

Election Update

Jeff Vele – Editor

Tribal Caucus was held on Saturday August 15, 2020. Tribal members were nominated for Tribal Council and some other Tribal members submitted petitions to be added to the candidate list. We put a notice out for those who wanted to submit a platform for the Mohican News. There are no candidates for the position of **Education Board Parent/Grandparent- 2 open position (3-year term).**

The following list are the candidates who have been nominated or submitted a petition:

Vice-President

Jolene Bowman
 Matthew Putnam

Tribal Council

Seralee Azzolina
 Craig Kroening Jr
 Crystal Malone
 Marv Malone
 Andrew Miller
 Carolyn Miller
 Joseph Miller
 Jeremy Mohawk
 Brock Schreiber
 Sterling Schreiber Sr
 Sterling Schreiber Jr
 Scott Vele
 Martin Welch

The next step will be the Primary Election that will be held on September 19, 2020 at the Tribal Office from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM to reduce the number of people running for Tribal Council from thirteen down to eight. In this paper you will find platforms of those people who submitted them.

Election Proceedings:

Masks are required for all.

Children under the age of 21 will not be allowed in the voting area.

Election cont on page Two:



Landan Kroening- Housing Mntnc Worker

By Thomas Kazik II- Reporter

Landan Kroening is the recently hired Housing Maintenance worker. The young man was hired August 10th. Landan is a Bowler High school Graduate who has been working since he could drive. Started as a McDonalds worker part time during school, during his summer he worked as seasonal help at 3M in Wausau, WI. Most recently before housing he was third shift Security guard at North Star Casino. When he is away from work Landan Enjoys the outdoors and playing baseball. The young man also became a father on May 26th when Hudson Paul Kroening was born. Landan is the Son of Kenneth Rudesill and Rolanda Bierman. Landan's sibling are as followed: Chance Schultz, Chemon Rickert, Lane and Danian Shultz, Ira and Myrin Rudesill, and Treyton Bierman. As a housing Maintenance worker Landan will be Mowing lawns, plowing driveways and helping with the upkeep in the housing area. He will also be part of the team that rehabilitates the Housing apartments and houses when renters move out and before new renters can move in. Landan is enjoying his new position so far. He said "the job is helping me learns some new things every day, light carpentry skills, small engine maintenance/ repair and of course how to cut the lawn for my future house."

2020 Election Platforms Vice President



RE-ELECT Jolene Bowman For Vice President

Greetings, my name is Jolene Bowman and I wish you all well. I am respectfully asking for your support in retaining the position of Vice President on Saturday, October 10th in the Tribal elections.

Jolene cont on page Five:



Good day to all,

I have been nominated to run for Vice chairman of the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohicans and am reaching out to each one of you at this time. It has been difficult to sit on the side lines and see the progress that was made during my term go by the wayside. As of recent, I have started to put articles on one of the tribal web-sites (all pertaining to the needs of our community). Right now, I am

Matt cont on page Six:

Stockbridge-Munsee Elder of the Year

While navigating this 21st century pandemic the Education and Career Services department are trying new things and doing things a little different, so on Saturday, September 5th Keith Rudesill was honored as the 2020 S/M Senior Banquet Elder of the Year at his home. Family and friends gathered as the Education Board Chairperson Roberta Carrington read his bio out loud. President Shannon Holsey acknowledged his commitment to his family and his country before reading his plaque out loud and then presenting it to him. Also present was Education Board member, Lucille Burr; Education Program Specialist, Tammy Pecore; and Vice-President/Director of Education and Career Services, Jolene Bowman.

Keith Rudesill was born January 18, 1934 in Milwaukee, WI to Imelda Miller and Thomas Rudesill. He attended the school in Red Springs first and second grade, then Gresham School from



third through fifth, sixth through eighth grade at Nealsville Indian School and ninth through twelfth at Gresham school, leaving halfway through his senior year to join the U.S. Navy. In 1952 -1953 he served in the Great Lakes Installation. From there he went to Long Beach California Pacific

Elder continued on page Four:

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When you enter the voting room you will be required to sanitize your hands.

You will then proceed to the first Clerk station where you will present your Tribal Identification card. You may be asked for your name and/or Tribal Identification number.

You will then proceed to the next Clerk station where your identity will be verified.

You will then proceed to the Teller station where you will receive your ballot.

You will then be given a pen to use for marking your ballot. The pen is yours to keep, so please take it with you when you leave the voting booth.

After you have made your choices in the voting booth, or at the separate table for those who need or want to use it, you will place your ballot into the tabulation machine.

You will then proceed out of the building via the marked door.



Thomas Kazik II - Reporter
The Mohican Family Center (MFC) held its second "On the Go" Family night on Monday, August 31st, 2020. Their "Back to School" Blow Out event was held in place of the much-anticipated Back to School Family Bingo Night, many families were accustomed to. The MFC in partnership with the Family Services Program filled gift baskets with an array of school supplies and hygiene products that each of the 32 pre-registered families received. Along with the Family Gift Baskets, a fresh sub sandwich box was provided to each individual family member. Each family was put into the door

prize drawing basket and families could earn extra entries for tossing bean bags. Door prizes included \$50.00 Shoe Sensation gift cards, \$50.00 VISA Gift cards, household gift baskets and other small door prizes.

Each month the Mohican Family Center in partnership with the Family Services Program will host a Family Night. Families are required to pre-register for these events for planning purposes. Flyers and notifications of the events will be placed on the Mohican Family Center Facebook Page, the MFC - ASP -Teens - Family Services Programs Facebook Page, by Tribal Wide

email distribution and at mohican.com by clicking Services then clicking Family Center and then clicking View our Virtual Services and Activities.

During these uncertain times the Mohican Family Center and Family Services Programs are working hard to continue to provide services to our community. During the month of September Families may sign up for "A Night at the MFC," which will take place each Tuesday evening from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. One family per Tuesday evening, the family (only those living in the same household) will be provided a light dinner, a craft activity and open gym. The Family Services' After School Program is holding the September Scholars Program, which began September 14th, participants will have a craft day, ATODA Lessons, language/cultural lesson or a free day. All youth registered will receive after school snacks and scholar bags, as well as, win prizes for turning in the ATODA lessons, HIV lessons (7th-12th grade only) and posting their free day activities on the Facebook page.

If the youth or families have ideas on future virtual activities or suggestions on how to improve the current virtual services please reach out to the Family Center (715) 793-4807 or Family Services Manager (715) 793-4905, to share your thoughts.

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

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This mural located at the corner of E. Randall Street and S. Main Street was painted by a group of people from Across Wisconsin to remind Native Americans and ALL people to VOTE!

This is a non-partisan effort to encourage people to get to the polls on (or absentee ballot before) November 3, 2020.

Sponsored by: WI Native Vote, a subsidiary of Wisconsin Conservation Voices.





Elder cont from page One:
Reserve Fleet and was stationed on the USS Agerholm from 1953 – 1955 and then, for six months, on the USS Summit.

