

THPO in New York



Nathan Allison

The past is recognized when we choose to listen and honor it. At times it can go unnoticed and forgotten. The past lives within us making up our social and cultural identities, constantly helping us to better understand our present, while shaping our futures. It can be sad and or inspiring. For some, the past can be boring, a seemingly random listing of dates, places, and names that, in the eyes of a younger person trying to get through their social studies or history class, may mean little. Yet, as we grow older, perhaps wiser (in some instances), we start to see how the past, present, and future are connected. Events, places, and past peoples are intertwined and inform who we are and who we want to be as individuals and members of our own respective communities. We begin to understand the importance of the past.

Located in Troy, New York amongst the ancestral homelands of the Hudson Valley, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office's mission in Historic Preservation is aimed at identifying, interpreting, and protecting the Tribe's rich cultural and historical past.

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Class of 2020

To the Class of 2020 the Mohican Nation extends our congratulations and well wishes and wants to acknowledge how very proud we are of you and your hard work.

We recognize for thousands of high school seniors, college students and parents across our area, graduation season signifies both endings and beginnings. Traditions and celebrations like graduations provide a rite of passage from one season to another. Symbolic moments serve as spiritual, relational and emotional transitions to highlight parts of our lives we can let go and aspects of our future we can grab onto.

At times like this we tend to question whether graduation is merely the closing of one door and opening of another, or is it a time to reflect and connect with one another in a deeper way? The pandemic challenges of COVID 19 has impressed upon that deepening of connection. Accepting the ending and uncovering the beginning is critical to the health and well-being of your life before, during and after graduation.

It is Important to recognize this rite of passage formally and to also reflect and empathize with one another's feelings of loss, sadness, excitement and joy that will not only help us align expectations and feelings but strengthen our connection to one another during these most challenging times. The Mohican Nation is committed too and will find a way to recognize and celebrate you and your amazing milestone in the coming

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Tribal Council to Extends Shutdown

The COVID-19 pandemic we're all living through is scary and life-changing. It's one of those things we'll tell our grandchildren about—on par with the way life changed during relocation, boarding schools, world wars or the Great Depression. It's bigger than a lot of previous social shifts, not only because of its tragic outcomes, but also because it's affecting so many of us at once and changing every aspect of life from the most significant (work, income, health) to the mundane (the availability of basic products). With unique and uncertain times, bring unique challenges. While we have faced challenges before, this one is different, this time we join with all people across the world in a common endeavor, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal and rise to the occasion.

We are at a time where we must, as a tribe, make adjustments as we continue to address the unique challenges due to impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus), pandemic situation and extension of order, and must now also address and adjust our original timeframe to safely reopen our business and



Strength, Hope, Resilience

government operations. Due to the continuation of public health conditions and governmental isolation orders, the Tribal Council has determined that it is necessary to extend its operational shutdown, except for essential services, until May 24, 2020. The Tribe intends to resume our normal operations on May 26, 2020.

The Tribal Council continues to implement measures to ensure the financial stability and safe operation of our organization daily. As a result, we find ourselves at a difficult crossroad that required us to make some very difficult personnel decisions, which was

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Jake Schellinger knows 'his material better than anybody I've ever worked with,' says NCAI's chief executive

By Kolby KickingWoman - Indian Country Today

When Jake Schellinger first visited the National Congress of American Indians Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2011, he immediately knew it was a place he'd one day want to work if the opportunity presented itself.

Schellinger was then a student at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and he was spending the summer in the nation's capital for the Udall Foundation's Native American Congressional internship program. He recalls being impressed by the building, the people who worked there and



the fact that tribal governments had an embassy in Washington, D.C.

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2020 FREE SPRING CLEANUP - June 1st, 2020*



Dear Stockbridge-Munsee Community,

All items collected curbside are **NOT RECYCLED**, but disposed of in a landfill. Recycling or reusing items by passing them on to others can save landfill space, limit costs and help others. Items to reuse include; board games, clothes, toys, bicycles, construction and home remodeling supplies, music CD's, DVD's, desks and wooden furniture, stacks of paper, toys, rigid plastic playsets, books, etc. Anything that you can donate to Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity or schools can be reused.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEANUP

When? Place items curbside beginning Monday, May 25th
Have ALL items curbside by **5am on Monday, June 1st**
Who? Tribal Curbside Residential Customers in **Bartelme ONLY**
What? No Construction Debris, Hazardous Material, or Tires

Furniture: **FREE** pickup for **ONLY** the items listed below during spring cleanup...

Couch/Sofa	Mattress or Box Spring	Sink
Chair/Recliner	Dresser	Toilet
Bed Frame/Head Board	Cabinet	Grill
Window	Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)	Doors
Large Plastic Toy/Furniture	Carpet Roll (5ft or less)	Bike

Volume: Total Volume **MUST NOT** exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (About the size of 4 ft tall x 5 ft long x 5 ft wide container)

*THIS DATE IS TENTATIVE AS WE DEAL WITH COVID-19, PLEASE CHECK THE TRIBAL WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

ATTENTION

Mohican Loan Forbearance Notification

If you've been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) and are having difficulty making payments on loans that are owned by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, we're here to help you explore your options.

The Tribe has authorized a one-time loan forbearance on home, business, personal, or student loans with the tribe for a period of four months without interest or late penalties.

Please visit mohican.com, in the services category, under loans, and you will see the forbearance option. You can fill out the form online and submit. If you are having issues with the form or do not know your account number(s) please email Tanya.

For more info please email Loan Manager Tanya Miller at tanya.miller@mohican-nsn.gov or 715-793-4861 for details.

S-M Tribal Council Curfew Notification

As an additional way to limit transmission of the COVID-19 and protect our community, the Tribal Council enacts a reservation-wide curfew. This curfew is from 10 PM to 6 AM daily and is lasting until the end of the tribal Public Health State of Emergency. People who are away from their homes during curfew hours are considered to be trespassing and will be cited for a violation of Section 16.9 (B) of tribal law and subject to a \$500 fine.

This curfew supplements the existing limitation on gatherings of 10 or more people established under the self-isolation order. People can still travel for legitimate business purposes or for reasons of safety. Law enforcement, fire

department, and EMS personnel are authorized to travel during curfew hours. The curfew also does not prevent travel by persons due to an emergency, such as a health emergency that requires transport to a hospital or if people need to leave a location to ensure the safety of themselves or their children.

Community members who need to travel during curfew hours such as for travel to and from work should provide prior notice of their hours of travel and reason for travel to the Tribe by emailing the information to Chief of Police Jim Hoffman at jim.hoffman@mohican-nsn.gov or calling at (715)793-4394.

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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NOTICE TO DESCENDANTS

Purchased/Referred Care Service Funding has nearly been exhausted for the 2020 Fiscal year. As announced in the past, Purchased/Referred Care funds, which are federal funds used to pay for medical services that cannot be provided at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, are limited. PRC funds usually deplete within the first half of each fiscal year, then funding is provided by the tribe using Tribally Funded Referral Service funds.

The date for the transfer of funds will be **June 1st, 2020**, all referrals made for after this date will follow the TFRS rules. If you have any questions, please call the PRC staff at 715-793-4144.

Enrolled, first generation and second-generation descendants of

the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe are eligible for PRC funds. Once these funds are exhausted the TFRS funds cover enrolled, first generation are on a priority system and second generation are no longer covered.

All first generation are now on medical priority level one, per the Stockbridge-Munsee Purchased/Referred Care Medical Priority Guidelines, priority one means Emergency, threat to life, limb, senses (diagnosis and treatment of injuries or conditions that, if left untreated, result in uncertain/potentially grave outcome.

If you have any questions, please call, the Purchased/Referred Care manager, Kasha Coyhis or Health Center Director, Andrew Miller at 715-793-4144.

Employee Assistance Program

Just a reminder that the Employee Assistance Program is available because life is stressful and sometimes overwhelming for us all.

EAP is available to employees and eligible family/household members including spouses, de-

pendents and others living in the household. When you call you just need to say you are a SMC employee/family member.

The phone number is 920-749-2390 or 800-236-3666.

FOREST ROAD RE-OPENING

EFFECTIVE Monday, April 20, 2020

All forest roads will be again open to all motorized vehicle traffic. Please use care if you do encounter a logging road that is in less than ideal condition.

Education and Career Services Updates

Education Office is Open please call ahead (715)793-4060

College Internship program activities this year.

This year all program activities for both Summer Youth and College Internship are cancelled. The Governor safer at home order and the steps detailed out in the Badger Bounce Back plan as said by the Governor, "are more like turning a dial versus flipping a switch". As such, to keep all safe we are cancelling all Summer Youth and

The Senior Banquet will be postponed or we may be celebrating it differently than what was done in prior years. We look forward to commemorating this wonderful accomplishment with you all.

Shannon Holsey

President

Class continued from page One: days ahead.

You have gotten through a very difficult challenge and should take that fierce resolve forward in everything you do. Demonstrated further by your determination, resiliency, and tenacity Don't let temporary setbacks become permanent excuses. And, finally, use challenges and adversity as opportunities.

