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Community Garden on the Rise

By Thomas Kazik II - Reporter Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the produce seeds scheduled to be planted in the Community garden were unable to be accomplished this spring. Kellie Zahn, Agriculture agent for the Stockbridge Munsee Community and Noah Bestul, Summer Agriculture intern, are back in the garden after this late start to the produce season. With things slowly getting back to normal Kellie and Noah are working hard to get the garden planted, cleaned up, and hopefully in the kitchen cooking soon.

Last year the garden grew around 4,000 pounds of produce, and with some luck and good weather Kellie is aiming to do better this year. Now, they currently have plenty of produce growing such as: tomatoes, peppers, garlic, lettuce, beans and sweet corn. With the delayed start Kellie is using the high tunnel out at the garden to start growing her fall produce. High tunnels create a hospitable environment that plants can thrive in and provide invaluable protection from harsh weather. The use of landscaping fabric is going to hopefully cut back on the unwanted weed growth around the plants.

You may be wondering what all this produce is used for. Kellie is hoping she can soon start the Community Supported Agriculture

(CSA) program back up. CSA is when a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Typically, the share consists of a box of vegetables, but other farm products may be included. People interested purchase a share (aka a "membership" or a "subscription") and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week throughout the farming Aside from the CSA season. program, produce also goes to our tribal elders either to the Elderly center or fresh produce is sent to the Ella Besaw Center to feed the elders there.

In the end, Kellie is still hoping to sell remaining veggies at a weekly food stand. You may remember her doing so outside the Land building last summer. If you have more questions about the garden, you can reach Kellie Zahn at telephone number (715) 793-3031.



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North Star Mohican Casino Reopens



Bowler, WI – North Star Mohican Casino Resort announces steps of reopening amid COVID-19 shutdown.

For the first time in 28 years, North Star Mohican Casino Resort temporarily shut down its operation on March 21st, 2020. After weeks of careful planning, hard work, and consideration for employees' and customers' health and safety, North Star is now preparing to open its doors back to the public on May 26th, 2020, at 8am.

"Our Tribal Council and executives have been working tirelessly

for the past 60 days to safely reopen and welcome our valued employees and customers back to our property and community," said Shannon Holsey, President of Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. "Our team did an amazing job developing a comprehensive reopening plan and should be commended for their attention to detail for everyone's overall safety and wellbeing."

has provided a great experience for the past 28 years to their Casino continued on page Six:

Pine Hills Open



By Thomas Kazik – Reporter Pine Hills Golf course is open for business. Pine Hills manager Travis Relyea is ready for his first full season at the helm. After almost twenty years the golf course now has newly completed metal roofing on both the club house and Many Trails banquet hall. The club house also received a fresh coat of paint outside and

inside the building last year. Step inside to see the new flooring in the supper club. This work was done by North Star Casino's own facilities engineers and maintenance crew. Take a walk down the refinished wood stained steps as you walk into a refloored lower level meeting area. The lower level will soon to

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COVID-19 Testing



Testing took place at the Menominee Transportation Department in Keshena. Photo courtesy of Chris Anderson - Menominee Nation News

By Thomas Kazik

Over the four-day span from May 15th to the 19th the Wisconsin National Guard had helped facilitate a COVID-19 testing site on the Menominee Reservation. The testing site was set up at the Menominee Department of Transit Services Building. The testing station was an open invitation for anyone residing on either the Stockbridge or Menominee Reservations. Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center Doctors Dalve and Lundin both made referrals for anyone that showed one or more symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested during that time. The results of the National Guard testing were that there were 1,061 people tested over the four days in Menominee. As of the morning of May 22, 2020 there were 623 results in WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Disease Survey System). All of the tests that were done came back as

negative.

As of June 1st, The Wisconsin National Guard has tested 88,654 people across the state for COVID-19 in support of local health departments and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The teams, comprised of nearly 600 Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen. established mobile testing sites at correctional facilities, health clinics, businesses and community-based testing sites. After testing people at each site, Wisconsin National Guard troops send the test kits to a lab for analysis. In addition to the Nearly 600 National Guard members at mobile testing sites approximately 30 troops working at a call center to informs people of their COVID-19 test results. Those tested receive the results via a phone call from the local health department or a state call center within three-to-seven days.

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Join the "History Keepers Project"

How?

We are asking for your help to keep a journal of your daily experiences of your life through the COVID-19 Pandemic

Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library/Museum would like to invite anyone interested in documenting this extraordinary time in your lives with a journal. We would like to add your journals to our archives here at the Library Museum for future generations to be able to see, hear, or read this moment in history.

- Keep a 30, 60, or 90-day journal
- Format can be written, recorded audio, video, photographs, drawings, or artwork
- How ever you want to document your journal is up to you

Please Contact us for more information:

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Congratulations to Educational Achievement:

Vanessa DeNasha August 2019
Practical Nursing, Technical Diploma earned

Cherie Hill December 2019 Medical Assistant, Technical Diploma earned.

Jody Hartwig December 2019 BA in Accounting with a concentration in Hospitality Management earned.

Clifton Pecore May 2020 BS in Business Administration earned.

Elizabeth A. Kelley May 2020 BS in Psychology with an emphasis in Mental Health and a minor in Human Development

Noah continued from page One: Noah Bestul

By Thomas Kazik II – Reporter

Noah Bestul is the Summer Agriculture Intern for Stockbridge Munsee Community. He will be helping with the From the Earth Garden as well as the rest of the community gardens. Noah is the son of James Bestul Jr. and Cheryl Bestul. Two older brothers Matt and Aaron and younger brother Isaiah are Noah's Siblings. As a local boy from the Tilleda, WI he graduated from Bowler High School in 2019. He is continuing his education at the

University of Wisconsin River Falls working towards a degree in Agricultural Education.