He is a member of the Honored Mohican Veterans and the Color Guard, where he represented the group on many occasions, including Pow Wows and school assemblies.

After he completed active duty, he earned his GED from MATC in 1956. From 1961 to 1963 he received numerous certificates, including Advanced Commercial Refrigeration and Electrical Certifications. After his time in the service, he resided in Milwaukee and worked at Harnischfeger until 1972 when he moved to Bonduel and worked at Fort Howard in Green Bay until his retirement in 1996.

While living in Bonduel he had a hobby farm for his children, Scott, Jody, Michelle and Brad, where they raised pigs, chickens and rabbits for the County Fair. They

also had a large garden and pickle patch. He was a Boy Scout Leader and coached the 4H softball team and took his kids fishing and hunting often.

Keith is a jack of all trades and can fix just about anything and do home improvements as well as work on most older model vehicles. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who asked. He also enjoyed doing woodworking projects with the grandchildren and making birdhouses and furniture, along with many other things.

In 2005 he returned to Gresham to spend more time with his brothers. Some of his favorite things to do in retirement, before the pandemic, were taking drives with his best friend and co-conspirator, the late Robert Miller. He also enjoyed spending time with Claudette, going to casino's for shows and gambling, going out to eat and having a 'Presbyterian' aka Old Fashioned.

2020 Election Platforms



Koolamalsi, my name is Craig Kroening Jr, son of Rhonda and Craig Kroening, Sr. With the blessing of my wife Joleen, and my three wonderful gifts from the creator (Kyla, Tia, and Tully), I am asking for your support for a seat on our tribal council.

The opportunity to be in such a position is not taken lightly as the decisions are difficult in this day and age of politics and the issues facing our nation, as well as Indian country across Turtle Island. Gaining more of a footprint in our original homelands, creating a better infrastructure to facilitate the

need for future technology and, of course, the future of our nation. These small gains are showing a brighter future for our people. With that said there is always an opposite, the division of people create a buildup of chaos and misunderstanding that brings hate and resentment to one another. We are all better than this, yes, all of our community! Leadership of open-minded origins helps to foster that change to create unity and understanding to guide a better path for our future.

This year has been a big challenge dealing with the COVID pandemic as the everyday norms have been turned upside down.

Our mission has always been the health, well-being and safety of our community. With this continued open-minded leadership, we will get through this as the Mohican people have always done in generations past. The road may be tough at times but the end result is we will still be here, our future generations will be here, and we will always be the "People of the waters that are never still"!

Anushiik for your support for the past three years, and hope to get that continued support this year.

Anushiik for your time!

Craig Kroening Jr



Crystal L. Malone

Hello, my name is Crystal L. Malone. My parents are Buttons Malone and LaVonne Kroening. I have worked for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe for 20 plus years at the Mohican Family Center, Housekeeping, Delivering mail, as an Economic Support Specialist, and now in my current position as

the Assistant Director of Human Services. I enjoy spending time with my family and helping serve my community in any way I am needed.

I would like the chance to serve on the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council to continue to help my Tribe and serve in any way I can. I will research, listen, learn, and ask questions to make the best-informed answer. I not only will look into current but also the future of the Tribe together. We are all here for a reason and if we work together and use everyone's strengths rather than focusing on their faults our Tribe will have a bright future. Why not start now and learn from our mistakes, no one person can do anything by themselves.

Thank you, Crystal L. Malone



Marv "Buttons" Malone

Hi, my name is Marv "Buttons" Malone. I would like to thank everyone that has voted for me for the past two years. This has been a learning process and continues to be as things changes all the time. I have learned a lot

about what Tribal Council does not only for the people but for the employees, community members, and surrounding areas.

Enrollment is a hot topic and is continually being worked on, it is a slow process, but it will continue. Please be mindful that there are many moving parts to enrollment and everyone who makes the process flow is working very hard. In the last couple months, we have been dealing with COVID-19, to not only explore options to keep our employees safe but also our Community. It has been very challenging with all the changes and the best way we can help each other is by wearing our masks, social distancing, and washing our hands.

Stay Safe and Thank You
Marv Malone



Hello, my name is Andrew Miller. I am the Clinic Director at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center. I have a bachelors degree in finance and a MBA in management. I have experience working in healthcare management, banking, and in the federal government.

I want to express my gratitude for all the tribe has given me. The tribe helped make it possible for me to obtain my college and master's degree. The tribe gave me my first job as a summer college intern at the North Star Casino as an accountant assistant in 1997.

More recently, the tribe hired me to serve as the director of the clinic. I feel that I owe a thank you to this tribe and community for all the opportunities that they made available to me. In return I do my best every day to lead the clinic and serve our community. I am honored to have been nominated to run for Tribal Council. I am accepting the nomination, and if elected will continue to do my best to serve the community and to preserve what we have for future generations.

Our current environment holds many uncertainties and COVID-19 continues to offer a host of challenges. The spread of COVID-19 throughout the community, the state, and the entire country shows how connected we all have become and that everyone will have to take part in a response that will help get us through COVID-19. Thank you to all who regularly wear masks and to those who take additional precautions to prevent getting and spreading this disease to others.

A Miller cont on page Thirteen:

Jolene cont from page One:

I am the daughter of Nathalee Kristiansen and granddaughter of the late Leona and Clarence "Gobe" Bowman. I am running to retain a seat as Vice President because I know and love our community and want to continue working collectively on expanding opportunity for the members of the Mohican Nation.

This past year we all faced unforeseen life experiences as our daily lives adjusted to the rapidly evolving response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, we put our collective thoughts together to focus on managing risk and decreasing community wide spread of the virus while letting the scientific data drive our direction.

As an introverted leader my approach for Community risk management during this pandemic was to examine the processes and to have conversations in order to gain a holistic understanding of the problem at hand. With the needs of our community and employees in mind, we made decisions that were not understood by all, but rest assured that at the heart of those decision was the wellbeing of our community.

Under this pandemic I learned more about creativity over certainty as there is no "playbook" for leadership when the stakes are high, and there's certainly no playbook for what to do in the face of a 21st Century pandemic. The reality of life ongoing under COVID-19 and its consequences for our businesses and community will play out over the rest of 2020 and beyond. As the old saying goes, "Crisis does not build character, it reveals it." This means right now, we really need hard working, values-driven, and focused leadership that is dedicated, responsible, and productive.

As a dedicated leader my method this past year covered being flexible, adaptive, and willing to make difficult choices. This included anchoring everything that was most important for the safety of everyone while simultaneously building a clear plan, leveraging our team, communication, finding new ways to create connections, and being authentic.

As a responsible leader my plan encompassed educating myself by monitoring the Daily Situation Report from the World Health Organization (WHO). In addition, I used the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for practical advice on how to protect our community and as interim guidance for the operations of our businesses and those they serve.

