS-Michael Bonakdar, GM**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM's report, the Casino, Bingo and Pine Hills financials. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

**POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES-Joleen Kroening, Commission Member**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Police & Fire Commission Meeting minutes. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**POLICIES: AMBER Alert and Collections of Digital Evidence-Bridget Swank, Senior Counsel; Jim Hoffman, Chief of Police and Robert Vele, Police & Fire Commission Chairperson**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to adopt the new policies 318 AMBER Alert and 411 Collection of Digital Evidence. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**MONUMENT MOUNTAIN TRAIL REMAINING-Heather Bruegl, Director of Cultural Affairs**

Motion by Craig Kroening, Jr to approve Cultural Affairs to submit name options to the Trustees of Reservations for renaming Squaw Peak and Indian Monument Trail. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrie.

Motion maker amends motion to include Jeremy's suggestion of a sign with the word Peeskawso to show where the word came with a potential follow up. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: NPS Tribal Heritage Fund Grant-Heather Bruegl, Director of Cultural Affairs**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution 043-20, WHEREAS, The National Parks Service has made funds available to assist Indian Tribes in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions through the Historic Preservation Fund; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council authorizes

the submission of this application to the National Parks Service-FY 2020 Tribal Heritage Grant Program requesting federal funds for the "Indian Town: Mohican History in Stockbridge" project. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**OAK STREET LIFT STATION BID-Kelly LaMere, Utilities Supervisor**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to award the bid to Sabel Mechanical LLC. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

**EDUCATION & CAREER SERVICES HANDBOOK-**

**Roberta Carrington, Ed. Board Member**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the updates to the Education and Career Services Handbook as recommended by the Education Board. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

**EDUCATION BOARD VACANCY-**

**Roberta Carrington, Ed. Board Member**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Education Board's recommendation to post the Board seat vacancy with the term ending October 2020. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrie. Motion carried.

**BUDGET MODIFICATION: EPA GAP GRANT-Linda**

**Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve budget modification #1. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**LETTER OF NOMINATION FOR SEAT ON THE STAC AT HHS-**

**Jolene Bowman**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrie to appoint Vice President Dr. Jolene Bowman to the STAC as a representative for the Bemidji area on behalf of our Tribe. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 5:45 PM.

Motion Martin Welch to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:09 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the audit recommendation for the following program 207 Ecology. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**OPEN AGENDA (7:00 PM/ Conclusion of Agenda)-**

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:20 PM.



**Wall cont from page Twelve:** not provide a map or schedule for the project. Norris also requested formal consultation with the tribe. "While CBP has solicited input from the general public on the Arizona border infrastructure project, and has engaged in limited email and telephonic discussions with the Nation (primarily with staff), these actions do not constitute government-to-government consultation with the Nation's leadership," Norris wrote in November. Consultation after border wall decisions are made does not satisfy the requirement, he wrote. Federal agencies have policies in place requiring "meaningful consultations" with tribes "whenever an action significantly affects Indian lands, tribal rights or

protected tribal resources," Norris' Monday statement said. When there was no response to that letter, Grijalva on Jan. 7 repeated the requests for consultation in a letter to the acting secretary of Homeland Security. As of Monday, neither Norris nor Grijalva had received responses to **their letters**. While CBP responded to questions about the project Monday with only a short statement, an official responding to questions about the Section 102 waivers in December said the agency is careful to protect sites, even where it has a waiver. The official also noted that there are currently no plans for construction on the Tohono O'odham Nation – even though Section 102 waivers are in place there.

The official said in December that CBP identifies "best construction management practices to minimize impacts on the environment to the greatest extent possible." But National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp said Monday that consultation before action is vital to Native communities. "While we may have relinquished vast millions of acres of land across this country in exchange for treaty promises, we never relinquished our spiritual connections to the lands that we occupy," Sharp said.

Grijalva said he hopes Homeland Security can "let go of their arrogance for just a minute and realize the consequences." "You're effectively destroying a tribe's identity," Grijalva said. "As hard as they have fought to retain their identity, in one final blow, it's gone." – Cronkite News reporter McKenzie Sadeghi contributed to this report. For more stories from Cronkite News, visit [cronkitenews.azpbs.org](http://cronkitenews.azpbs.org).

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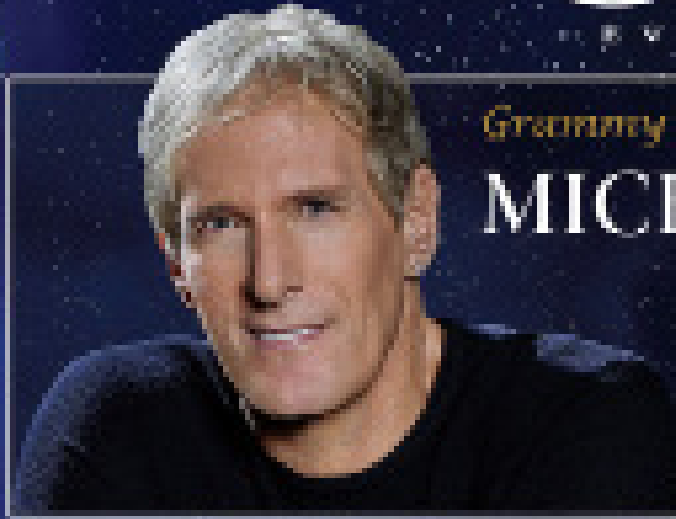
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