In the most general sense, talent is the sum of a person's abilities—his or her intrinsic gifts, skills, knowledge, experience, intelligence, judgment, attitude, character, and drive. It also includes his or her ability to learn and grow you have already demonstrated

that by your accomplishment and we hope you will continue to carry those resounding qualities into your future.

So here are our final words of advice as you embark on your next big adventure —Mark Twain framed it best, The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." Take risk, travel (soon), live your best life fearlessly with love and a great sense of adventure. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Tornado and Hazard Weather Shelter Plan

These plans are only activated during the COVID-19 2020 Pandemic Crisis

Definitions:

Shelter- something that covers or affords protection; which a person is protected from storms.

Tornado Watch- Be Prepared! -Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area

Tornado Warning- Take Action! - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar

Healthy- no cold or flu-like symptoms

Sick-showing signs of cold or flu-like symptoms

Infected - Confirmed as having COVID-19.

Infected Community Members must be isolated/quarantined from those who are not infected.

Health screening questions and temperatures will need to be taken before allowing community members to enter a shelter. (see questions listed below)

We have three shelters available to the public during Hazardous Weather Emergencies

1. Moshubee Apartments Basements
2. Mohican Family Center
3. Tornado Shelter- located north of the Family Center **will be used by only confirmed COVID-19**

Shelters will be opened once a Severe Weather/Tornado watch is activated.

This will allow Elderly and Community members without basements to safely go to the shelters before a storm turns into a warning.

Manning the Shelters

Family Center staff member Cheryl Hill will man the Family Center.

One of the Elderly Staff will man the Moshubee Apartment basement for the Elders.

Tornado Shelter will be manned by Fire Chief or designee.

The Fire Chief has added to Fire Department's SOP's once a severe storm/tornado watch is activated, (if needed will open the Tornado Shelter-nights and weekend), the Fire Fighter will also drop off a portable radio to shelters needing a portable radio, two Streamlight Fire Vulcan Flashlight/Lantern to the Tornado shelter (due to no electrical power), and will periodically check on the shelters. Property and Equipment will sanitize the building or room used by those who are sick.

Accountability logbook or sign in/sign sheet out of all persons entering the shelter will be maintained by staff assigned to each shelter.

Everyone using the shelters will be given a mask to protect themselves and others. **Masks must always be worn by everyone while in the shelters.**

Shelters: The capacity is calculated based on the square footage of each room. The minimum spacing is 6 feet per person standing or 8 feet per person sitting.

FAMILY CENTER – The Family Center Bathrooms/Locker rooms are 450 square footage each. The Family Center has the capacity for 54 people, 27 in each bathroom/locker room.

Healthy Community Members will report to the Family Center's **MENS** bathrooms/locker room and maintain the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council. **Sick Community Members** will report to the Family Center's **WOMENS** bathroom/locker room and maintain the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council. **NOTE:** if more than 27 Healthy Community Members come to the Family Center for shelter, this number may need to be increased in order to keep them separated from the sick.

Healthy Community Members and Sick Community Members, after putting on their mask will enter the east doors to the Family Center and go directly to their assigned Bathrooms/Locker rooms.

TORNADO SHELTER – The Tornado shelter is 1071 square feet. The Tornado Shelter has the capacity for 89 people and will maintain the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council

All Infected Community Members will use the Tornado Shelter, located north of the Family Center.

MOSHUBEE Apartment Basement – The Moshubee Apartment Basement is 2,898 Moshubee Apartment Basement is able to sustain 241 Elders with the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council. **Elders** will report to the Moshubee apartment basement. **Key Holders-**

Elderly-Elderly Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Property and Equipment Staff.

Family Center-Family Center Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Property and Equipment Staff.

Tornado Shelter-Property and Equipment Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Emergency Manager.

Health Screening Questions

1. Have you had a fever above 100 degrees in the last 24 hours?
2. Do you have any flu like symptoms?
3. Have you been with someone who has had the flu? (If so when?)
4. Any difficulty breathing, cough, respiratory symptoms?
5. Have you traveled outside of a 60-mile radius in the last 14 days?

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Capturing History

Heather Bruegl

Director of Cultural Affairs

These are trying and uncertain times. Some days it can seem quite hopeless. But if we look to history, we know that we have overcome trials before. We are able to read about what happened during other worldwide events such as the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. We have first hand accounts of what happened during this time. We know what people were doing and how they were handling things and what daily life looked like. Historians all over the world captured the histories of these uncertain times and hopefully we were able to learn about them.

This time is just as crucial as pandemics in the past. The Covid-19 pandemic is changing the way that we are living our lives from day to day. And because of these changes, we want to hear from you. We are historians and it is our duty to capture history as it is

happening. How is the pandemic changing your life? What has it been like living through this? Please submit your stories so that we at the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library and Museum can archive them and keep a record of life during this pandemic. You can submit written documentation, video clips, photos, etc. We will take anything. Please submit your histories to:

Via email: heather.bruegl@mohican-nsn.gov, Subject line: Covid-19 History
Mail: AEMMLM, Attn: Heather Bruegl-Covid-19 History N8510 MohHeConNuck Rd., Bowler, WI 54111

These are trying times that we are living in, but these are times where we can show the world how we handled this pandemic. We can tell our stories in our own words. Thank you so much for taking the time to share your history. Stay home and stay safe.

Koolamalsi Mohican Nation

Let's Love our language. Our language is beautiful. Let's not lose our language.

This is an opportune time for families to learn together. Using mohicanlanguage.com where there is a talking dictionary in Mahican and an upper tab will take you to Munsee dictionary.

You can decide which one you want to learn as a family or try both. You will see many similarities.

Search for and convert these sentences or words into the language of your choice.

1. Greetings, How are you? _____
2. One answer to the question: I am _____
3. What is your name? _____
4. My name is? _____
5. Where are you from? _____
6. I am from _____
7. My clan (family animal) is _____

Please answer in full sentences not just answer the question with one word.

I hope you enjoy this lesson.

It's safer at home. If you go out wear a mask or scarf over your nose and mouth and face. Ktahwahlul

Maaliish Miller, Language Manager

***After you find your answers, submit your filled-out sheet, and you will be entered into a raffle to win a prize from the museum gift shop!**

Entries must be received by May 6, 2020. All entries please submit by email to heather.bruegl@mohican-nsn.gov*

Shutdown cont from page One: not easy to do, or lightly decided upon.

The Tribal Council recognizes the impact that this shutdown will have on our employees, which include many members of our Tribe and their family members and cannot stress enough how deeply we care about your wellbeing.

We all love to reminisce. That's part of life. And as long as we keep moving forward, we realize how important it is to look back with laughter and happiness at the great blessings in our lives. We're defined by what we've learned and the people who helped shape us into the women and men we are today. The product of who we become is a powerful sum of maturity and lessons learned.

In fact, the roots of the word "emergency" come from the Latin "emergere" meaning to rise up or out. Here are a handful of lessons we'll surely learn—by building our capabilities for the years to come as we face this uncertainty together and rising to the occasion, as you're stretching beyond any limits you might have thought you had—not by choice—but by necessity.

The good news is these hard times can be the catalyst for new habits, behaviors and lessons. We're finding perspective by learning to operate our patience button (or just find it) and taking the long view. We're learning more about resilience and our response by expanding our adaptability and coming up with creative ways to remain connected and centered. We're reinforcing our appreciation

for community by connecting with others and embracing gratitude. And we're managing ourselves in new ways with self-discipline and self-care. Perhaps best of all, we're finding new paths toward happiness and appreciation for a healthy community and enjoying the simple things. All of these will pay off for us today, but also in the new normal of tomorrow.

As we continue this path of uncertainty, we recognize this is an extraordinary situation and are trying to responsibly manage tribal resources and protect the needs of our members and employees. We look forward to everyone returning to work again, being together again, reuniting with our friends and family members again, but in the meantime, we ask you to remain optimistic, safe and patient, as we look forward to seeing you again.

We are incredibly proud of your contributions and dedication to our tribe and want you to know you are truly appreciated. We continue to keep your health, safety and wellbeing in the forefront of everything we do. We hope in the time ahead everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this difficult challenge. We are amazed by the displays of kindness, resilience, and strength that our community and employees have exhibited, and take comfort in the fact that better days are ahead. "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." — Helen Keller.

With deep affection,
Shannon

Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls - National Day of Action



Tuesday, May 5, 2020

During the period of 1979 through 1992, homicide was the third-leading cause of death of Indian females aged 15 to 34, and 75 percent were killed by family members or acquaintances. In 2005, the movement for safety of Native women resulted in the inclusion of the "Safety for Indian Women" title within the Violence Against Women Act. A study released by the U.S. Department of Justice has found that in some tribal

communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average. Over the last decade awareness of this national issue has increased but more must be done to stop disappearances and save lives. Please join us on May 5th, 2020, as we honor missing and murdered Indigenous women and together increase our national awareness and demand change at the tribal, federal and state levels.

The Latest from the Repatriation World



Spring view of Hudson River from Papscaanee Island, Mohican cultural site, April 2020

By Bonney Hartley

Warm greetings, all, from the homelands. I would like to humbly take some space in the newspaper to share the latest from repatriation—a refresher on the law and some highlights of repatriation “works-in-progress” that we hope to complete this year on our community’s behalf when the Cultural Affairs department reopens from the shutdown.