Fun facts about Noah he played football, basketball and ran track and field in high school. During his school year in River Falls he works for the falcon center. During his breaks from school Noah works at the Shawano Pizza Hut. One interest Noah has is that he loves country swing dancing. He first learned to swing dance in Washington D.C. while attending a leadership conference. Noah spent many hours in high school as part of the Bowler Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter.

Burn Ban Has been Lifted

Below is from the DNR Website In our area we do not have a Fire warden, since Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller retired.

If you need a burning permit you cab call or stop by the Bowler DNR station to fill out an application for a burning permit. You may also stop by office and I will help you fill out an application also.

Or you can go the DNR website and fill out the form @ dnr.wis.gov/wisburn.

Once you fill out your application, you will be given the choice of either printing a copy of the Burning permit or receive am electronic copy or have on emailed to you.

They are free and good for one year

Thank you for not burning during the burn ban.

We only had one campfire that escaped during the burn ban in our area.

If you need further information, feel free to contact me at (715) 793-4555 or any fire department member.

Burning Restrictions, permits & COVID-19

DNR is cautiously lifting burning restrictions as spring green up progresses south and north across the state.

Township Fire Wardens may issue burning permits again. Not all Township Fire Wardens may choose to issue permits at this time. Contact your local township Fire Warden or DNR Area Forestry office to verify they are issuing permits

Every day after 11:00 you can go on the DNR website listed above and find the following information. If you do not have access to a computer you can call 1-888-947-2876, they will ask you for the county you live in and they will read the information to you.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation is under the DNR protection area.

Burning restrictions, wildfire and prescribed burn activity

Editor's Note:

Thanks for bearing with us as we work through the COVID-19 issue. Unfortunately, the Mohican News missed two issues, May 15, 2020 and June 1, 2020, so please note that for those who miss them. We will be out and about gathering news again but will be practicing safe distancing for your safety and ours! Sincerely, Jeff Vele - Mohican News Editor



Veterans Corner

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Gregg W. Duffek, Tribal Veterans Service Officer Office: 715-793-4036 gregg.duffek@mohicannsn.gov

Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) is proud to partner with the StoryCorps <u>Military Voices</u> Initiative (MVI) to collect and share the stories of service members, veterans and military families from across the state this summer.

StoryCorps MVI is focused on collecting the stories of veterans and archiving them in the Library of Congress for future generations. The interviews are typically done between two people who know each other. After the 40-minute recording session, participants can choose to share the interview with WPR, and it will be archived at the Library of Congress. If the participants are not comfortable sharing their stories, they will receive a copy of the recording, and StoryCorps will delete it. The participants are NOT obligated to share their interview. Recordings that are shared with WPR may be edited and used on

We are reaching out to military and veterans organizations across the state. Please help us spread the word among your veterans networks and ask them to consider sharing their stories. Note: They are not obligated to discuss their time in service. They are free to speak about anything they would like. We are especially interested in recording the experiences of veterans and service members underrepresented and from populations marginalized our state, including women, African American, Latinx, Native Hmong/Lao American, LGBTQ veterans among others. A virtual event, where the public can learn more about StoryCorps and the project, is being planned for July 23. Details will be available soon.

StoryCorps MVI will be recording in Green Bay from August 24-28 at the Neville Public Museum and in La Crosse from August 31-September 4 at the main branch of the La Crosse Public Library. We would love your help recruiting



715-793-4036

veterans to participate in these interviews. Scheduling pages for Green Bay and La Crosse are up and ready for your members to set their appointments. Note that in the event of public safety concerns, the interviews may be conducted virtually instead of in person.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Rick Reyer, Wisconsin Public Radio Central Regional Manager 715-261-6391

For more than a decade, 2.4 million men and women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan while millions of families have stood behind them at home. The military community knows well the challenges of multiple deployments, combat-injuries, and long-awaited homecomings. Yet few civilians truly understand the complex realities of our troops' service and sacrifice.

Late this summer Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) is partnering with the StoryCorps' Military Voices Initiative (MVI) to provide a platform for Wisconsin veterans, service members, and military families to share their stories. These recorded stories will be archived in the Library of Congress for future generations to learn from. Typically, recording sessions are between two people who know each other. Participants are free to talk about anything they'd like, military service or not. After the 40-minute recording session, participants can choose to share the interview with WPR.

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Pictures from the Past - Does anyone have any idea about who these children are? Give Thomas a call at 715-793-4389 or Jeff at 715-793-4388.

More Wisconsin Residents Can Now Qualify for Food Assistance

Income threshold raised for emergency food pantry program during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced today more households will now be able to get food through The Emergency Food Assistance
Program (TEFAP).

Households with incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL) are now eligible to receive a monthly share of locally grown, Grade-A foods that include meat, vegetables, fruit, juice, and more from a TEFAP food pantry. For a household of one, that income threshold is \$38,280. The larger the household, the higher the income threshold. Previously TEFAP's qualifying income threshold was 185% FPL, or \$23,606 for a household of one.

"Good nutrition is foundational, and we want to help ensure families in need of assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic have access," said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. "By increasing the income limit for TEFAP, more Wisconsinites can receive or supplement their food supplies without risk of losing the benefits they receive from other programs."

The new income threshold was proposed by Wisconsin's TEFAP Advisory Council and approved by DHS and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The new policy went into effect on June 1 statewide and will affect all pantries from the first day they open this month, since some pantries are only open once or twice a month. Households affected by job losses may be eligible if their income drops below specific levels in any given week.

Enrollment at a participating pantry is confidential and requires only proof of address and identification. Individuals participating in the FoodShare, School Nutrition, WIC, and Senior Meals programs may participate in TEFAP without impacting their ability to qualify for those programs.

Each Wisconsin county has at least one TEFAP food pantry. Households should call 2-1-1, the statewide helpline, to get the address, service hours, and phone number of the nearest food pantry that participates in the TEFAP program.