As a productive leader the year started with responding to the election referendum by presenting the Chapter 44 Membership Ordinance for action. Knowing that our Constitution under Article II, Section 4 requires membership ordinances (Chapter 44) to be approved by the BIA means there are no options to move forward on the Membership ordinance without action by the BIA. As such, we are in communication with BIA whether through phone calls, emails, or letters, but unfortunately part of the process is a waiting game.

Even though this is the reality, we are actively working towards a response as we are committed to seeing this through. In December the revised Chapter 44 was sent to the BIA and in June a letter was sent inquiring about Chapter 44 - Membership and the other seven ordinances (Tax, Food, Truancy, Flag, Civil Procedure, Appellate Procedure, and Employment Preference) that we also awaiting a response. We also attempted to schedule a call with the Great Lakes Superintendent to voice our concerns about their lack of response.

In addition, this year included being active and supportive in producing, collaborating and advocating for productive results which covered:

Producing a digital and automated Semi-Annual report to the people titled, "Trend Forecasting in Tribal Operations Management" for the Semi-Annual meeting in May. Voting in favor of amicus briefs that supported the environment in the Standing Rock, et al. v. US Army Corps of Engineers (Dakota Access Case) and supporting our Sovereignty in the CARES Act Litigation along with NCAI as these are two consistence stances that the tribe has taken in the previous years.

Collaborating with staff and partners in formalizing a process for consistency and efficiency by incorporating the use of submitting an online form with the option to upload attachments for those seeking a donation. As such, this included; updating the charitable donation policy/procedure that was last updated 19 years ago, creating a political donation policy/procedure that was separate from charitable donation, and creating an Aid to Local Government (ALG) policy/procedure.

Advocating for transformational change that resulted in the creation of an Enrollment Application Coversheet that was enacted by the staff and the committee as part of their standard procedures which helped in the presentation and organization of the documents in the file.

There is no transparency in isolated communication. As such my goals for this next year include evaluating and working toward change that improves our cross departmental communication as I support inclusivity over isolation. Isolation does not work for any community, so why should we accept it within ours. There are no quick fixes but working continuously to improve and open our communication is a win for all of us.

My plans include continuing to listen and have regard for our employees, boards/committees, and tribal process while not exercising one's sovereignty as a tribal leader without just cause. To do so is abuse of power and misuse of authority as an elected leader, but rather we should be working with humanity at the core. This means we must separate politics from programming and the tribal courts to prevent conflict and/or the perception of it while working collaboratively with our employees and boards/committees. To do otherwise takes the integrity out of the process only to foster self-service from one's personal biases or individual agendas versus our community as a whole.

Hearing from our members works to inform leadership of when and where change is needed. As

such, I will continue to listen to our members. From my seat waivers conflict with the long-term goal of having standard policies that maintain consistency, continuity, and order within our operations. Instead of using waivers as a quick fix we should be working towards effective change that is inclusive of all our members.

We need leaders with solutions and not just opinions because opinions without solutions or a plan does not get the job done.

My strengths are built on a solid work foundation that consists of a higher education, 28(+) years of tribal work experience that includes leadership that is dedicated, responsible, and productive.

If you support these leadership qualities, support me in the Stockbridge-Munsee tribal elections on Saturday, October 10th.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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Munsee-We are grateful

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Mohican – Thank you

Dr. Jolene Bowman



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When you take steps to stay safe during COVID-19, you lower the risk for everyone around you—because we're all connected. Learning how to protect your tribe can help protect everyone in Wisconsin.

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Matt cont from page One:

going to speak a bit of what was accomplished and what was in the works. Whatever is about to be stated no one on that council or the current council can dispute (will keep it simple).

One of the first that I can remember was going to Madison to ask if our flag could be displayed at the capital. At the urging of our Chair I was to take a prepared statement regarding Act 31 (this pertains to education of native American studies in public school) which really did not pertain to what I was in for when arrived. I arrived at the capital early and made my way to where I would meet with the representatives of the state. It was a big fancy room up on the second floor with decorations on the wall that looked like DaVinci himself had painted. I waited there patiently until the time of the meeting visiting with some of the reps as they arrived. When it came time to speak on behalf of our people, I instructed them as to reading the prepared statement and that I wanted to speak openly fielding any questions. The statement was read. I spoke personally on why our flag should be flown on the second floor of the rotunda. I was asked various questions pertaining to all tribes in the state. Being that no other representatives were there; I began talking about this country as we know it being our original home. All the tribes had been in the state before its inception and we too were Sovereign by treaty. It would only be right that we look upon each other as equals lest we be forgotten. The discussion turned to how many pillars were in the rotunda (there were twelve). Next it was how many tribes are there. The answer from the Reps was 11 Federally recognized. Then I spoke on behalf of our relatives the Brotherton that maybe they could fly their flag for the twelfth. This was turned down. We then discussed an Eagle Staff that could be protected by glass with a feather from each tribe and an explanation as to what it was and origins. In the end it worked out that all 11 flags would be displayed on the second floor Rotunda.

While on way to attending a business workshop in Iowa, I asked permission to leave a couple days early and go to Oklahoma to meet with the Two Delaware nations that reside there. The first day I got into Oklahoma, I was fortunate enough to find Chet Brooks, Chief of the "Delaware Tribe of Indians" after knocking on someone's door. We spent the rest of the day till night together discussing our relationship to one another including family trees that tied us together and how we ended up where we did. We exchanged blankets and I was invited to attend the elderly

breakfast the next morning, where a lot more conversation occurred (the blanket we received is the black and red blanket hanging up in our council room). After breakfast was over, I started my journey to the western side of the state to meet with the "Delaware Nation". The next morning, I met initially with Deborah Dotson their President. We discussed our tribes and relationship to one another. (they are mixed Delaware Wyondot Caddo and had been living on the current Mexican border/Mexico before returning to their current home some time ago. Then I met with their Historic Preservation Department in town before returning. At that time, it was time for the council meeting and instead of sitting outside, I was invited in as an equal because we are the same people. When it came time to speak, I addressed the whole council and told them the story of why we refer to them as grandfather and presented them with a blanket. When all was done, I proceeded on my 600-mile drive to the business work shop the following morning in Winnebago Nebraska. (I will speak on that another time).

This next part I am going to keep short because I do not want to waste all your time reading. So, later that year, I was able to get together with Chairs from each of our closely related tribes. Delaware Tribe of Indians, Munsee of Thames, Delaware nation Moravian Town. Delaware Nation Chair Deborah Dotson was unable to attend because of illness. She did send word, however. This meeting of peoples took place in, at and around the Museum of Brooklyn. The common goal between us all was to reestablish our relationship to one another for the future of our people and so we could stand united once again in our homeland on the east coast. We would be there for one another when called upon. This has not happened.

This is just a mere fraction of what had went on. Just about everything you can imagine in Indian country there was a meeting for. Problem being a person needed to make sure it was justifiable and a true reason to be there. There were meetings at Valley Forge, Martin van Buren Historic sight, and The Saratoga battle field (if you are not familiar with Saratoga, our people along with other Tribal allies turned the war in favor of the colonist for what we are still feeling the effects today, 250 years later. Am happy to say we do live in greatest country in the world regardless).