The charge of our historic preservation program’s repatriation area is to seek to return tangible elements of our Mohican and Munsee cultural heritage. This includes working to respectfully rebury ancestors and their grave items and returning historical and cultural items to our museum. It is sort of the counterpart to the other area of work—reviewing construction projects (Section 106) to avoid impacting sites—in that repatriation takes place when ancestors or items are already out of the ground and have become part of a collection.

The main Federal law that we rely on to assist with this meaningful work is NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act). NAGPRA only applies to Federal actions or entities, or to museums that receive federal funding. In addition, the scope of what we can repatriate is limited only to 1) Human Remains and related Burial Objects, 2) Sacred items needed for use religious ceremonies, and 3) Items of Cultural Patrimony. On behalf of the Tribe, I review inventories of collections to make the case for any of the above categories.

At present, we have 12 institutions we are actively pursuing NAGPRA claims for in the human remains and burial objects category, representing hundreds of ancestors we hope to rebury. To make the claim involves research and composing cultural affiliation

statements to make the case for why the remains or items a museum has are more than likely related to Stockbridge-Munsee today. Of course, we often work jointly with other Tribal Nations, such as the Delaware Tribe and Delaware Nation, for repatriation from shared territories.

Having a physical base in the east with our extension office, I have been able to take the step of visiting the ancestors and place medicine with them as we snake our way through the paperwork of the NAGPRA process, so that they know we love them and relatives will be coming back for them.

For the third NAGPRA category of cultural patrimony, we need to make a case that an item a museum holds belongs to our entire Nation (not one individual), and possesses ongoing cultural and historical importance to our community today. Currently, we are pursuing the repatriation of John Quinney’s powder horn, which had been on a loan last year, to make the case that the powder horn is an item of cultural patrimony to Stockbridge-Munsee. Our statement described that it has evolved far beyond its original utilitarian purpose to be a socio-political symbol of Mohican leadership. The owner, the Oshkosh Public Museum, has expressed their support and we are awaiting the shutdown to be lifted to continue consultation. We are hopeful that Quinney’s powder horn will be coming soon to a museum near you—the Arvid E. Miller Library Museum.

Beyond NAGPRA, we can and do always seek to return historical items to our community wherever possible by an outright donation if from private individuals or other non-Federal entities. For instance, a generous family in Stockbridge, Massachusetts has verbally expressed their intention to donate a mid-1700s Mohican wooden



ladle that is carved with a bird head shape on the handle. I have conducted research on the item and shared among our Committee members. We are hoping to respectfully carry out repatriation together with the family this year.

We are also closely pursuing an opportunity to receive a late-1700s historical document signed by 10 of our Mohican sachems in Stockbridge (see Mohican News article Dec. 1, 2019). This item will be voted upon at a rescheduled June annual Town of Stockbridge, Mass. Meeting. Rest assured, if work can safely resume by then, we will attend to speak to the document’s importance to the Tribe.

Beyond objects, with regularity we receive calls and letters

from property owners, historical societies and other non-Federal entities who have human remains they wish to return. These are often items a long-deceased family member had looted and there is often scant information provided. At the moment, there are about 8 different active projects of this nature that we plan to carry out when work resumes with the goal to lay the ancestors to rest.

I hope that this offers some insight into the emotional, important and deeply meaningful work of repatriation. It is an honor to carry out this mission on behalf of our ancestors and future generations. Hopefully we can return to these pursuits soon and be successful at bringing more of our cultural heritage home. More to come!

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My name is Nathan Allison and I am the new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. I follow in the footsteps of strong female leaders in the field who have done much to reestablish the Tribe’s voice and presence in the region, most recently Ms. Sherry White and Ms. Bonney Hartley. In the years under their direction, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office and its subsequent mission of protecting sites of cultural and historical importance through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, has worked to reaffirm and strengthen the sovereignty of the Tribe. This is done through a government-to-government consultation process on Federal undertakings, as well as, state and local projects throughout the Tribe’s areas of interest. I hope to take a moment to introduce myself and speak to the continued efforts of the Department.

Originally from Western New York, I grew up with a strong interest in early Northeastern history. It is no surprise that my educational and professional experiences have led me to this opportunity as THPO for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. I am a PhD candidate in Archaeology at University of Idaho. I have my Master’s degree in History from Eastern Illinois University and a Bachelor’s degree in History and Anthropology from Metropolitan State University of Denver. Prior to this, I worked as an archaeologist in Nashville, Tennessee. I spent several years in the Four Corners region of the Southwest working

with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in their Tribal Park Department helping to preserve archaeological sites and manage artifact collections. Most recently, I have been teaching online History for the University of Idaho, serving as a consulting archaeological Principal Investigator for a small New England based cultural resource management firm, and raising two rambunctious daughters. I bring a strong educational and professional background in historic research and preservation, contract archaeology, and collections-based management to this position.

The commitment to serving the Tribe and protecting its sacred sites and objects has been the focus of the Department and will continue to be, even during this time of uncertainty and fear associated with the current health crisis that is COVID-19. Federal and state agencies continue to request comments from the Stockbridge-Munsee THPO on new and ongoing projects. Working remotely, the Department has been able to ensure that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community’s interests and concerns are represented in the consultation process. Across the board our daily lives have been drastically impacted, however, the future holds much promise for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Our dedication to identifying, interpreting, and protecting cultural and historically significant sites for the Tribe continues. I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to be a part of this endeavor.



Departmental Updates

The Eunice Stick Gathering Place

Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services

The Elderly Center is currently staffed with essential workers that are preparing, packaging and delivering meals to over eighty (80) participants in our service area. In compliance with the "Safer at Home" order meals are available to our community elders who are 55 years or older and the disabled. Please call to let us know if you would like to be added to our delivery list. The meals are delicious! Shopping is also available to pick

up essential items for Elders from our local stores, and medication pickup from the Tribal Health Center; please call the main line at (715) 793-4236 and request this service.

Here at the Eunice Stick Gathering Place we are wearing our masks, practicing social distancing, washing and sanitizing our hands and we thank you for taking good care of yourselves which also helps take care of us! Have many good days Everyone!

Stockbridge-Munsee Food Distribution

The Food Distribution is keeping normal pick up days with some new guidelines put in place. The clients are very understanding about this. The new guidelines are put in place for their safety as

well as for ours. We are keeping in touch with the Federal side of the program for some guidance also, by phone conferences once a week.

Jill Duffek-FDP Supervisor

Public Safety Department

The Public Safety Department has been busy making changes to the Standard Operating Procedures to reflect what the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department and Stockbridge-Munsee Wardens will be doing during this COVID19 period.

The following is a bulleted list of changes being made to consider the Covid-19 pandemic. Change in SOP as follows:

Officers are trying to limit unnecessary contact and exposure with the public.

Officers are trying to handle more complaints over the phone if possible.

When officers are meeting with people they are trying to maintain social distancing and will be wear-

ing protective equipment which can include masks, gloves and eye protection.

Officers will try to speak with people outside if possible.

Likewise, the EMS and EM department have modified their SOP to address COVID19 concerns.

Law Enforcement is continually working with the EM Coordinator, the FD Coordinator, the COVID19 Incident Commander and team on COVID19 issues.

Law Enforcement will be enforcing a 10pm to 6am curfew. Signs will be posted soon and per the ordinance a person could be subject to a \$500 fine if found to be in violation.

Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Message:

April 12-17 was National Severe Weather Week

Even though the state is doing a virtual tornado drill instead of the usual Statewide drill, we at Public Safety are asking the Community to practice your tornado drill with your family.

If you need to go to a tornado shelter, either the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Shelter or the Family Center will be available, masks will be given out when entering and they must be worn at all times while in the shelter.

A safe distance of 6 feet is required while in the shelters.

Ella Besaw Center

Hello, I hope this letter finds you all well and healthy during this uncertain time in the world. Due to the disproportionate number of deaths when elders are infected with COVID-19, the State of Wisconsin recommends, and the Tribe is taking special precautions to protect your loved ones.

We, at the Ella Besaw Center, continue to follow recommended guidelines to keep your loved one safe. We are now into week four of self-isolation, which means we are not allowing visitors in, or residents to leave, unless it is medically necessary.

Additional steps taken to ensure our residents safety include, no communal dining or group activities. We screen all employees at the door for fever and signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Any employee exhibiting signs of illness will not be allowed to work until meeting the specific requirements to return. Any resident who exhibits sign or symptoms of COVID 19 will be isolated in their room until a medical provider can be consulted to provide instructions. These practices are consistent with the recommendations of the Wisconsin Department of Health. We continue to have several

means for you to be able to reach out to your loved one. We receive mail three times a week and have the capability to skype, facetime, etc. for anyone who would like to. Please continue to reach out to your loved one any way that you can.

We will update the main phone number, (715) 793-4537, when there are any changes in visitation, you may also call the number and speak to staff at any time if you have questions or would like to set up an alternative way to visit with your loved one. If, at any time, you would like to remove your loved one from the facility during the state of emergency, you may do so, and the resident's room will be held.