Wisconsin's pantry volunteers are providing "no contact" food distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic by enrolling households and distributing groceries outdoors to minimize health risks. In many locations, TEFAP applicants and participants remain in their cars for service.

2019, volunteers staffing Wisconsin's 265 charitable TEFAP pantries provided more than 800,000 monthly food distributions to households in need of food.

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Bruce E. Ninham

Bruce E. Ninham, age 65, of Clintonville, passed away on Monday June 8, 2020. Bruce was born on May 31, 1955, in Shawano, to the late Morris Sr. and A. Colleen (Bowman) Ninham. Bruce worked for many years at Kroenke Sawmill and North Star Casino. Bruce retired from North Star Casino in July 2004 due to disability. Bruce was a resident of Red Springs, Morgan Siding, Gresham, and most recently Clintonville. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and listening to country music.

Bruce was always the life of the www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

party, loved to cut a rug and the King of Jigging, loved to visit with family and friends, and trips to the casino. He was the favorite Uncle of many of his nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces. Bruce was a caring and giving person who could always be counted on to lend a helping hand when needed.

Bruce is survived by: brothers, Maurice (Joan) Ninham, Robert Ninham, Allen (Violet) Ninham, (Florence) Ninham, Kenneth and Craig Ninham; sister, Janet (John) Hill; brother-in-law, George Mohawk; special niece, Jill Lyons; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Bruce is preceded in death by: his parents, Morris and A. Colleen Ninham; brothers, Gerald M. Ninham and Dennis W. Ninham; sisters, Yvonne Creapeau, Carrol Mohawk, and Sharon R. Ninham.

A gathering of family and friends for Bruce was held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham with a special consideration of 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm reserved for the immediate family, elderly, and those at high risk for COVID, masks will be required at this time.

CMN Scores Mid-Range Ranking In **National Recycling Competition**

Every year, the College of Menominee Nation joins dozens of other colleges and universities in a national challenge to gauge their campuses' commitments to recycling. While COVID-19 made the competition shorter than usual this year, CMN's dedicated volunteers and a helpful worm farm won a respectable 93rd place among the 189 competing institutions across the U.S.

Known as RecycleMania, the multi-week event is led locally by CMN's Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) as an opportunity for the College's community to focus on what's wasted and how some waste is recycled.

Rebecca Edler of the SDI staff reports that CMN collected 1,678 pounds of recyclable materials and 1,259 pounds of waste in the Feb. 2 to March 28 tournament period. She adds, "In addition this year, thanks to volunteer Manih Boyd and a big team of worms, we are also reporting 128 pounds of compost."

Tournament results are based on a pounds recycled per capital



basis, so the competition has a

level playing field for participant institutions ranging in size from major universities such as Purdue and Michigan State to mid-size institutions and small colleges. CMN's rank this year was 93rd among the 189 taking part. Other Wisconsin participants and their rankings were the University of Wisconsin-Platteville (66th), UW-

Whitewater (81st), UW-River Falls

(105th), and ÙW-Stout (142nd).

that says special congratulations go to CMN staff members Guy Reiter and Manih Boyd, AmericCorps VISTA worker Emma Ardington, and faculty member Dr. Frank Kutka. Each earned a Sustainability Patch for exceptional volunteer efforts with RecycleMania.

The competition is sponsored the Association for the by Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education in partnership with the National Federation.

Archiving the "Rick Wilcox Collection" at the Library Museum



Robert Little next to Rick Wilcox at the Indian Burying Ground monument in Stockbridge, Mass., July 2019. Photo courtesy Dan Bolognani, Housatonic Heritage

By Bonney Hartley

In the course of the Tribe's history of dispossession in the original homelands, there are painfully few Euro-American historical figures that emerge as allies in confronting the injustices and to speak up for Tribe's interests. True friends are hard to find.

In contemporary times, we are lucky to have such a friend in Rick Wilcox. Rick, a veteran and the former Chief of Police in the Town of Stockbridge, Mass., is an outstanding and humble warrior for our cultural heritage interests. He recognizes the historical injustices in Mohican homelands in Stockbridge, and works to correct miseducation about Mohican history through his research.

Cultural Affairs is embarking on archiving the entire trove of documents related to Mohican history in the Berkshires that Rick has transcribed to date and gathering them into "The Rick Wilcox Collection" of the Arvid E. Miller Library Museum. Over the coming months, we will be working

to formally archive this collection as well as to better publicize with our community some of the most interesting excerpts and insights that the documentation reveals.

The range of documents that will be permanently archived in the Rick Wilcox Collection are vast, including: Transcriptions of more than 250 Stockbridge Indian deeds from the Berkshire Middle Registry Deeds, 100 transcriptions of 1700s Stockbridge Mohican petitions and resolves with the Massachusetts General Court, transcriptions of the entire Indian Proprietorship Book from the Town of Stockbridge Records, numerous articles he has authored, as well as a range of other correspondence, maps, and local resources.

Rick's efforts have had numerous practical applications already within Historic Preservation—such as for protecting local sites, recovering place names, developing a Main Street Walking Tour, and mapping historic sites to guide archaeological projects. Archiving the resources will only



ensure that more such community uses will continue. His painstaking transcriptions from original documents make the information much more accessible to our community.

Importantly, he does not conduct research to only keep to himself or as a purely academic exercise. He is committed to reconnecting our people with our own history. He freely shares his findings and knowledge and is known locally in the Stockbridge area as the goto for resolving questions having to do with Mohican history. He is mindful, though, to center the Stockbridge-Munsee people today as the appropriate interpreters of that research: He will often advise people that they should be speaking with our Tribe, and he truly values the role that our community members possess in making the historical research meaningful and of value today.