So, let's get back to what was physically getting accomplished at home: (regardless of "I" started something, when it comes before the council then "we" decide to move forward);

We were going department

by department looking for inefficiencies to help things run smoother to benefit our community; We were starting to look at possibly forming a business side to the tribe separate from council;

We were meeting with Bay Bank and talking about the financing of homes a strategic plan;

We were obviously trying to drum up businesses to be in the strip mall. Our very own "field of Dreams";

We looked at different ways to keep employees long-term at the Casino;

We restructured our minimum wage;

So, looking forward, a few problems we face:

Education and the ability to bring professionals home to work in needed fields here. We need to set state and federal monies aside for a second and actually invest in our own people. There is a way. Maybe it's by entering in a contract with our members whom are studying and the ones that will be, to provide an incentive to train/educate them to come back here. Fill a much-needed role in the community bettering our nation.

Housing: Actually, get the ball rolling!! We have tribal Loan Fund, Bay Bank at our service to help with Section 184 loans. We have money we can invest into our own housing program we can create for people whom don't qualify for a traditional home loan.

Land: We have 33,000 acres roughly 1600 tribal members and no answers from the land

department on where we can build. This gets back to long range strategic plan and tribal council via chain of command having the land department make that available. Its damn tough when you don't feel welcome in your own home.

Enrollment: Putting it to rest once and for all. No more secrecy.

Personally, I would like to say a few things so we can all be on the same page tribally even if we are not Nationally. With the upcoming election and invention of the computer and Facebook we are driving a wedge between one another that does not belong there for the well-being of our people.

As of right now, the difference is what we make right here with helping one another and moving the Mohican Nation forward. If you pay attention to the RNC and DNC this is the first time I can remember our relatives from other tribes being center stage our opinions counting. The Chair Nez of the Navajo nation at the DNC Vice Chairman Lizer at RNC working together for the benefit of their people. Remember it's not about the party, but what can be done to benefit the community most. We must have an open mind and always look to our future.

Thank you for taking the time to read and this. If you would like to know about some other things that are affecting the tribe and in need of more discussion, you can look on Mohicans let talk about it and I will also be sharing on other tribal sites.

Sincerely Matthew J. Putnam

National Park Fees

Update 02: S.327/H.R.4930 | Wounded Veterans Recreation Act

The Senate approved a bill to grant all veterans with service-connected disabilities free lifetime entry to America's 419 national park sites.

The Wounded Veterans Recreation Act (S.327), introduced 24 JUN 2019 by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] was passed to the House on 24 JUN for consideration.

It amends the current eligibility standards for national park passes which would result in granting them to millions more U.S. veterans. Now, veterans must have a 100% permanent disability to receive free lifetime entry.

If approved by the House, the bill would grant a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass to any veteran with a disability rating through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

According to a recent report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4.7 million veterans, or 25% of the total vets in the U.S., had a service-connected disability in

2019. About 2.09 million had a disability rating of 60% or higher, the report shows. It did not specify how many veterans were 100% disabled.

For years, veterans and experts have praised experiences in nature as therapy for those suffering from symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. "Recreation in our national parks and public lands can be a valuable healing tool for veterans living with physical and emotional wounds as a result of their service," said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana. "I'll continue fighting to make sure our legislation crosses the finish line in Congress."

Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA) introduced the H.R.4930 in the House 30 OCT 2019 which was referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry on 15 NOV.

"National parks can connect our veterans with nature and increase their spiritual, mental and physical well-being," Ruiz said at the time. [Source: Stars & Stripes | Nikki Wentling | June 24, 2020++]



Joe Miller

Greetings: Well, its been 4 years since we last spoke. To anyone wondering what I have been doing since then, I continue to represent the tribe as an elected official, on the Bowler School Board, 8 years total, 3 years as President, and this past spring, now as Vice President. In 2018, I was elected to the Shawano County Board of Supervisors, district 21, I haven't been standing still, 4 years off council didn't stop me from representing my community. To this day, I am proud of the work we started in 2016, the "Enrollment" reform is moving ahead and I am

proud to have played a critical role in its development, wouldn't have changed a thing! Now we see the vast majority of the membership supporting this reform. For the future of this community, we must get away from the system of "counting blood" by use of a mathematical equation. By continuing to use the same format, where are going to be in 50 to 100 years? Our ancestors never counted blood, why should we? We are all descendants, and our descendants need to be recognized as well, they are our future.

This coming year I will have worked for the tribe 40 years, all my adult life has been devoted to this community, now working with the Mohican Family Center, assisting with Agriculture department, and now assisting the Medical Transport Department driving elders to appointments, I am always glad to assist in any way I can.

I wish to bring my 20 plus years of council, leadership, experience back to the community, I will always represent us honestly, at the end of the day, that is all that matters. I ask for your support in the upcoming Primary and hopefully on the general election day in October.

Ann-Ni-Shik, Joe Miller



Sterling Schreiber Sr.

My name is Sterling Schreiber Sr. and I am running for a seat on the Tribal Council. I am the son of Ellen Schreiber and the late Duane Schreiber. I have two sons Sterling Jr. and Brock. I am grandfather to Sterling III, Derek, Brett, Brynn, Savanna and Eli. I am employed by the Tribe full-time as a Game Warden and have been in that position for twelve years. I have worked for the Tribe in various positions for over twenty-eight years.

Our world and the entire world have changed so drastically in the last year it's really hard to fathom.

There were country-wide protests regarding the "Black Lives Matter" movement stemming from police shootings of black men. This country hasn't seen protests for accountability and equality like this since the 1960's. These are truly historic times that we are living in. Life will never be the same as we once knew it, but hopefully despite these tragic events, positive change will be the outcome.

The COVID-19 pandemic turned our normal lives upside down. Nobody could have predicted this chaos. The news was flooded with daily death totals and new confirmed cases of the virus. There
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The stories that will be told about this year we call 2020 will echo throughout history. A year fill with a unknown virus that change our way of living. Events in our society that change our way of thinking. A reflection of ourselves that told a story of how far we have come and how much more we must go to create equality among everyone. At the end of the day surrounded by other great leaders I become educated in the most important way I believe I could be taught. Learning to give my time and heart to a community that needs it most as we all move through this troubling time in our lives. The major impact a smile, a open mind, and a caring heart can to do for others as we face these fears together. The will to find a way to improve a better life for everyone and not just a few. None of this would be possible for me without the wisdom of my fellow council members and a truly loving community of the Mohican Nation.

We don't know a view of some-

one's situation tell we walk a mile in their shoes. I have experience and become incredibly grateful to see this up close in my freshman year on Tribal Council. You learn a lot and at a fast speed when you take on the responsibility of this great office. Becoming humble to your limits and working every day to find a way to reach new resources for your people has made me a better leader and a better person at the end of the day. I am forever in debt to my great Mohican Nation members for giving me this opportunity to serve you this past year.