As always, we are dedicated to preserving and improving the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Ella Besaw Center. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated. For more information you can go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltr.htm.

Sincerely,

Jayci Malone, RN BSN
Ella Besaw Center, CBRF
Nurse Manager

Little Star Convenience Store

Little Star change of operational hours went to effect on March 28th 2020

We have taken extreme measures to keep our customers and community safe during the pandemic such as:

We have appointed a fuel service attendant to fuel your vehicle and limit the cross contamination through the fuel pumps and nozzles;

We have set up multiple hand sanitizing stations inside and outside the store, we are following the social distancing rule (6ft minimum);

As well as no more than 10 person allowed inside store, we have provided a number listed on our doors to help the sick obtain the essential items they may need, or if a person may not want to enter the store we will get your essentials to you;

The casino engineering staff has been grateful enough to provide us with some disinfectant supplies which helps to keep the store disinfected as well as a glass protector (sneeze guard) to protect our clerks;

The emergency management crew has been keeping us supplied with disinfectant supplies as well as face masks for employees;

Our employees are doing an exceptional job at keeping the store disinfected, before the store opens it is disinfected throughout the whole store inside and out;

As well as throughout the day at 30 min intervals or earlier if they feel needed. customers have been stating we are doing a great job with the fuel attendant and the store, stating "it makes them feel safe coming here";

Our vendors are doing a great job at keeping us stocked hand sanitizer is the only product we are out of stock now;

We are looking to possibly obtain a retail shipment of "PPE go kits" for customer retail consist of 5) 3-ply masks & 5) pairs of disposable gloves SRP \$9.99.

Little Star Convenience Store
Hours Effective 3/28/20

Sunday	10am-6pm
Monday	7am-6pm
Tuesday	7am-6pm
Wednesday	7am-6pm
Thursday	7am-6pm
Friday	7am-6pm
Saturday	10am-6pm



Celebrating Strength in Motherhood on Mother's Day, and Every Day

Once a Mother, Always a Mother

by Barb Shubinski

Before anyone questions my credentials, you're right, I'm not a mother. I forgot to have kids, okay? But just because I haven't been a mother doesn't mean I don't know anything about motherhood. After all, I had a mother. So did you.

I still have my mother. She is Marion (Dee Dee) Davids Shubinski, and she'll turn 95 in the week before Mother's Day. Because of this pandemic, I can't make my usual monthly visit to Illinois to see her. I'm sure there are lots of us fervently hoping to be able to hug our moms again once they find a vaccine or a cure.

I think about my cousins, most of them already experienced with not being able to just go hug their mothers. I've been acutely aware of this eventuality since I was nine years old, when my grandmother Mammasis (Eureka Davids) died. I stood next to my mother in the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness, and as we stood to sing "Abide With Me," my mother cried and cried and cried.

The bond between mothers and their children is strong. It doesn't matter if you've had a good or a bad mother. My mother was a nurse. For part of her career she worked the night shift on a hospital psych ward for troubled kids. She told me once that some of those kids had been brutalized by their mothers. One of them had burn marks on his body from where his mother had burned him with a hot iron. And in the middle of the night on the psych ward, he cried and cried and called out—for his mother.

We all know the ideal of motherhood, and some of us are lucky to have experienced it, some of us more often than not. I hope your heart is rushing with gratitude

for the mother you had right now, whatever her faults.

Because mothers aren't born that way. They start out as infants and grow into toddlers and young girls and girls and teenagers and young women before they become adult women, and some of them become mothers before they get all the way there. Mothers are human.

My mother tried to teach me that. She didn't like us watching *Leave It to Beaver* and *The Brady Bunch*. Those mothers aren't real, she said.

I get now what she was trying to say. Mothers are just women, like most people, trying to do the best they can, with a whole host of tasks to juggle and problems to solve and people to care for, in addition to being a human being on whatever journey they're on, with their own attendant hopes and disillusionments, disappointments, and dreams. So, we ought to forgive our mothers for being human beings and making mistakes.

I'm thinking right now about one of my dearest friends, who was fifteen years old when her mother committed suicide. She told me that when your mother commits suicide when you're fifteen, the worst possible thing that can happen to you has already happened. It puts everything else into perspective by comparison. My friend is one of the most cheerful people I know. She's one of the most cheerful people she knows! But Mother's Day has got to be a mixed bag for her. She has two grown children of her own now. But yesterday she told me she wasn't sure her mother ever wanted to be a mother, ever wanted to have her. And after a beat of sympathy, I told her that I didn't care what her mother wanted; I'm glad her mother had her! Kick-your-heels-up-in-the-air-

girlfriend happy, because I got a wonderful friend out of it. And in that moment, that spark of joy we both felt, is where the secret is.

Mothers bring life into the world. My mother, after surviving colon cancer, taught me to celebrate everything: literally everything can be a cause for celebration, because life itself is a gift worth celebrating.

But celebrating can take different forms. I have cousins and friends who have lost their children, from still in the womb to a year old to thirty years old. I've witnessed their agony and their beautiful journey with grief, and I call it beautiful because it is a journey born of love, never-ending, never-dying, never-fading love. Every year, every birthday, every death day, and every Mother's Day awakens that grief anew.

What a commitment it is to love! And to keep on loving!

I think of would-be mothers, women who can't have kids of their own, and who for various reasons aren't able to adopt kids. There's a special sadness there, and more love.

My Aunt Dot never had kids of her own. Us nieces and nephews, we were all her kids in a way, I guess. I remember her telling (and my cousins re-telling) stories of how she revered her mother (Mammasis) and the life lessons her mother taught her of grace and humility.

My mother told me about the time she was a teenager, and she wanted to go out with her friends, and how her mother wouldn't allow her to go. It's a good mother's job to watch out for her kids, to use their best discernment to identify dangers. My mom was mad, but later in the day, Mammasis told her, "I was so happy when I heard you singing on the stairs, because I knew then that you'd forgiven me." My mom told her mom, "I only sing when I'm MAD!" And every time she told me this story, she said she wishes she could take it back.

I know some people whose mothers have dementia. Their mothers no longer recognize them sometimes. They don't remember what it's like to have a real conversation with their mother. They're grateful that until this pandemic they could still visit their mothers and hug them. They both still have and don't have their mothers. Sometimes the love a child has for their mother has to be enough for now, reflecting back the love their mother had for them.

My cousins who've lost their mothers tell me to visit mine every

chance I get. I have, and I'm even more grateful now for that, because it's hard not knowing when (or if) I'll be able to hug her and be hugged in return. She's safe at home with Pop for now.

My best friend from high school died of breast cancer when we were fifty. She left behind a teenage daughter. I sought her out at the wake. I don't know why, exactly. Something about the unfair, unchosen disruption in the mother-daughter journey compelled me. I didn't expect her to pay me much mind; I was practically a stranger to her. But as I told her of the hopes and dreams and love her mother had for her, what a good friend her mother had been, and what kind of human being her mother had been, and the choices she'd made, this teenager listened with fervent and rapt attention.

We can all celebrate our mothers this Mother's Day. At the very least they gave us life. Whatever you love about your life, about being alive, you have because your mother had you. I'm grateful that in addition to having me and all my siblings, my mother is a woman of strong will and sometimes outrageously playful humor, with a spirit of adventure and a love of books and puzzles and music and science and the arts, for learning and for entertainment. I'm lucky to have been allowed to experience the maturation of the mother-daughter bond, to learn to accept her for who she is and to love her as she is. This hasn't always been easy. In some respects, we're very different from one another. When I'm with her, I focus on what we have in common.

If you still have your mother, love her. If your relationship with her is rocky, love her anyway. Love that she had you. If you can't love your mother, do what my friend did, the one who lost her mother to suicide, and find other mothers to love, and other people to mother you. Or be the mother you wish your mother could have been to you, to your kids or your friends or anybody who could use a mother's love, which is all of us.

Motherhood is about the ties that bind, whether by choice or happenstance. While we try to love each other as we are, for who are, we can also look to the ideal of motherhood for guidance: be patient with one another while we grow in love and understanding; bring out the best in one another; inspire and encourage one another; find things to laugh about together; and celebrate every single good thing that happens, no matter how big or small.

Cleaning And Disinfecting Your Home

Everyday Steps and Extra Steps When Someone Is Sick

How to clean and disinfect

Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.

Clean

- **Clean surfaces using soap and water.** Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

High touch surfaces include:

Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.

Disinfect

- Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.
- **Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectant.**

Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

Many products recommend:

- Keeping surface wet for a period of time (see product label).
- Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.



- **Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used** if appropriate for the surface. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

Leave solution on the surface for **at least 1 minute**

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water

OR

- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

- **Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.**

Soft surfaces

For soft surfaces such as **carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes**

- **Clean the surface using soap and water** or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.



- **Laundry items** (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

OR

- **Disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant.** [These disinfectants](#) meet EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19.

Electronics

- For electronics, such as **tablets, touch screens, keyboards, and remote controls.**
- Consider putting a **wipeable cover** on electronics.
- **Follow manufacturer's instruction** for cleaning and disinfecting.
 - If no guidance, **use alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol.** Dry surface thoroughly.