On a personal level, Rick also has taken it upon himself to keep an eye on the Tribe's Indian Burying Ground and keep it beautified and ensure it is respected. This is in part an ancestral commitment as his ancestry dates back to colonial Stockbridge Mohican times. Rick's collateral ancestor Dr. Oliver Partridge was asked by our Tribe in 1809 to protect the Burying Ground from disturbance, and so he honors that promise.

His grandmother Grace Bidwell



Wilcox, former curator of the Stockbridge Library Historical Room (1938-68) was also a major influence on his interest and respect for the Mohican history of Stockbridge and for establishing ties with our contemporary Nation through visits and correspondence with members.

Rick has deepened these family ties into bridging a true and lasting friendship with our Nation. In 2012 a Tribal Proclamation was issued for his immeasurable contributions and in 2018 was recognized as *Niimat*, "our brother."

We look forward to conducting the archiving and sharing excerpts in future news issues and the Library Museum's social media.

About his research motivations, Rick says: "It gives me a sense of purpose and I hope gives back to my larger community. I realize my own insignificance, but hope that I have left the world a little better off than if I had not been here."



Rick's grandmother Grace Wilcox, and siblings Elmer Davids, Thelma Davids Putnam, and Alice Davids Chicks at the Church of the Wilderness, 1968. Photo courtesy Rick Wilcox

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visitors and has supported numerous families and the community by being the largest employer in Shawano County.

"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 reassure the public that the North Star Mohican Casino Resort team has been diligently planning and implementing processes to ensure we are doing our absolute best to mitigate any potential spread of COVID-19 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 on May 26th at 8am. The casino and resort will open completely non-smoking and very limited capacity for many of its gaming and non-gaming operations to implement social distancing.

Upon reopening, the casino will close daily from 3am to 7am for deep cleaning. Bingo, table games operations, RV park, buffet, and self-service drink stations will remain closed until further evaluation. All shows, entertainment, conventions, and events have been cancelled in May and June. Entertainment beyond July is being evaluated and scheduling will be based on lifting social distancing restrictions. All revised operational hours and FAQs have been provided on the North Star Mohican Casino Resort website.

Numerous preventative measures have been put into place with five key protocols as part of North Star's comprehensive Star Safety Plan, listed below:

Health and Safety Protocol: Implementation of increased health and safety practices, including: the use of face masks and other personal protection equipment plexiglass (PPE), windows, sanitization cleaning supplies, and additional safety measures and precautions, training, and enhanced policies. Proper cleaning and disinfectant practices by all team members will be strictly enforced throughout the property. Non-invasive and no-contact temperature check screening at all entrances for employees, guests and visitors. Face masks will be required for all to enter the building and to remain on property.

Social Distancing Protocol: Implementation and management of casino and resort space and distance control to avoid any potential exposure. All spaces throughout the casino resort have been configured to allow for social distancing with regards to seating and maximum occupancy numbers. This would include; entrances, casino floor, gaming devices, food and beverage outlets, employee breakrooms, office environment, and all other appropriate areas. Technology, policies, procedures, and training have been initiated to monitor, analyze, and control casino and resort occupancy levels. Some amenities and services will not be available due to limited capacity. Safety signs and reminders will be posted throughout the resort.

Sanitization Cleaning and Protocol: Implementation enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures and increased frequency to occur throughout the day. Increased number of employees cleaning all surfaces, increased hand sanitizer stations, disinfectant wipe stations throughout the casino and resort, including all team member areas. Handwashing and use of sanitizer is expected for all. In addition, an industrial strength atomizer, air purification and UV equipment will be utilized as part of the daily sanitization process for appropriate areas.

Engineering Protocol: Implementation of automation, technology and manual processes to eliminate potential exposure. While maintaining building, fire, and health codes, we have eliminated as many "touch points" for both employees and guests. In addition, propping open non-security or fire rated doors, motion sensor activated lighting controls, routing staff and patron movements to help minimize individuals in the same area at any one time.

Air Quality Protocol: Implementation of practices to ensure the highest possible level of casino and resort air quality. No smoking will be permitted in the casino, resort, or employee areas during reopening of the casino. Outdoor areas will be designated for smoking.

Systems are in place to improve air circulation and ventilation, replenishing the casino with fresh outside air. Air temperature and CO levels will be monitored in real-time to make proper adjustments. In addition, all hotel guest rooms have their own heating and cooling units

The North Star management team will continue to monitor the situation and all CDC and WHO guidelines to continuously improve processes, training, and operational practices.

"Upon reopening, many of our services and casino capacity levels will be monitored very closely to ensure all protocols are followed appropriately and adjusted as needed," said Bonakdar. "Our team will be ready and committed to welcoming our customers back



Golf cont from page One:

be equipped with a portable bar to host small events. Back upstairs in the pro-shop you can see the new layout and new apparel Pine Hills has to offer.

The start to the 2020 season is here with some added safety guidelines. To start they are requiring masks inside the building. Looking for a drink and some food? The bar and a grill menu with select items are offering to-go items during this time. The supper club aims to open around the end of June. When open the supper club will practice social distancing with limited seating. The Skyview deck area will be scheduled to open with the restaurant. On the course golfers will be limited to one person per golf cart. In the case of couples or any people living together, they will be able to share carts. All golf

carts are cleaned when the golfers return form their round. The carts are then rotated into the fleet so all other carts will be used before one gets a second usage. The holes have been equipped with a ball stopper at the bottom to keep the ball from dropping to the bottom of the cup. The ball stopper limits the risk of touching an area where someone may have touched by leaving a portion of your golf ball above ground.

Pine Hills is making changes to address the COVID-19 pandemic and with the added safety measures for you and its employees Pine Hills hopes to continue providing fun and great service to every customer. Your next trip to Pine Hills for food or golf will give you a sense of new beginnings in a familiar place.



while providing the friendliest and safest service our guests deserve and expect from us."