I believe we have crossed bridges and climb mountains that most tribes continue to cope with. With this said we still have much work to do. I believe anything is possible for the Mohican Nation. Nothing can hold us back but ourselves and as history has shown we will make it out the other side of this time of hardship and fear based. We as a people not only posse the courage and strength to advance forward in our lives through tough times but I believe we are the finest example of what it takes to do so.

In closing I once again thank you for giving me a chance to be a part of our leadership. A duty I always wish to seek and enjoying doing every day. I gracefully ask you once again for your support and vote for another term on September 19th, 2020. I will continue to believe in you as you believe in me.

Martin Welch



Koonumunthe'mā Ma'EEKUNEW Nināapaak, Our names are Brock Schreiber and Sterling Schreiber Jr. and we are the sons of Sterling Schreiber Sr., the grandsons of Ellen (Mohawk) Schreiber, and the great grandsons of Riley and Liza (Welch) Mohawk.

We are running for seats on Tribal Council because we believe the Tribal membership deserves leaders that lead from among our people instead of those who lead from above our people. You will notice that we are running a combined campaign even though we are each running for individual seats on the Tribal Council. We decided to campaign this way because the platforms and the

principles under which we will serve are one and the same. We hope to each be elected to serve on Tribal Council together so that we can help bring the power of our government back to the people, and work hand in hand with our Community to make real progress. Our Tribal Community is in the midst of what will be looked at as a very significant point in our history. For the first time in many years, our Tribal Membership is increasing which means that our Community needs to work together sooner than later to lay the foundation for a sustainable future.

Issues like sovereignty and self-determination, access to housing, food security, economic

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Family Center/Services Family Night



Family Center/Services



Schriebers cont from pg Seven: stability, clean energy, cultural preservation and revitalization, healthcare, enrollment and membership requirements, community development, elder care, education, environmental stewardship, and gaming rights have always been important issues for our Community.

With our growing Membership, it is imperative that we move forward with careful planning to ensure that our Tribal Nation can continue into perpetuity. While the recent focus of our Tribe has been building our Membership, we must not look past the need to work towards building our Community and our Nation.

Now, as much as ever, it is so very important that the decisions we make regarding these issues are truly decisions made by our entire Community and not just seven people. Yet time and time again, this past year, our Tribal Council has kept the Membership in the dark while making important decisions. This is not the way our government should operate. We cannot make decisions haphazardly without open discussion.

We intend to make absolute transparency the guiding principle through which we serve as Tribal Council Members. We believe a government that serves the people does so with transparency, while a government that serves itself, does so with secrecy.

We desire to create and maintain an open line of communication with our Membership and we will work to remove barriers that stand in the way of our Membership from participating in our Tribal government. We feel that providing virtual access to Tribal Council and Committee meetings and implementing absentee ballots in Tribal elections are two changes that are long overdue. Providing virtual access to meetings is attainable almost immediately and we feel that this would help contribute to governmental transparency and given the current pandemic we are experiencing, would help limit the risk of exposure to infectious disease. We are aware that implementing absentee ballots will require an amendment to our Tribal Constitution, but we are willing to begin the process to accomplish this change.

As a First Nation we face many issues that must be tackled simultaneously. We do firmly believe that our Tribe was long overdue for enrollment reform. However, we also believe that we must be careful not to get complete tunnel vision and forget about the many other issues that we face.

One current issue that we face is housing availability. To put it plain and simple, our Membership is in need of affordable housing now. There are many reasons (excuses)

that have been attributed to why we have not, or cannot tackle this issue head on right now. We are ready to open the Community discussion on not only the reasons why we absolutely can, but also on the reasons why we absolutely must start building homes now. We have Tribal Members with housing needs that are as simple as a small one bedroom home so they can live each day knowing where they will be sleeping that night. We also have Tribal Members who are in need of family sized homes. Some will be able to finance homes themselves, while others may need some form of subsidized housing. Either way, we can and must work towards achieving real results on this issue and not just more lip service.

There is an old saying that the first step in fixing a problem is admitting you have one. Well here goes. Our Community has a drug problem. Discussions regarding drugs and addiction are uncomfortable, but we need to have them, and we need to have them now. The reality is that we have many Community Members that are victims (yes, victims) of drug addiction. This is a multi-generational problem that will require a multi-generation solution. Instead of exiling and shunning victims of addiction when they are at the lowest points in their lives, we need to embrace them and hold them even closer. We need to support them, in their time of need and help guide them down the path to healing. We need to enact programs that help these victims find meaningful employment, secure safe housing, and that establishes support networks to help them. This is not just a problem involving certain Members, or certain families, this is a problem that belongs to all of us, and it is time that we join together to grab this bull by the horns.

When it comes to achieving food security, we have taken the most important step and that is the first step. We have established a mother garden where we are growing our own food. However, the mother garden is not capable of providing complete food security all on its own. We believe the next step is establishing small family gardens and implementing larger scale mechanized agriculture. We can help empower our families to meet many of their own food requirements by assisting in the establishment of family gardens. This assistance can be tailored to each family's specific requirements and may include tillage of soils, installation of fencing, and assistance with seed planting and garden maintenance. Each year a family gardens, they will gain more knowledge, experience, and independence. In addition, our Tribe can implement a larger scale approach to growing certain food

crops such as corn, potatoes, and beans. Our Tribal employees can plant and maintain these crops with tractors and implements which will increase the efficiency of the growing process. When it comes time for harvest, a notice can be posted in the Community with harvest dates and times. Then Tribal members and families can show up and harvest their own portion of the crop themselves. The combination of a mother garden, family gardens, and larger scale agriculture can allow us to move closer to complete food security.

It seems that often times Tribal Councils hold hollow discussions with no real intent to take action. Awhile back our Tribal Council had discussed clean energy and more specifically solar electricity. It is obvious that there was never any real intention on taking any real action. This time around, we need to hold real discussions on solar electricity with the goal of taking real action. We need to consult with other Tribal Communities that have installed solar electric systems. We need to consult our own Community Members with solar electric systems. We need to consult those in neighboring communities with solar electric systems. We need to consult manufacturers and distributors of solar electric systems. We need to look into the costs of equipment and installation, the availability of grant funding, the financial return on investment, and the environmental benefits, and then we need to decide as a Community, what action we want to take. We need to do real research, have real discussions, and take real action. This is how things get done, and this is how we intend to get things done.

We could cover many more of the issues we face, but we have already made this article much longer than we intended. We will begin reaching out to the Tribal Community on Facebook and will be also hosting live stream discussions. This will allow us to dive deeper into the issues we covered here and also cover many of the issues we didn't. We also welcome all Tribal Community Members or families to contact us directly with any questions or concerns you may have for us. We look forward to having the opportunity to serve our Community and work hand in hand with our Membership to take real actions and make real progress for our great Nation.