Laundry

For clothing, towels, linens and other items

- Laundry items according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the **warmest appropriate water setting** and dry items completely.
- **Wear disposable gloves** when handling dirty laundry from a person who is sick.
- Dirty laundry from a person who is sick **can be washed with other people's items.**
- **Do not shake** dirty laundry.
- Clean and **disinfect clothes hampers** according to guidance above for surfaces.
- **Remove gloves**, and wash hands right away.



Clean hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
 - Always wash immediately after removing gloves and after contact with a person who is sick.



- **Hand sanitizer:** If soap and water are not readily available and hands are not visibly dirty, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. However, if hands are visibly dirty, always wash hands with soap and water.

- **Additional key times to clean hands** include:

- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After using the restroom
 - Before eating or preparing food
 - After contact with animals or pets
 - Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g. a child)
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

When Someone is Sick

Bedroom and Bathroom

Keep **separate bedroom and bathroom for a person who is sick** (if possible)

- The person who is sick should stay separated from other people in the home (as much as possible).
- **If you have a separate bedroom and bathroom:** Only clean the area around the person who is sick when needed, such as when the area is soiled. This will help limit your contact with the person who is sick.



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

- Caregivers can **provide personal cleaning supplies** to the person who is sick (if appropriate). Supplies include tissues, paper towels, cleaners, and [EPA-registered disinfectants](#). If they feel up to it, the person who is sick can clean their own space.

- **If shared bathroom:** The person who is sick should clean and disinfect after each use. If this is not possible, the caregiver should wait as long as possible before cleaning and disinfecting.

- See [precautions for household members and caregivers](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html) for more information.

Food

- **Stay separated:** The person who is sick should eat (or be fed) in their room if possible.

- **Wash dishes and utensils using gloves and hot water:** Handle any used dishes, cups/glasses, or silverware with gloves. Wash them with soap and hot water or in a dishwasher.

- **Clean hands** after taking off gloves or handling used items.



Trash

- **Dedicated, lined trash can:** If possible, dedicate a lined trash can for the person who is sick. Use gloves when removing garbage bags, and handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands afterwards.

Social Distancing, Isolation, and Quarantine

What is isolation?

Isolation occurs after a diagnosis of COVID-19. This helps prevent the spread of the disease by separating people who are sick from those who are not. It lasts as long as the disease is contagious.

What is Quarantine?

Quarantines can be placed on groups of people in communities to separate and restrict the movement of people who might have been exposed to a contagious disease and may become sick. It lasts long enough to ensure the person has not contracted an infectious disease, or cannot spread it.

What is social distancing?

Social (or physical) distancing is a way to keep people from interacting closely to prevent spread of an infectious disease. Everyone should practice social distancing, whether or not they have been exposed. Places where people normally gather in large crowds (like schools, theaters, and stores) may close, as well as sports events

and religious services, to assist in this effort.

Social distancing includes:

- Avoiding handshakes and crowds
- Staying 6 feet away from people
- Staying at home (and only going out for food, exercise, medicine, and emergencies)

To help with social distancing:

- Use food and medication delivery services instead of going out
- Use a mask or cloth face covering when leaving the house

Ways to cope
Reaching out to family and/or friends is one of the best ways to reduce anxiety, depression, loneliness, and boredom during social distancing, quarantine, and isolation.

- Use the telephone, email, text messaging, and social media to connect with friends, family, and others.
- Talk face to face with friends and loved ones using Skype or FaceTime.
- If approved by health authorities and your health care providers,

arrange for your friends and loved ones to bring you newspapers, movies, and books. These items can be left on your doorstep.

- Avoid the usage of taxi cabs or rideshare as a means of transportation to decrease chances of exposure.

More tips on social distancing, isolation and quarantine are available [here](#). Substance Abuse and Mental Health

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Face Coverings and COVID-19

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that displays symptoms like fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after you've first been exposed to the virus, or not at all. New information about COVID-19 suggests that people who do not feel sick may still be able to spread this disease. In response, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now recommending that you **cover your face when in crowded public settings**, such as at grocery stores.

Face coverings are **not** enough to keep you from getting sick. However they can reduce the chance that you could infect other people. Wearing a face covering is currently voluntary nationally, but check your Tribe's policies and recommendations before going out.

This new recommendation does **NOT** replace recommendations to use Social Distancing.

You should still:

- Avoid going to public places when possible
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people when outside of your house
- Stay at home, and away from other people in your household if you feel sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer

What type of face covering should I wear?

You could cover your face with any variety of masks, respirators, or cloth face coverings (collectively referred to as "face coverings"). However, CDC recommends you use a cloth face covering. You should not use a medical facemask or medical respirator, since we need to make sure there are enough medical facemasks for healthcare workers.

You can make your cloth face covering from items in your house, including sheets, bandanas, tee shirts, hair-ties, rubber bands, or string. It is best to use multiple layers of fabric to make a thicker face covering. Many videos on how to make them are appearing online, as well as free patterns to make your own cloth face coverings.

For more information, or to learn how to make a face covering, visit CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Source: CDC.gov



Services Administration. Tips For Social Distancing, Quarantine, And Isolation During An Infectious Disease Outbreak. [Available <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/tips-social-distancing-quarantine-isolation-031620.pdf>]

(Information taken from the National Indian Health Board – National Tribal Covid-19 Response)



Misty Cook's book, *Medicine Generations*

WINTERGREEN



Wintergreen
Photo taken in October

Usage

Wintergreen is good for many kinds of stomach ache, heartburn, acid stomach, acid reflux, food poisoning, and nausea. The entire plant including the leaves, berry, and the root are used to steep a tea.

Wintergreen leaves can also be chewed for stomach ache, heartburn, acid reflux, food poisoning, and nausea. Chew on a wintergreen leaf until symptoms improve. Our people used to chew these leaves like a gum as well.

Preparation and Dosage

Use one tablespoon of wintergreen to one cup of water and steep for fifteen minutes. Drink one cup and this will help soothe the stomach. Drink as needed. This tea can be refrigerated for two weeks.

Gathering

Wintergreen grows all over our area near river banks and lakes growing to be about two inches tall with shiny leaves and has a red berry. Gather this in August and pull the entire plant up including the root and the berry.

Preparation

Let them dry in a basket for about three months where they then will be ready to store for the year in a glass jar.

WILD ONIONS

Onions
Native Word, Wiinoonzhuyak

Usage

Any kind of onion can be used to treat pneumonia especially in babies by pounding up one large onion in a cloth bag so it will not spill out on to the person, heat it up with a flat iron and apply it to the chest of the baby. The onions will turn black and draw out the pneumonia.

Onions can also be used for fever reduction by cutting up one large onion and putting half on the bottom of one foot and half on the other foot and wrapping them for the night. By the morning, the fever will be gone and the onions will have turned black. The onions can also be chopped up and placed on the feet as well.

There are many stories from our people about the healing properties of onions, a very commonly used Medicine of our people.

Preparation

Onion cough syrup, good for coughs and congestion, can be made by chopping up one large onion, boil it for five minutes, add sugar, honey or maple syrup, boil down further until it is very thick and use the juice as a cough syrup. The consistency of this cough syrup is thicker than that of today's cough syrups. Take one tablespoon full as needed.

Preservation of Onion Cough Syrup

This Medicine can be refrigerated up to two weeks and it can be used as needed. Before refrigeration, a little whiskey was put into the cough medicine to preserve it so it would not spoil at room temperature.



Flags still flying at the Mohican Veterans Memorial. Thanks to you all!

North Star Mohican Casino Resort – COVID-19 Update

Bowler, WI – North Star Mohican Casino Resort looks ahead to the future and announces steps of reopening amid COVID-19 shutdown.

“The health and safety of our guests, employees, and the community is our top priority,” said Michael Bonakdar, General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort and Pine Hills Golf Course. “As part of our commitment, we want to take a moment to assure the public that North Star Mohican Casino Resort team has been diligently planning and mitigating processes to ensure we are doing our absolute best to prevent any potential spread of COVID-19 prior and upon reopening of the casino, resort and its amenities.”

Bonakdar is working closely with the executive leadership team, Tribal Council, and strategic partners to ensure they are fully prepared to reopen the casino and resort in the near future.

Numerous preventative measures have been put into place and additional steps are being considered listed below:

- Increased number of self-serve hand sanitizers to over 30 sanitizing stations throughout the resort/casino, including team member areas.
- Increased number of disinfectant wipe stations, to include 25 wipe dispensers throughout the casino floor and public areas.
- Increased number of environmental service and house-keeping staff, assigned to clean public areas and high-touch areas. This includes all hotel rooms and front desk, slot machines and gaming environment, main cage, Star Club counters, all redemption kiosks and ATMs, door handles, faucets, flush handles and latches in all public restrooms, elevators, hand rails, golf course club house, restrooms and all other frequently touched surfaces.
- Proper cleaning and disinfectant practices by all team members will be enforced throughout the property.
- Continuing to monitor and reinforce CDC guidelines for healthy habits to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases.
- Developed a plan to for increased health and sanitation practices including social distancing, use of face masks and other PPE safety wear, plexi-glass shields and additional safety precautions as needed.
- Created and implement-



North Star General Manager Michael Bonakdar

ed guidelines for entering and visiting the property.