The Tribal Council and the North Star team would like to take this opportunity to thank all essential staff and everyone aligning efforts to take care of the sick and risk their health daily to help and save those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without your commitment and bravery, we would not be able to reopen. Your efforts will not be forgotten and are very appreciated!

For more information regarding North Star Mohican Casino Resort and its health and safety efforts, please visit NorthStarCasinoResort.com, or download the North Star Casino app.



COVID-19 Tornado and Hazard Weather Wisconsin State Park Campgrounds Opened Shelter Plan 2020

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 symp-

Sick-showing signs of cold or flulike 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 Mushubee 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 WO-MENS 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 Man-

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?

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reopened state campgrounds on Wednesday, June 10.

Some of the changes that campers and park visitors will experience: Automatic touchless check-in.

New signs to educate on recreating responsibly. Park offices will remain closed to the public.

RESERVATIONS Camping reservations will be accepted by phone (1-888-947-2757) and online only to eliminate face to face interaction with DNR staff.

Same-day camping reservations are also now available by phone (1-888-947-2757) and the online reservation system.

Check-in is no longer necessary at the office or visitor station when coming to a property. Please proceed directly to your campsite and begin setup. Property staff will visit sites to monitor occupancy.

Campers should note that Rock Island State Park remains closed through June 30. The Washington Island Ferry Line has also currently suspended all trips to and from Rock Island.

GROUP CAMPING, SHELTER, AND AMPHITHEATERS

Group camping, shelters, and amphitheaters will be closed through June 30.

RESTROOMS AND BUILDINGS Most restrooms at state properties are now open.

Some remote water fountains may be closed in the day use area of the park or have the bubbler turned off and have access to the water spigot only.

All other facilities will remain closed, including towers, shelters, playgrounds, nature centers, headquarters, contact stations, and concessions. Equipment rentals are unavailable at this time. **FIREWOOD**

Firewood is not available at state parks at this time and should be purchased before campers arrive. Campers are reminded that certified firewood that has been properly heat-treated or aged to kill any infesting pests or diseases to protect Wisconsin's trees must be purchased within 10 miles of their camping location

ADMISSION

Annual park stickers and trail passes are required to visit state parks and trails.

Annual stickers are available for purchase online or with credit card by phone 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. seven days a week by calling toll free: 1-888-305-0398.

Annual trail and daily passes are NOT available for purchase at individual properties.

annual The 2020 vehicle admission sticker is valid through Dec. 31, 2020.

Annual state trail pass is required for anyone age 16 or older biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding or in-line skating on certain trails. A state trail pass is NOT required for walking or hiking. The annual trail passes are valid through Dec. 31 of the year they are issued.

CAPACITY AND CLOSURES

Due to high demand, many properties will likely reach their pre-determined <u>capacity limits.</u> When this happens, properties will close until existing visitors leave, and capacity is reduced.

Visitors are encouraged to explore other DNR recreation areas or visit during non-peak hours before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

The following State Natural Areas remain closed: Pewits Nest, Parfrey's Glen, Dells of the Wisconsin River, Gibraltar Rock. Popular attractions within state parks, including beaches, where social distancing cannot be achieved may close as needed. **EVENTS**

Volunteer activities will also follow the Bounce Back Plan and be permitted on a case-by-case basis depending on group size and whether the activity can be done maintaining 6 feet of space between volunteers.

The DNR urges state park visitors to do their part when visiting DNR properties. Most Wisconsin state parks, forests and other day-use areas do not have garbage or recycling bins. When you visit, please take your garbage and recyclables home with you. We all play a vital role in taking care of our natural resources. Following the Leave No Trace principles helps protect the land for generations to come. Fight the Bite! Ticks are out, and visitors should take precautions to prevent Lyme Disease.

Visitors are reminded to practice social distancing of 6 feet, refrain from congregating in large groups, travel only within your home communities and follow all existing state park rules and guidelines. Visitors are also encouraged to wear masks in situations where social distancing is difficult.

The DNR continues to receive the most up-to-date information and will adjust operations as conditions change. We will also continue to monitor on-theground circumstances each day to determine additional conditions that may become necessary. Before visiting other properties, please check with individual parks regarding changes to park operations.

For specific information regarding COVID-19 we encourage the public to frequently monitor the DHS website for updates, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

Maquaw T. Brisk (Above) Bowler High School Graduate

2020 Graduates



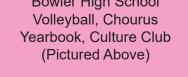
Zachary (Zak) W. Burr (Pictured left) Gresham High School Soccer, Baseball, FFA Basketball. **Student Council**

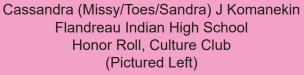
Aiyana J. Davids (Pictured Right) Honor Roll, **Dollars for Scholars**



Natalee (Nat) E. Gardner (Below) Bowler High School Graduate Honor Roll, Basketball, Writing

Tatum (TJ/Tay-Dawg) J. Kallies **Bowler High School** Volleyball, Chourus Yearbook, Culture Club





Nakota Kosbab Menominee Indian High School (Pictured Right)



Aiyanah (Winonah/King) W. King Gresham High School High honor Roll, Student Council Board Game Club, Quiz Bowl (Pictures Above)



Kyla R. Kroening Bowler High School Honor Roll VolleyBall Culture Club

(Pictured Right)



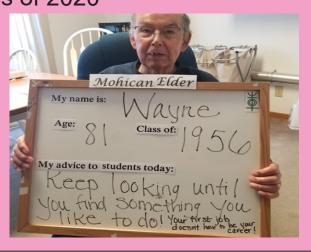
LeeAllen D. Malone Rural Virtual Academy (Pictured Left)



Advice from Mohican Elders to the Class of 2020







2020 Graduates



Kayla (KD/Pecan Pie) J. Pecore Bowler High School VolleyBall, Basketball Softball, FFA