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Brock Schreiber 715-851-4466

Sterling Schreiber Jr 715-881-0332

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was country-wide school and business closings, high unemployment, state-wide curfews, financial collapse and general panic and uncertainty about the future. The Tribe shut down the North Star Casino and the majority of our employees were paid to stay home for an extensive period. Families have all been affected by the pandemic in some fashion. Gatherings that once were prevalent are now frowned upon. Wearing masks in public, washing and disinfecting our hands and staying home or close to home have become our new normal. And I believe this has been hardest on our elders.

This year also brought a change in the way the Tribal Council conducts meetings. There would be restrictions on the number of tribal members who can be present at the meeting and masks are required. Information dissemination has been slow and sometimes seemingly nonexistent. Finding out what the Tribe's dealing are should not be after the fact when they are printed in the Mohican News. Obviously not everyone is comfortable going to a meeting since COVID-19 began. I believe the Tribe should utilize 21st technology and livestream the meetings for tribal members. What a great way for tribal members, some who may have never been to a Tribal Council meeting, see firsthand how their tribal government operates. Could this possibly be a first step towards accountability and transparency? Accountability and transparency, two words often uttered by many a Tribal Council, but rarely fulfilled. Your government should be an open book with no secrets. Is there a fear that tribal members will have too much information and knowledge of what is going with their tribe? Livestreamed meetings would be an excellent first step. The Tribe should always find ways to include tribal member participation, not exclude it. Imagine tribal members being able to know immediately what decisions are made by their Tribal Council and watching the discussion that went into arriving at that decision. And especially in this time of COVID-19, being able to watch this from the comforts of their own living room. That's the act of a responsible caring government, a government who have put the health of their people, especially their elders first. That would be an open government at its finest, with, wait for it, "Accountability and Transparency".

I usually don't make campaign promises, but if elected I will make sure livestreaming meetings becomes a reality. It's time to give **Sterling cont on page Twelve:**



FREE COVID-19 TESTING IN SHAWANO COUNTY

FREE testing for any Wisconsin resident with symptoms or concerns about COVID-19.

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| DATES | September 15th and 16th |
| TIME | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| LOCATION | Shawano County Fairgrounds 990 E Green Bay St, Shawano, WI 54166 |

General Information:

- No appointment is needed
- Testing is free
- Members of the Wisconsin National Guard will conduct the testing
- Stay in your vehicle; test is done within your vehicle
- Wear a cloth or surgical mask when you come to the testing site
- Testing is available for those ages 5 and older
- Parent or guardian must accompany any minor aged 5-17 to consent to testing
- Digital registration may be done on your device or someone will assist you, please follow registration instructions at the time of the test
- Stay home while waiting for test results

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE:

- Fever (>100.4)
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Diarrhea
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste of smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting

For more information, contact the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department
(P): 715-526-4808 | (E): covid19@co.shawano.wi.us

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 8, 2020**

**CONTACT:
Shawano-Menominee Counties
Health Department**

Phone: 715-526-4808
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Shawano-Menominee Counties
Health Department
Vicki Dantoin
Health Officer
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COVID-19 UPDATES FOR SHAWANO AND MENOMINEE COUNTIES

COVID-19 cases in Shawano and Menominee Counties have continued to increase. Shawano and Menominee Counties currently have high COVID-19 activity levels. As of last week, Shawano County was experiencing a growing trend of COVID-19 activity. The month of August showed the highest number of new cases for each county to date. Shawano County experienced about 128 cases in August while Menominee County experienced 11 cases. Eight days in to September, Shawano County is already at almost half of the number of August cases. With a return to school and changes in weather, we anticipate these numbers to continue to increase.

We would like to remind you that COVID-19 is very much among us and remains a health and safety issue. "We know following measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is not easy, but we need everyone's help to slow the spread of this virus and prevent as many serious cases of illness as possible," stated Vicki Dantoin, Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Officer.

To help slow the spread of COVID-19 continue the following behaviors:

- Keep 6 feet of distance from others.
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a mask when in public areas if you are able.
- Avoid gatherings with people not in your household.
- Stay home when you are sick, on isolation, or on quarantine for COVID-19.
- Stay home while waiting for COVID-19 test results.

Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department is also pleased to announce there will be a **free COVID-19 testing event** for any Wisconsin resident with symptoms or concerns about COVID-19. The event will be held at the **Shawano County Fairgrounds** (990 East Green Bay Street, Shawano) on **September 15 and September 16 from 9:00am to 5:00pm**. Testing will be available for those aged 5 and older and done within your vehicle by members of the Wisconsin National Guard. Please wear a mask when you go to the testing site and follow on site instructions for digital registration or ask for help from an attendant.

We encourage anyone who is concerned about COVID-19, especially anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, to seek a test at this event. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include new or worsening: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

Please stay home while you are awaiting the results of your COVID-19 test.

Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department will be sharing additional county wide data soon that will be accessible through the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department website. To stay up to date on the latest local data on COVID-19, please visit us at our [website](#) or on our [Facebook page](#).

You may also access more COVID-19 resources at:

- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Thank you for doing your part to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We wish you the best of health and safety during this time.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Governor Evers has proclaimed September as Suicide Prevention Month. There is no better time to begin or renew our commitment to taking care of ourselves and each other. Too many people have been affected by the tragedy of suicide, either directly or indirectly. Suicide in Wisconsin: Impact and Response is a new report that seeks to mobilize and guide co-

ordinated action to reduce suicide attempts and deaths. This report includes:

**The most up-to-date picture of suicidal behavior in Wisconsin based on surveys, death records, and hospital data.

**Four strategies and 50 opportunities for action that taken, as a whole, provide a path toward reducing suicidal behavior in Wisconsin.

PUBLIC NOTICE!

The Cultural Affairs Department is seeking two Language Instructors

We are looking to contract for teaching services:

- One (1) instructor to teach a one (1)-hour class in Mohican once a week
- One (1) instructor to teach a one (1) hour Munsee class per week.
- The contract would begin October 5, 2020 – September 22, 2021.
- Classes are to be one (1) hour in length and meet once (1) a week
- Contract will include instruction during annual Language Camp (s)

Contact Cultural Affairs – Language at 715-793-3047 if questions

If you are interested submit the following:

- Name
- Contact information
- Which language you are interested in instructing and why

Please list your qualifications

**All submissions need to be submitted to the Tribal Secretary in a sealed envelope at:
N8476 MoHeConNuck Road
PO Box 70
Bowler, WI 54416
Phone: 715-793-4387**

**Submissions deadline: 4:30 pm September 25, 2020
Late submissions will not be accepted**

NOTICE TO LAND ASSIGNMENT HOLDERS

The Tribe, in conjunction with Wittenberg Telephone/Cirinity, is bringing high speed internet to the reservation and surrounding communities in partnership with Wittenberg Telephone. Part of this process involves preparing the route for the high-speed fiber along the roadway and the route to individual homes that sign up for this service.

As part of the route preparation, tribal employees and others authorized by the Tribe may be on various land assignments from the Tribe and along tribal roadways marking the route, designating wetlands and invasive species areas to ensure proper precautions are taken.