- Replenishing the casino with fresh outside air, exchanging 2.6 million cubic tons of air every 15 minutes.
- All guest rooms are provided their own heating and cooling air circulation. In addition, industrial air purification and UV equipment will be utilized as part of the daily cleaning process.
- Industrial strength sanitizers/atomizer deep cleaning equipment will be utilized on our facility to strengthen all sanitization efforts.
- Some services and gaming devices will be limited due to social distancing and health and sanitation measures.
- Entire team will receive additional COVID-19 training prior to reopening.
- Additional policies and procedures are being developed for all departments.
- Operational hours for all venues will be posted on the website.
- All buffets and shows have been eliminated in May. All restaurants will have a limited menu upon reopening.
- Pine Hills Golf Course will reopen with restrictions and new guidelines for your safety. Please visit Pine Hills' website for updates information.

“As you can imagine upon reopening, many of our services will be monitored appropriately for health and sanitation protocols and some services may be limited due to social distancing guidelines. However, our team is committed to their additional cleaning duties while smiling, greeting, serving, and thanking our guests and providing the friendliest service our guests deserve and expect from us,” said Bonakdar.

Additional information regarding the date of reopening will be released in May or as determined upon Tribal Council's approval. For more information, please visit North Star's website at www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

COVID-19: Safer at Home is Working

Keep up the good work, Wisconsin!

#SaferAtHome
YES, IT'S WORKING!

THE STEPS WISCONSINITES HAVE TAKEN

- Staying Safer at Home by eliminating nonessential outings
- Practicing physical distancing
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water
- Covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze

FLATTENING THE CURVE

- Our initial projections show that without Safer at Home, there would be significantly more cases of COVID-19, resulting in more deaths.
- Safer at Home has flattened the curve, resulting in fewer cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Keep up the good work, Wisconsin!

Where we **could** have been **without** #SaferAtHome on March 29

Where we **are** with #SaferAtHome on April 11

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People across the state of Wisconsin have risen to the challenge of COVID-19 by changing the way they work, play, and interact with friends and family.

By staying [Safer at Home](#), practicing physical distancing, and continuing to wash hands and cover coughs, Wisconsinites are making a difference and beginning to flatten the curve.

According to the model created by DHS, Wisconsin was projected to have 22,000 infections by April 8, which would have ultimately resulted in somewhere between 440 and 1,500 deaths. These numbers were based on projected significant exponential growth in positive cases; however, since the Safer at Home order, there has been a decrease in exponential growth in the number of cases. Wisconsin's rate of doubling of infections was 3.4 days in early March and, over the past two weeks, the rate of doubling is now approximately 12 days.

“Without effective treatments or a vaccine, the only way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is through

NorthStarCasinoResort.com, or download the NorthStarCasino Mobile App. The North Star Marketing Team will be sending regular email notifications, so please sign up via the website to receive the latest updates via email.

The North Star team would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who are aligning to take care of the sick and risk their health daily to help and save those in need

non-pharmaceutical interventions that help us maintain physical distancing,” said Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist Dr. Ryan Westergaard. “The Safer at Home order has been our main intervention in Wisconsin, and we are beginning to see the results.”

“Limiting physical contact between people is our only tool at slowing the spread of this virus,” explained Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm. “We will continue to work through our statewide response to develop capacity to implement effective containment strategies across the state. These are critical next steps to prevent a future surge of cases.” By staying Safer at Home, the people of Wisconsin are taking the steps needed to make a difference during this pandemic. Safer at Home is working, and it is saving lives.

For up-to-date information about Wisconsin's COVID-19 response, visit the DHS COVID-19 webpage. We encourage you to follow @DHSWI on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [dhs.wi](#) on [Instagram](#) for more information on COVID-19.

during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without you and your bravery we would not be able to recover. Your efforts are appreciated!

Additional health and safety information is available on the CDC and WHO websites.

“Thank you again for your continued support and allowing us the opportunity to be your casino and resort of choice,” said Bonakdar. “See you soon!”

The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center will be open to provide services.

The clinic wants to keep you updated about what we are doing to respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We have four major goals as we respond to the spread of the virus and threats to the Mohican Nation:

1. To do everything possible to stop the spread of the virus.
2. To test those at greatest risk of getting very sick from the virus.
3. To continue to provide other medical needs safely.
4. To provide accurate information about the virus.

To accomplish these goals, we are changing many of the ways the clinic operates. The most important way to stop the virus is for people not to be together in close contact. The clinic changed how services are provided to lower the chances of spread through close contact with others.

Please help us better serve you and keep everyone safe by doing the following:

- If you are NOT sick, don't come to the clinic.
- If you have concerns, call the triage line at 715-793-5087 or 715-793-5088. Do not come to the clinic without calling. If calls become overwhelming, we will need to take steps to create special phone numbers.
- Patients with other acute medical problems such as injuries, heart problems, or breathing problems will continue to be evaluated. Call the triage line at 715-793-5087 or 715-793-5088.
- Stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel. Practice social distancing. Wash your hands.

Medical

If you have concerns, call the triage line at 715-793-5087 or 715-793-5088. Do not come to the clinic without calling. If calls become overwhelming, we will need to take steps to create special phone numbers.

If triage instructs you to come to the clinic, they will also provide instructions on which entrance to use. Anyone with respiratory symptoms will be directed to wait in their car until they can be escorted through a separate entrance. Triage will provide instructions where to park.

If a medical provider determines you are severely ill, arrangements will be made to have you transported to a nearby hospital for further evaluation and treatment. If you are not severely ill, you will be sent home and you will be on ISO-



LATION which means you cannot leave home. Medical staff will tell you how long you must remain in isolation.

Pharmacy

Pharmacy is open and continues to provide medications to our community. Medical staff and pharmacy are coordinating to have 90-days of medication provided if appropriate. This cannot apply to controlled substances.

Patients who only need to pick up medications should call pharmacy at 715-793-5027. Call ahead of time, prescriptions will be delivered to your car in our parking lot so you do not have to come into the clinic.

Dental

Dental is only seeing patients who have a dental emergency such as severe tooth pain or swelling. Patients who need an urgent dental exam should call dental at 715-793-5019. We may use a separate entrance for the exam.

Behavior Health

Behavior health is conducting phone and telehealth appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call Behavior Health registration at 715-793-3000.

Purchase Referred Care - (PRC)

If you need to deliver paperwork for Purchase Referred Care, MAIL the paperwork, do not come in the clinic. Address the envelope to PRC SMHWC, PO BOX 86 Bowler WI, 54416.

For all referral visits or PRC questions, please call 715-793-5011. PRC can approve and fax referrals to outside vendors

Every day the spread of the virus changes. The clinic is changing our processes as needed to continue to provide safe and reliable medical care. These changes may not seem to make sense at first. These changes may cause frustration. Please know that all the changes are to keep our community safe. Thank you for following guidance to keep our community safe.



COVID-19: Individuals with Substance Use Disorders are at high risk for complications



- People who smoke tobacco, vape, smoke marijuana, have opioid use disorder, or use methamphetamine are a very vulnerable population to COVID-19 due to the effects the drugs they are using have on the respiratory and pulmonary (heart) health.
 - Those with substance use disorder are more likely to experience homelessness or incarceration which increases the possibility of transmission of COVID-19.
 - There is large stigma around substance use disorders which is a major risk factor in someone not getting treated for the virus as quick as someone without a substance use disorder.
 - Other risk factors include decreased access to healthcare and disruption to syringe services, medications, and other supports needed
- There is limited research with vaping and lung damage, but there is reason to believe that lung damage can occur from vaping
 - Lowered ability of the lungs to heal from infections
 - Higher chance of developing pneumonia due to lung damage from smoking/vaping
- Opioid and Methamphetamine use disorder risks:**
- Opioids slow the breathing and puts those that use them at higher risk of developing pneumonia and other complications related to COVID-19
 - Overdoses are more likely to happen due to social distancing because there is a chance that others are not around to be able to administer naloxone to reverse the effects
 - Higher chance of mortality if the individual has COVID-19 due to the virus further compromising the lungs
- Source: Drugabuse.gov

Smoking tobacco and marijuana/vaping risks:

- Enhanced tissue damage and inflammation in the lungs

Preventing Underage Drinking

Office of Children's Mental Health Director Linda Hall today announces the publication of a new fact sheet detailing how to support our children's well-being through preventing underage drinking.

While youth in Wisconsin are drinking less, they are still drinking more than youth in other states. Peer pressure, the ease in which youth can obtain alcohol, as well as advertising in the community may encourage unhealthy drinking behaviors.

Highlights include:

- Using alcohol at an early age can lead to negative health outcomes that in turn can lead to, or worsen, symptoms of depression and anxiety.
 - Youth tend to binge drink more than adults, which can interfere with normal brain development.
 - In Wisconsin, only 36% of kids think it's risky for them to have 5 or more drinks a couple times a week.
- Having short, frequent, casual conversations with young children and throughout adolescence is one of the best interventions.