Ramsey (Niis/Rams) J. Price Rural Virtual Academy Track and Field



Ira E. Rudesill
Bowler High School
Math Club, Quiz Bowl
Super Mileage Vehicle Club



Austin L. Slater
Bowler High School
Cross Country, Track and Field, Quiz Bowl
Basketball, Band, Forensics



Monigue (Moni/Monaq) D. Terrio Gresham High School Honor Roll.Student Council Year Book, FFA Culture Club, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball



Ja'Ni'Ya'Ku'Ha Webster Bowler High School



Lyle N. Welch III Gresham High School Basketball, Baseball Culture Club



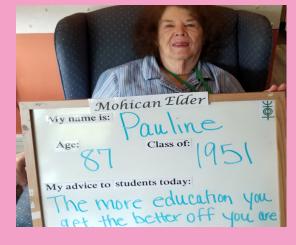
Waylon J. Welch
Gresham High School
Basketball, Soccer, Baseball
Culture Club, Puzzle Hilll Singers Drum



Alexandria (Alli V) X. Vele Gresham High School Honor Roll, Student Council, Class President Math Team, Culture Club, FFA Basketball, Forensics

Advice from Mohican Elders to the Class of 2020

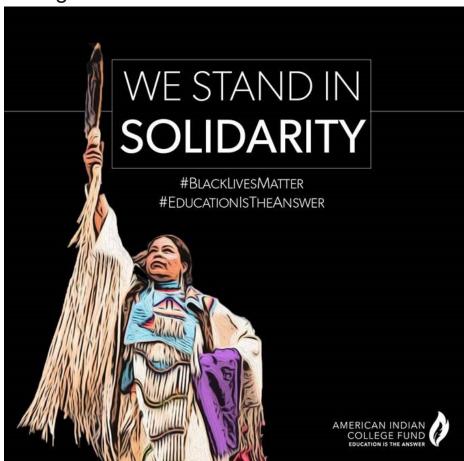








Statement on Race from the American Indian College Fund



I am a Native mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. The men, women, girls, and boys in my family are Indigenous. I have spent my entire life living with the possibility of violence or death aimed at myself and the people who I love the most.

Every single time an act of violence against a person or a group of people of color is in the news, I know in my heart it is only one visible act—and that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of acts of violence, overt and covert, committed against people of color every day that are not witnessed by anyone but the recipient. I know this because this is my experience—I see it every day. For nearly 40 years I have worked with Native education leaders creating equitable access to higher education for Indigenous people. Our institutions graduate Native leaders and seek a better way of life for our children, families, and Native communities. We are on a restorative economic,

treatment of Native people. The senseless and violent killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, and the harmful rhetoric about people of color is deeply disturbing. Their deaths are a painful reminder of the number of people who have been victims of systemic racism and invisibility.

social, and spiritual path, healing

generations of trauma resulting

from government policy and

When someone calls out for their mother, I hear it just as I heard my own children call for me when they were looking for me to join them - to celebrate, to share sorrow or anger, and perhaps, just perhaps, to save their lives.

We are angry and we stand in solidarity with our African American brothers and sisters. We know only too well the vulnerability of all people of color and the risk to our well-being that violence and chaos

One thing that I know to be true through my work is that creating equity in education is meaningful because Education is the Answer to all of the disparities and challenges that society faces. Through education, we learn the truth about history, gain a shared understanding of values and relationships, and develop skills for communication and engagement. We learn how to provide better law enforcement and health care, more meaningful jobs, stewardship of the environment, and an improved Any donations will help save lives! quality of life for people of color.

Protests have erupted across our nation, demanding a new and better way forward in our country that is being ravaged by a virus that has disproportionately impacted people of color and the poor, laying bare our nation's systemic and structural racism. Racism in America is nothing new. To be anti-racist means to stand in solidarity with people of color

and to commit to transforming our nation's systems, institutions, and relationships.

Our Indigenous teachings show us that we are all related. We have the choice to walk on the good road, the red road. This choice requires discipline, courage, accountability, and generosity. Our teachings remind us that each of us has gifts we can contribute for a better society—some of us by working to change systems, others by sharing their art and their words, and some by marching in the streets.

We must move forward with even greater resolve and an even greater commitment to using our Indigenous values as the guide for our daily work and for our Recent events remind us of the vision the founders of tribally controlled education had; reminders that we must gather up our weapons of intelligence, resolve, cultural teachings, and resilience, to fight for a better future. For the American Indian College Fund, our weapon is education.

We join other justice organizations, advocates, communities, and especially our youth to move forward using our values of respect, responsibility, relationships, reasoning, and resilience.

We call upon our brothers and sisters nationwide to raise a unified voice to demand a humane, just, and equitable nation for people of color for the next seven generations. No one will grant us this vision—it is one we will only achieve through hard conversations, hard work, and dedication. I call upon us to work together to make our voices heard, our communities visible, with the goal of creating a home where all of our children can thrive in peace. We reiterate our declarations of purpose for educational equity to reform education systems at all levels from early childhood education through college and adult education to eliminate racism. Racism is one of the greatest public health risks faced by brown and black people, and education is the shared space where good health and quality of life can be restored.

This is a time when people are broken hearted. As human beings, we know that we can carry love, joy, grief, and anger at the same time. We, at the American Indian College Fund, promise to listen and to be present with the sorrow and anger that we and others feel. We promise to work on solutions, with each other, and with our allies.

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President and CEO, American Indian College Fund

2000 Masks Needed for Warm Springs Indian Reservation COVID - 19



This is a Call to Action for the Wellbriety Community to collectively make or purchase 2,000 masks for The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: 1,000 masks for adults and 1,000 masks for children, as well as hand sanitizers, cleaning wipes, and disinfectant sprays.

The rates keep climbing every day! They are in extreme need of fabric masks and supplies.