These activities will largely be occurring from July 2020 to June 2021.

If you have any questions about the project or these activities, please feel free to contact broadband@mohican-nsn.gov.

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all tribal members access to the process of how a tribal government operates no matter where they live. COVID-19 may have helped force this hand, but this could be a real positive step for tribal members wanting to keep informed on their tribe moving forward. Imagine, no matter where you live or any situation that may hinder you from attendance to a meeting has now been removed. The future is now and LIVESTREAM IS THE FUTURE.

Speaking of tribal member participation, why is open session at 5:00 p.m. and not the usual 7:00 p.m. like it has been for decades? The explanation I was given 20 years ago was that this gave tribal members a chance to come home from work, spend some time with their families and then have ample time to attend the open session forum of the meetings at 7:00 p.m. I may be a conspiracy theorist, but it sounds to me like the Tribal Council would rather not field questions from tribal members. And by the way, tribal workers are on a new schedule and work until 5:30 p.m. Gee, what are the chances they can make themselves available at 5:00 p.m. to voice their concerns when they are still working? How about zero. And what about people who don't work for the Tribe? 5:00 p.m. probably isn't a good time for them either. Here is a compromise. Have an open session at 5:00 p.m. for the early crowd and another one at 7:00 p.m. for the people who because of life's responsibilities can't be there at the start of the meeting.

At the Tribal Council meeting on September 1st, the Tribal Council did their version of "Defund the Police". Police Chief Jim Hoffman was resigning so when this article prints, it will have already happened. I can spot a forced resignation when I see it and I saw it plain as day. At least four of the current Tribal Council, including President Shannon Holsey signed a petition over a year ago to make the Chief of Police an elected position. And by all the comments said at previous meetings, the elected Chief of Police would have to be Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled member. So, they're calling this a "reorganization" even though it's obvious it's an action to rid themselves of Jim Hoffman. There would be no way even if it were an elected position, that Jim Hoffman would meet their qualifications to run for it because he is Menominee, not Stockbridge-Munsee. One Council member at least said he signed it because he personally didn't like Jim Hoffman. The others stated that it was nothing personal. Who in their right mind would believe that? Signing a petition is a political

statement, it doesn't get much more personal than that. So, the Chief of Police position is gone and they have replaced it with a Lieutenant position. I would think if they were previously leaning towards an elected position, this new position would at least require the person to be a tribal member, but it doesn't. That has no logic to it.

Being a police officer is tough job, especially in the time that we are living in now. Police officers or Chiefs of Police will never be popular with everyone. They deal with scenarios that may see people at their absolute worst. They deal with chaotic, violent or potentially violent

situations and have to make tough, sometimes life altering decisions immediately. They deal with situations where they have to decipher what the truth is in a matter and deal with people who aren't always forthright and honest with the truth. How do you tell someone that one of their family members is a drug user, a drug dealer or has committed a violent crime? Tribal members sometimes have to witness family member's being led away in handcuffs by the police. There is sometimes animosity towards the police officer for just doing what the community hired them to do, keep the peace and uphold our laws. Absolutely a tough and unpopular job. When was the last police shooting or police brutality complaint against one of our tribal officers? We have a good police department void of the problems that other communities face. Jim Hoffman's departure was personal, call it for what it is.

The Tribe received approximately eight million dollars from the government for COVID relief money or CARES stimulus money. We all received a pretty, colorful pie chart graph in the mail. It was a breakdown of where the money is going. One breakdown showed \$2,250,000.00 going for Infrastructure. All well and good. How about a real breakdown of what infrastructure includes and where the money is really going? An itemized list of projects of where the money is to be spent on infrastructure would be so helpful and probably very easy to understand. Infrastructure could mean so many different things. It could be to plan for and install sewer and water for a housing development, I can only speculate. Don't make everything a guessing game. Aren't we all deserving of a real breakdown of where these monies are going to be spent? Or do we just trust the Tribal Council will do the right thing? I'll take the itemized breakdown every time. Knowledge is power. The more

we are informed the more tribal members will have confidence in their own tribal government. The secrecy veil with the Tribal Council needs to be lifted.

There is no way I can cover all the things that I would like to address without writing a novel here and I have already written a fairly long article. As tribal membership grows and folks are moving to the reservation, housing will become a real need. Have discussions with your membership on if there is a need for more apartment complexes? Maybe the Tribe can use our own money and set a goal to build at least two homes a year. I understand two doesn't sound like much, but it is more than we have built in years, it's a start. I truly believe there are ways to expedite the land to trust process. There are many acres of land in Red Springs that are buildable, but because the land is taxable the Tribe has not allowed people to build. We need to explore options so people can utilize these lands for homes. We can't always be so willing to say we can't do something without putting some real effort into finding other options to make it happen. Elect some people who have some fire within them and aren't always willing to accept no for an answer. This is your future and the future of our descendants.

My last point I'd like to make is the rights that we have in this country that are in our United States constitution that are sometimes taken for granted. Our Tribal Council seems to be vocal about the atrocities that happen nationally. I often hear the comments that are made. Sometimes motions are made supporting other native tribes and their fights or the fight of a member of another tribe when their rights

are infringed upon. It truly is sad when someone is deprived of exercising their constitutional rights.

Shortly after the last year's elections, the sitting Tribal Council violated my first amendment right to free speech. I sent a letter to the Mohican News wanted to be printed in the guest editorial portion. I submitted it and shortly after was told in needed to be less than 500 words. I reluctantly reduced the number of words because it would be harder to get my point across. I did resubmit it and then I received a notice that the Tribe would not print it unless I removed some of the material. I refused. I then wrote a check for \$200 to the Mohican News to run it as a paid advertisement, the Tribe rejected that too. Freedom of Press is also in the constitution and in the first amendment, go figure. Turns out the Tribal Council must have not liked my opinion or factual account of the events that I was writing about. This Tribal Council is more worried about the atrocities in the country or with other tribes more so than making sure their own tribal member has an avenue for "free speech". I'm sure this is going to ruffle a few feathers, but it is the truth and they know it is. I truly want to serve on the Tribal Council, but I am not one to sit silently while wrongs are being done to tribal members. The community needs to elect people with progressive ideas, progressive thinking that won't just sit on their hands and collect a paycheck. It's pretty hard to make a boat move unless you make waves. Elect people who are going to make waves, but steer the boat in a positive direction.

Thank You

Sterling L. Schreiber Sr.

2020 Election News

The Primary Election will be held on September 19, 2020.

The Election will be held on October 10, 2020.

Election Proceedings:

Masks are required for all.

Children under the age of 21 will not be allowed in the voting area.

When you enter the voting room you will be required to sanitize your hands.

You will then proceed to the first Clerk station where you will present your Tribal Identification card. You may be asked for

your name and/or Tribal Identification number.

You will then proceed to the next Clerk station where your identity will be verified.

You will then proceed to the Teller station where you will receive your ballot.