How to Protect Yourself and Others

Know how it spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - » Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - » Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - » These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - » Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone should

Clean your hands often



- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact



- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay at home as much as possible.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people.**
 - » Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - » This is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others



- **You could spread COVID-19 to others** even if you do not feel sick.
- **Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public,** for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - » Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- **The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people** in case you are infected.
- Do **NOT** use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to **keep about 6 feet between yourself and others.** The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes



- **If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect



- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces** daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



On Tuesday, March 17, 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; Absent
Martin Welch; Present
Marv Malone; Present
Craig Kroening Jr.; Present
APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Removed: Donation Requests

Updated Maintenance and Inspection Policies

Job Description
Investment Policy Revisions
American Indian Veterans Service State Grant Budget
Compliance Department SOP's Smudging Policy and Smoking Policy
Protect Your Spirit Project Board/Committee Mtg Minutes Executive Session
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Jolene Bowman the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 3 and the Special Tribal Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 10. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

MOU: Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council-Jolene Bowman, Vice President

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enter into a MOU with Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council for the purpose of Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion volunteers. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GMEI UTILITY RENEWAL AGREEMENT-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution 045-20, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the waiver of sovereign immunity for the Tribe is also limited to the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted only to and for the benefit of the parties identified as part of the agreement(s) that the Tribe has executed and shall not extend to any other entity or person.
2. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity contained in this Resolution shall be effective only after the parties' officially designated representatives have executed the agreement(s) and shall only be for the term of the agreement(s).
3. Nothing contained in this Resolution shall be deemed consent to levy of any judgment, lien, or attachment upon any property or interest in property of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.
4. The limited waiver of sovereign immunity granted and approved through this Resolution does not waive the sovereign immunity of any official, employee, member or agent of the Tribe.
5. Any dispute resolution action against the Tribe, as consented to through this limited waiver of sovereign immunity, shall be brought in the form and venue identified in the agreement(s). The law to be applied, if no law is otherwise identified, shall be

federal law. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

KEYBANK UNLIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution -046-20, the purpose of the resolution is to open up an account just as the President said: NOW THEREFORE, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council makes the following findings and takes the following actions, including granting a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity, to authorize the execution of the Master Agreement.

1. Findings. The Tribal Council (the "Governing Body") of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community (the "Tribal Party"), a federally-recognized Indian tribe, hereby determines and finds that: (a) the Tribal Party is duly organized under the Constitution and Bylaws (the "Governing Documents") and validly exists and is in good standing under the laws of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community (the "Tribe"), (b) the Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribal Party, with full power and authority to adopt this Resolution, and each member of the Governing Body was duly elected or appointed and is validly serving; (c) it is in the best interests of the Tribal Party to obtain cash management services from KeyBank National Association (the "Bank"), (d) the Governing Body has reviewed the documentation necessary to obtain cash management services from the Bank, including the Cash Management Services Master Agreement, the applicable Service Schedules; the Deposit Account Agreement and the Deposit Account Fees and Disclosures; Key2Purchase program documents; merchant service processing documents; and other related account documentation to be entered into or delivered in connection with the foregoing as applicable (collectively, the "Transaction Documents"), and (e) the Governing Body's adoption of this Resolution and the Tribal Party's entering into the Transaction Documents with the Bank are in the best interests of the Tribal Party and are consistent with the Governing Documents and the laws of the Tribe.

2. Approval of Transaction Documents and Performance Thereunder. The Governing Body hereby approves the execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents on behalf of the Tribal Party and the Tribal Party's performance thereof.

3. Authorized Officers. The Governing Body hereby authorizes each of the Tribal President or Vice-President, in her absence,

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and the Tribal Treasurer of the Tribal Party (each, together with any successors in such offices from time to time, an "Authorized Officer") to execute and deliver the Transaction Documents on behalf of the Tribal Party, with such changes thereto as the Authorized Officer shall approve, which approval shall be deemed conclusively given upon execution of the Authorized Officer of the applicable Transaction Documents and the delivery thereof.

4. Confirmation and Approval of Dispute Resolution Provisions.

(a) The Governing Body acknowledges that the Transaction Documents include governing law provisions, a limited waiver of the Tribal Party's sovereign immunity, a waiver of certain rights to resolve disputes in forums of the Tribe, a consent to certain courts for the resolution of disputes, an agreement to binding arbitration and other provisions related to dispute resolution (collectively, the "Dispute Resolution Provisions").

(b) Consistent with the Transaction Documents, the Governing Body hereby expressly grants a limited waiver of the Tribal Party's sovereign immunity.

(c) The application of the Dispute Resolution Provisions to the Transaction Documents and this Resolution are hereby expressly, unconditionally and irrevocably approved and authorized on behalf of the Tribal Party. The Dispute Resolution Provisions are deemed incorporated by reference into this Resolution as though set forth at length herein; and upon the execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents, the Dispute Resolution Provisions shall be hereby expressly, unconditionally and irrevocably made directly in this Resolution by the Tribal Party for the benefit of the Bank, and the Governing Body hereby specifically undertakes on behalf of the Tribal Party that the Tribal Party will not assert that it has the authority to amend, repeal, modify or otherwise impair the Dispute Resolution Provisions without the written consent of the other parties expressly stated to be benefitted thereby.

1. Further Agreements regarding Account Services. Without limiting the approval of the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby, the Governing Body hereby further agrees and determines on behalf of the Tribal Party for the benefit of the Bank that:

(a) the Bank is designated as a depository of the Tribal Party and that each of the Authorized Officers are authorized to open and

close accounts ("Accounts") and to designate authorized Transaction Signers (defined below) for Accounts opened with the Bank;

(b) any funds deposited with Bank may be withdrawn by checks, drafts, or other orders issued in the name of the Tribal Party, signed by two officers of the Tribal Party, identified on signature cards delivered to the Bank from time to time (the "Transaction Signers") by any one of the Authorized Officers; that Bank may accept the instructions of any Transaction Signer for the transaction of all business in connection with said funds; and that the Bank may conclusively assume that each Transaction Signer shall continue as such until receipt by the Bank of written notice to the contrary, such notice to be given to each office of the Bank in which any account of the Tribal Party may be maintained;

(c) the Bank is authorized to rely upon and to accept as genuine and authorized the facsimile signature of any Transaction Signer or such signatures that resemble facsimile signatures on any check, draft or other order, without any duty to determine the genuineness of the such facsimile signature or whether it was authorized by the Tribal Party;

(d) the Bank is hereby authorized to honor, receive, and pay all such instruments when signed in accordance with this Resolution, without inquiry as to the circumstances of their issue or the disposition of their proceeds, whether drawn to the individual order of or tendered in payment of individual obligations of any Transaction Signer or of any other officer, employee or agent of the Tribal Party, or otherwise;

(e) all checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money belonging to the Tribal Party may be endorsed in blank, or otherwise, on behalf of the Tribal Party, by a written or stamped endorsement, and the Bank is authorized to honor and pay such instruments and also to receive the same for the individual credit of or in payment of the individual obligation of any Transaction Signer, or any other officer, employee or agent of the Tribal Party, or any other holder, without inquiry as to the circumstances of endorsement or the disposition of the proceeds, and the Tribal Party hereby guarantees to the Bank the payment of all such instruments so received by Bank as well as those instruments deposited on behalf of the Tribal Party for collection or credit without its endorsement appearing thereon; and that the Bank may pay to any Transaction Signer or any other officer, employee or agent of the Tribal Party the proceeds, in cash or otherwise, of any instrument

referred to herein, signed or endorsed in the manner above indicated, whether the same be drawn on the Bank, on another bank, or otherwise, and whether payable or endorsed to the Tribal Party, bearer, the Bank or otherwise;

(f) all present and future rules and regulations of the Bank governing Accounts are hereby assented to and shall be binding upon the Tribal Party; that any statements, unpaid items, canceled vouchers or checks may be delivered to the Tribal Party by mailing the same to the last known address of the Tribal Party as shown by the records of the Bank or by delivering the same to any Transaction Signer, or any other officer, manager, employee or agent of the Tribal Party, and any and all such deliveries by Bank shall constitute good and valid deliveries to the Tribal Party;

(g) any Transaction Signer is authorized and empowered to apply to the Bank for the use of its night depository facilities, including automated teller machines, and in connection with such use to execute and deliver to Bank such agreements containing such terms and provisions as Bank may require, and in the event any such agreement contemplates that bags of the Tribe found by Bank in any of its night depository receptacles are to be received and receipted for by the Tribe, then any Transaction Signer is authorized and empowered to receive and receipt for any such bags and to (i) designate any person or persons who shall each be authorized to receive and receipt for any such bags; (ii) in writing revoke the authority of any persons so designated; and (iii) certify the name of each such designated person to Bank together with a specimen signature of such person;

(h) any Authorized Officer and Transaction Signer or other officer or employee designated by any two of the Authorized Officers in writing is also authorized to make any withdrawal or disbursement of funds from the Accounts initiated by means other than written payment orders, checks, drafts or other physical instruments, including without limitation the withdrawal or disbursement of funds by wire, computer, automated clearing house, or other electronic means;

(i) the Authorized Officers can execute and deliver, or authorize other officers or employees of the Tribal Party in writing to execute and deliver, agreements for cash management or other treasury services and bind the Tribal Party thereto;

(j) the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of amendment or rescission shall have been received by

Bank, that receipt of notice shall not affect action taken by the Bank prior to such receipt, all previous authorizations for the signing and honoring of items are hereby ratified and continued in full force and effect, and the Tribal Party agrees to indemnify and hold the Bank harmless from any and all claims, suits, judgments, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that the Bank may incur as a result of the Bank continuing to act in pursuance of this Resolution (as this Resolution may be modified from time to time pursuant to a written notice of amendment or rescission received by the Bank in accordance with the foregoing); and

(k) all controversies and questions regarding the agreements made for the benefit of the Bank in this Resolution shall be subject to the Dispute Resolution Provisions.