Please mail all masks to: **WSCAT** 1136 Paiute Ave Warm Springs, OR 97761

If you have any questions or additional information. need please email lori@wscat.org.

If you could please send her an email if you plan on helping and let her know how many you are sending, that would help with planning. If you are not able to donate masks at this time, we humbly ask that you help by offering prayers in your own way to those that are being impacted by COVID-19.

On the flyer, the red thermometer shows how many masks have been received and the yellow thermometer shows how many masks have been promised.

We will provide updates on Tuesdays and Thursdays on how many masks have been received. Thank you all so much for the support and prayers! Please pass this on to your networks and share widely!

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.

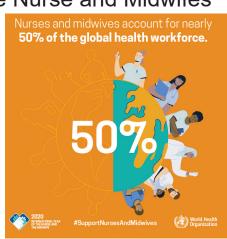
For all referral visits or PRC questions, please call 715-793-5011. PRC can approve and fax referrals to outside vendors

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.



World Health Organization named 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and Midwifes

Let us Honor our Mohican Nurses and recognize all the nurses working for the Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community as we celebrate Nurses. According to WHO: https://www.who.int/news-room/campaigns/year-of-the-nurse-and-the-midwife-2020





COVID-19 AND CHILD RESTRAINT SAFETY

the COVID-19 pandemic is to clean and sanitize
EVERYTHING. But.... Caregivers need to
remember the chemicals in their cleaning and
sanitizing supplies might break down their child
restraint's (car safety seats or booster seats)

materials and safety integrity.

As caregivers our number one strategy during

If you use a washer and dryer machine to clean the car seat or booster seat paddling it may alter the function of the child safety restraint. For example: The child restraint paddling may not fit on the car seat or booster seat correctly. Some child restraint manufactures only allow spot-cleaning for the hardware and paddling. Best Practice is for caregivers is to ALWAYS follow the car seat/booster seat's instruction manual for cleaning the car seat or booster seat.

If you do not have the child restraint's instruction manual please contact the manufacturer for cleaning and sanitizing questions or concerns. Most child restraint manufactures provide instruction manuals that can be downloaded for print or mobile use.

SEAT BELTS

Same rules apply here! Review your vehicle manual to review how to properly clean and sanitize your safety seat belts. If you do not have your owner's manual please contact the vehicle manufacture for cleaning instructions. Some manufactures have owner manuals online that can be download or accessible by the manufactures mobile app! Please remember to clean your car seats, booster seats, and seat belts with instructions outlined by the manufactures instructions.

Stay healthy and safe!





On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call: ALL PRESENT APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Physician Contract Gold Cross Courier

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

NCAI-Amicus Brief-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the CARES Act Litigation. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

FOOD PANTRY-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the participation and to become a member of the Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin and authorize the President to sign document. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

GOLD CROSS COURIER-Andrew Miller, Director of the Health and Wellness Center

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to waive the bid policy in regard to contracting with Gold Cross Courier Service. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

ADJOURNMENT-Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy

Mohawk. Motion carried 5:30 PM.

On Monday, April 27, 2020, the

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the agenda. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

401K AMENDMENT RESOLUTION-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 049-20, **BE**

IT RESOLVED, that effective immediately the Plans be amended to add the CRD option as permitted under Section 2202(a) of the CARES Act and subject to the following restrictions and administrative modifications:

- CRDs shall be offered only to those employees who certify that they are eligible under the CARES Act;

- Individual CRDs shall be limited to the lesser of 50% of the vested account balance or \$50,000;
- The provisions of the Plans that require spousal consent for distributions and limit in-service withdrawals to one withdrawal per year shall not apply to the administration of CRDs;
- Employees shall be provided with detailed information regarding the taxation of CRDs and the ability to repay CRDs to the Plans or other tax-preferred retirement vehicles; and
- Employees shall be advised to be cautious about taking distributions from the Plan during times of market volatility;

BEIT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Plan participants who certify they are eligible for CARES Act relief and who have loans outstanding from the Plans be permitted to suspend their loan payments on a temporary basis, and to have those loans re-amortized at the appropriate time, all in accordance with Section 2202(b) of the CARES Act; and

that any required minimum distributions scheduled to be paid from the Plans during the 2020

from the Plans during the 2020 calendar year shall be suspended in accordance with Section 2203 of the CARES Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 401(k) Committee is authorized and directed to work with ABG Southwest to implement the CARES Act options authorized by this Resolution and communicate necessary information to Plan

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the 401(k) Committee is authorized and directed to increase the dollar limits on CRDs if necessary, and to close the CRD option if and when the distribution feature is no longer needed or being used appropriately, all subject to the restrictions of the CARES Act. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

participants; and,

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried 2:54 PM.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey; Present Jolene Bowman; Present Terrie Terrio; Present Jeremy Mohawk: Present Martin Welch; Present Marv Malone; Present Craig Kroening Jr Present APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

ADD: GM's Monthly Report for February 2020

Bingo and Casino Financials for February 2020

GM'S Monthly Report for March 2020

Bingo and Casino Financials for March 2020

Physician Contract

Membership Request in Executive Session

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the agenda for Tuesday, May 5, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to the Special Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 27, 2020. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

BROADBAND FIBER ENGINEERING AND PROJECT M A N A G E M E N T - B r i a n McDonald, CIO

Motion by Jolene Bowman approve the self-funding to initiative for the Broadband Fiber Engineering and Project Management and assist in any paperwork in regards to obtaining permits State and local permits and filing and this includes having Finley Engineering prepare the RFP for Fiber Optics Transmission Line Installation vendor and assist in selecting the bidder based on qualification of respondents as well as Project Management of the installation. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

HEAD START 2020 SUMMER PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION-Jolene Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services

Motion by Martin Welch to approve the HSES 2020 Supplemental Summer Program Grant Application. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