You will then be given a pen to use for marking your ballot. The pen is yours to keep, so please take it with you when you leave the voting booth.

After you have made your choices in the voting booth, or at the separate table for those who need or want to use it, you will place your ballot into the tabulation machine.

You will then proceed out of the building via the marked door.

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I will continue to do all I can to ensure the tribe has the resources needed to detect, prevent, and treat COVID-19. The clinic has been successful in establishing a high capacity to test for COVID-19. We obtained large quantities of personal protective equipment to help keep our employees safe. When a vaccine is released, I will do all I can to ensure our tribe receives an adequate supply to treat those in our community who will seek it. I would also like to establish video communication describing our response and informing the community of potential threats and what they can do to keep themselves safe. Other areas that I would look to pursue if elected are:

Strategic Planning – The tribe has performed strategic planning in the past. I would like to see the strategic plan be broadly published so all are aware of the direction tribal council would like to take our community. The strategic plan should be reviewed periodically with the community and the appropriate changes made to allow this direction to be current in our ever-changing environment.

Healthcare - Establish and provide annual contributions to a savings account with the goal of building a new clinic or expanding the existing clinic. I see this as a long-term goal that will allow the tribe to adequately provide health care services for our current membership or to adequately address any growth in our membership. Additionally, if our membership base grows, I would like to see our government actively engage in consultation with IHS, HHS, and lobbying Congress to use a funding method that would consider the growth in our membership base to provide additional funding for healthcare.

Education – Providing an opportunity for our community to obtain higher education is a benefit that should be continued and communicated to our membership. Providing opportunities to achieve a higher level of education will prepare our community members to have the skills needed to succeed. This is less a benefits program as an investment in our community. I would love to have one of our enrolled members as a physician, dentist, or pharmacist in our clinic. Education is not just a college, masters, or PHD degrees; skilled trade workers are critical in building and maintaining our infrastructure. Educational opportunities for those pursuing a skilled trade should be prioritized and fully supported. I would like for these educational opportunities to be widely advertised to our enrolled members.

Employment opportunities – Our community frequently needs employees with certain skillsets

and has to look outside our community to fill those positions. I would like to see an increased effort to train those in our community to successfully perform the needed duties. I believe this could be accomplished in some positions by implementing a system that allow for progression in pay as the employee gains the skills needed to perform the job at a higher level. My goal is to have certain positions identified for a ladder system. The ladder would have clearly defined requirements for the employee to meet within certain timeframes. Once those requirements were met, the employee would automatically progress to the next level in the ladder. This would include greater pay and greater responsibility. The ladder would take an untrained employee and end with an employee who is fully trained and capable of performing the maximum duties of that position.

Revenue diversification – The Casino has been, and hopefully will continue to be a good source of revenue for the tribe. While the casino is a good business, the tribe would benefit if they diversified their revenue sources. We should actively look for business opportunities to invest in or purchase. The tribe should not limit our purchases to those businesses located in Shawano County. If a profitable opportunity exists in a larger city where larger populations can support the needed sales to provide higher profits, we should consider those

opportunities as well.

Grants – The tribe has many funding opportunities available through grants. Frequently we find grants and try to make them work for us. Instead, I would like to see all departments establish a wish list of what would be needed to better serve the community along with the associated costs and supporting documentation. Having these items prepared in advance will allow departments to more quickly respond to opportunities that may be available and better meet short application deadlines. Taking this proactive approach would also better allow the tribe to search for grants that more closely align to what our needs are.

Expanded virtual resources - I applaud the current council for taking on the initiative to bring highspeed internet to the tribe's businesses and to the community. Having access to highspeed internet is critical to accessing virtual resources that have become more important due to COVID-19. I would like to continue to expand these resources to better serve our community. Some opportunities that would be of benefit are increased communication, telehealth, bill payment, and appointment scheduling.

Thank you for taking the time to read my ideas on how to better our community. If you decide to vote for me I thank you for your vote of confidence. If elected, I will do my best to offer fair decisions and guidance to best serve our community.

Shawano Resident Kelli Chelberg Wins 2020 Faculty Member of Year Award

A long and varied career in education has been recognized with the selection of Dr. Kelli Chelberg as the American Indian College Fund's Faculty Member of the Year at the College of Menominee Nation. The award was announced in August during a convocation for CMN employees. The online event marked the start of the College's fall semester and Chelberg's 17th year of teaching at the Keshena campus.

A Shawano, Wisconsin, resident, she previously taught in O'Fallon, Illinois; Fort Peck (Montana) Reservation, and Shawano schools.

Since 2012, Chelberg has served as CMN's Field Experience Coordinator for teacher education students completing practicum hours and student teaching in local school districts. Her award citation noted the value of her early career experience as a K-12 teacher in schools having diverse student populations. It was there, the citation continues, "where she learned to value all students and found ways to support their growth to their fullest potential" and gained the widespread teaching

experiences that enable her "to connect the classroom to the real-world" for those preparing to become teachers.

Along with institutional development work through College and Education Department committees, Chelberg has participated in several projects supporting young learners and their families. Her contributions to school readiness, school success, and family engagement have been advanced in the Menominee community by grant-funded initiatives such as CMN's College 4 Kids literacy program and via materials shared with area daycare, school, and Head Start facilities.

More recently, Chelberg's grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education received a \$1.4 million five-year award. She currently serves as Director for the resulting Aspiring Native Educators Project which serves students seeking CMN's Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and Wisconsin teacher licensure.

A doctoral graduate of Wisconsin's Edgewood College (2019), Chelberg focused her



On behalf of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Police Department Chief Jim Hoffman accepted this plaque from the Republican Women.



Dr. Kelli Chelberg has been named Faculty Member of the Year at the College of Menominee Nation, a baccalaureate-level tribal college where she is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Education Department.

graduate studies on mentoring and identifying educational strategies relating to American Indian students and their persistence in postsecondary educational settings. She received her Master of Science in Education from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (1999) and Bachelor of Science in Education from Greenville University, Greenville, Ill. (1994).

Chelberg's professional writing has appeared in recent peer-reviewed journals including the *Journal of Education Sciences*, *Journal for Women and Minorities in Technology*, and *International Journal of Higher Education*. She has held the American Indian College Fund's Blanchard Faculty Fellowship (2017-2018) and Mellon Faculty Fellowship (2018-19).

Chelberg and Dr. Rob Chelberg, O.D., are the parents of Shawano School District students Ethan, Andon, Connor, Grace, Will, and Drew.

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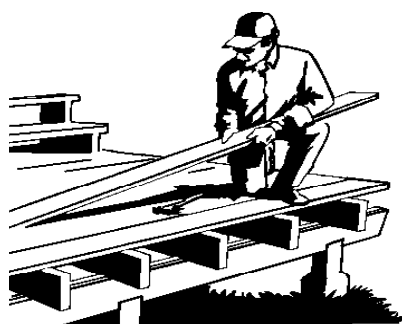
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