6. Other Actions. The Governing Body hereby authorizes each Authorized Officer to take or cause to be taken such other actions as are necessary for the Tribal Party to execute, deliver or perform the Transaction Documents, to consummate the matters contemplated in the Transaction Documents and this Resolution or which are deemed necessary or desirable by an Authorized Officer in connection therewith.

7. Prior Actions. All prior lawful actions taken by representatives of the Tribal Party in connection with the authorization, execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents are hereby ratified and confirmed.

8. Repealer. Any prior resolutions or other previous actions adopted or taken by the Governing Body or any of the officers, employees, or agents, of the Tribal Party, whether written, unwritten or established by tradition that are in effect and are in conflict with or inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution or the transactions contemplated herein are hereby to such extent repealed and annulled, and this Resolution shall supersede the same.

9. Miscellaneous. If any provision of this Resolution or the application of any provision of this Resolution is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected with respect to the same. This Resolution shall become effective as of the date and time of its passage and approval by the Governing Body. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Martin Welch to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 5:36 PM.

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embassy and just being truly amazed by it and just thinking, 'You know, this is the place that I would really, really like to work at someday if the opportunity ever arises,'" said Schellinger, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

Funny how the universe works.

Schellinger was hired at the National Congress of American Indians as a staff attorney in 2017 and went on to serve as its government affairs director and, most recently, vice president of government relations. He is leaving the post next month and returning to private practice in Phoenix.

"It's been an immensely gratifying

experience to work at NCAI and to work with everybody," he told *Indian Country Today*. "I've learned just a ton from numerous people that I've interacted with, both inside and outside the organization."

During his time at NCAI, Schellinger has worked on everything from the Farm Bill to moving the needle on advance appropriations for Indian Country during a government shutdown. Most recently he's done a lot of work on COVID-19-related legislation and said it's something he'll remember for the rest of his life.

"I think what will be with me throughout my career, both in terms of just incredible, you know, dedication and commitment of so many people across Indian Country and having been able to have sort of a central role in a lot

of the work," Schellinger said. "Not saying that I am more responsible than anybody else or something like that, but just to be a part of the push to get such a significant portion of resources for Indian Country in that bill."

There's no doubt he will be missed, said Kevin Allis, Forest County Potawatomi Community, chief executive officer of the National Congress of American Indians.

Allis thoroughly enjoyed working with Schellinger, saying that they had a similar passion and recognition of the importance of how their work impacted Indian Country.

"Jake was amazing, a true professional. Dedicated, disciplined, passionate, and it was reflected in his work," Allis said. "The thing about Jake is that he knows his material better than anybody I've ever worked with. I could ask Jake a question about legislation that passed five years ago, and it could be a very nuanced question, and he would either know it or know exactly where to go get it and have information for me within a very short period of time. Most of the time he just knew it."

Allis also credits Schellinger for the hard work he put in to reshape the way the organization does policy and advocacy. Allis described advocacy as the "heart of the beast" at the National Congress of American Indians and wanted to make sure they did it right.

They took a more business-like approach and spent a lot of time

mapping out who does what and how to gauge success in regards to resolutions that were put forth by membership.

"That was one of my biggest projects coming in, we had to get that right. NCAI was put together in 1944 to advocate for Indian tribes," Allis said. "That back to basics, back to, you know, where we came from and making sure that was solid and Jake did a wonderful job there with that."

Schellinger is mild-mannered, even-keeled and humble. You'd be hard-pressed in finding someone who dislikes him. Members of his policy team certainly had nothing but high praise.

Fatima Abbas, Haliwa Saponi, director of policy and legislative counsel, government relations department, valued Schellinger's willingness to try new things as the policy department grew.

"Jake is an exceedingly hard-working, diligent and committed advocate who set a high bar for NCAI Government Relations work," Abbas said. "As a NCAI newcomer, I appreciated his openness to innovation and his development of a growing department that is dynamic in order to be responsive to tribal advocacy needs."

On top of that, Nicholas Courtney, Makah, policy analyst, said Schellinger is a great mentor and knows he will continue to do good work on behalf of Indian Country.

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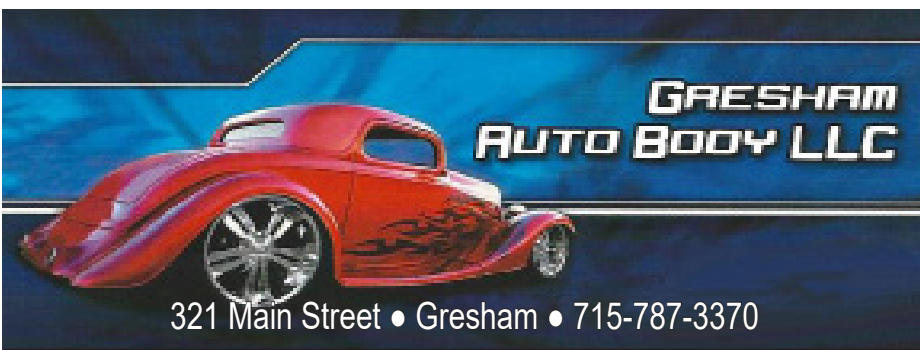
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COVID-19 Power Outage Resource Plan 2020

This plan is only activated during the COVID-19 2020 Pandemic Crisis

Terminologies:

Resource Center- a place for Community Members can go for electricity during a power outage. **The Family Center will be designated as a Resource Center and available during a power outage.**

Healthy- not sick and answers no to Health Screening questions.

Infected - Confirmed as having COVID-19. **Will not be allowed to use the Family Center Resource Center during the power outage.**

The Family Center Resource Center will be available when the Community is without power. The Family Center Resource Center has a back-up generator.

Cheryl Hill will man the Family Center.

Property and Equipment will sanitize the Family Center Resource Center building, or the rooms used by those who are sick.

The glass doors on the east side of the Family Center Resource Center building, under the car port will be the entrance point, before entering the building All COMMUNITY MEMBERS, must fill out a health screening questionnaire and have their temperature taken.

Accountability logbook or sign in/sign out sheet must be used by all Community Members entering/exiting the Family Center Resource Center, which will be maintained by Family Center Resource Center Staff.

Everyone using the Family Center Resource Center will be given a mask to protect themselves and others. **Masks must always be worn by everyone while in the building.**

A schedule for use of the showers/kitchen area/power supplies will be set up by the Family Center Resource Center staff to maintain the 6-foot isolation rule set by Tribal Council.

Community members staging in the gym must maintain the 6-foot rule set by Tribal Council.

When calculating the number of people per room's square footage the minimal spacing is 6 feet per person standing.

Staging areas:

Healthy Community Members will enter/exit the east doors to the Family Center Resource Center and go directly to the gym during the power outage.

The gym is 6,983 square footage. The gym will sustain 581 people with the 6-foot isolation rule set by Tribal Council.

Key Holders-Family Center Resource Center Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Property and Equipment Staff.

Health Screening Questions

1. Have you had a fever above 100 degrees in the last 24 hours?
2. Do you have any flu like symptoms?
3. Have you been with someone who has had the flu? (If so when?)
4. Any difficulty breathing, cough, respiratory symptoms?
5. Have you traveled outside of a 60-mile radius in the last 14 days?

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"Since I have arrived at NCAI, Jake Schellinger has been an incredible supervisor, mentor, and has taught me an immense amount about government relations and Indian Country policy," Courtney said. "I am forever grateful for the time I have had to learn from Jake's expertise and would not be where I am professionally today without his mentorship. Our entire government relations team is excited to see the successful things Jake does next."

Schellinger's next role will be as an associate attorney in Indian Law at the Phoenix Office of Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP.

While he is leaving the organization, Allis said Schellinger will always be a part of the National Congress of American Indians family and that part of his foundation was built at the organization.

Allis added that Schellinger is going out on top and should be proud of the work he's accomplished during his time there.

"He's going out on top and should be proud of himself 'cause I'm

certainly proud of him," Allis said. "I know my [executive] board is and Indian Country needs to know this and they need to be proud of him also."

Schellinger echoed those sentiments and was equally thankful to the people he's worked with over the years.

"I leave this opportunity feeling like I have gained a lot in terms of experience and knowledge," he said. "I feel like I will never completely leave the NCAI family because there is a huge network of alum."

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