HEAD START 2020 COLA AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION-Jolene Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services

Motion by Martin Welch to approve the 2020 HSES Cost-of-

Living adjustment (COLA) Quality Improvements Investments (QI) Supplemental Grant Application. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT-Molly Welch, Administrative Assistant

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Supplemental (AFG-S) application, and approval to use a portion of the 2020 Fire Department budget for the required 5% match if we receive the grant. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

FY 2020 USDA HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT-Allen Quinney, Executive Director

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the FY 2020 USDA Housing Preservation Grant to be submitted by the May 7, 2020 deadline. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY 2020-Michael Bonakdar, GM

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM's Monthly report and the casino and bingo financials for February 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2020-Michael Bonakdar, GM

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM's monthly report and the casino and bingo financials for March 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

PHYSICIAN CONTRACT-Andrew Miller, Director of the Health Center

Consensus to have Andy sort everything out, complete the contract and then bring back for Tribal Council approval.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey; Present
Jolene Bowman; Present
Terrie Terrio; Present
Jeremy Mohawk: Present
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go in Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 5:26 PM.

Motion by Jolene to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried 6:00 PM

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a member-ship request.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried 6:01 PM.

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Directives cont from pg Twelve:

Martin Welch; Present

Marv Malone; Present

Craig Kroening Jr.; Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

ADD: Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Notice of Award Furloughed Nurse Request Motion by Martin Welch to approve the agenda. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT POLICIES-Bridget Swanke, Legal Counsel and Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the amendment to the Safety Manual Section 8. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the recommendation of H.R. and to adopt the following language: "As permitted under tribal HR policies, the Tribe is suspending the use of PTO for multi-day absences not due to illness through the month of June." Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIFE AND ECONOMIC SAFETY (CARES) NOTICE OF AWARD-Kristy Malone, Manager SM Elderly Services

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Grant Award with a Fiscal year of 04/01/20-09/30/202120. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

FURLOUGHED NURSE REQUEST-Andrew Miller, Director of the Health Center

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the director to call in two nurses from the nursing field for the testing and contact tracing if needed. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 10:32 AM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 10:36 AM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Physician Contract.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the President to sign the Medical Agreement that was discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 10:39 AM.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Personnel Matters Policies

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the agenda of Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 and the Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Key Bank PPP Loan for Casino-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 050-20, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLOVED THAT, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes submittal application with KeyBank N.A. for the Paycheck Protection Program under the CARES Act in relation to the Mohican North Star Gaming and Resort; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal President or, if unavailable the Vice-President, and the Tribal Treasurer to execute all documents associated with the Paycheck Protection Program loan. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM IHS BEMAR FUNDS-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the acceptance of monies from IHS to replace the boiler and the cooling tower. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GEOTHERMAL PROJECT AT THE CLINIC-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Jolene Bowman for the Clinic to put out geothermal bid. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY WORK RESTRICTIONS POLICY-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Work Accommodation Policies and what we approve today can be disapproved tomorrow if it doesn't work out. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 6:41 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a tribal member request and personnel matters.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to pay the Memorial Holiday, Monday May 25 as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Roll Call: Jeremy yes, Jolene yes, Terrie abstain, Martin yes, Craig yes and Marv yes. Motion carried. Motion by Jolene Bowman to cancel all Tribal and Casino sponsored public gathering events until further notice. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

-OPEN AGENDA-ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:58 PM.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey; Present
Jolene Bowman; Present
Terrie Terrio; Present
Jeremy Mohawk: Present
Martin Welch; Present
Marv Malone; Present
Craig Kroening Jr.; Present
APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Tribal Member Camping

Request Land Minutes

Clarification on Highway 22

Program Guidance in Executive Session

Graduation in Executive Session Remove: Tribal Member Request in Executive Session

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the regular agenda for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 as identified by the President. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 19th, 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

RFP FIBER OPTICS-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the release of the RFP for the Fiber project as prepared by Finley Engineering Co. with contract for the project to be drafted by the Legal Department and sent to the bidders. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

P.L. 102-477 THREE YEAR PLAN-Jolene Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services

Motion by Terre K. Terrio to approve resolution 051-20 along with the language as identified be stricken on page 17, All decisions made by the Education Board are final, except as provided below

and the Career Services grievance to the Secretary of the Interior. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION-Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive Director of HR Contract Tracer-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve a contract position for Contact Tracer, for up to three positions as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Surveillance Officer-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Surveillance Officer request to fill two positions. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Warehouse Worker-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve for posting Part-Time Warehouse Worker as presented. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY COVID-19 SICK LEAVE PAY POLICY-Dennis Puzz, Jr., General Counsel and Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive Director of HR

Motion by Martin Welch to approve the Emergency COVID-19 Sick Leave Policy as presented. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

LAND MINUTES-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrie to approve all actions within in the meeting minutes of January 16, 2020 as recommended. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 5:24 PM.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 5:55 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on graduation, permission to access the Many Trails Park, contract with regards to Highway 22 and program guidance.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the internal audit for Road Maintenance and to send back to the department for response. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Mark Church to reside in the Many Trails Park until his construction is completed. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve using the funds that were set aside for the Senior Banquet to recognize our graduates of 2020 and to identify Martin, Marv and Jeremy as the ones that will come up with a plan. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to adjourn. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 5:58 PM.

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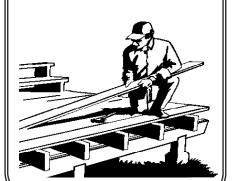
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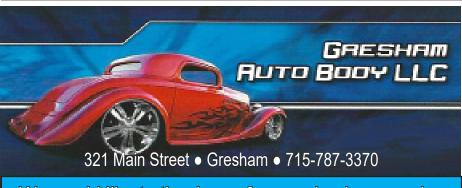
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