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Food for our Community



Thomas Kazik II - News Reporter On Friday, October 30, 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Round 4 of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. This information was made available by Sherrie Tussler, the Executive Director of the Hunger Taskforce, who also works together with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection North Food Hub Group. It is through this hub group that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and other Wisconsin Tribes are able to pick up and distribute different food items to assist during these trying times the COVID19 Pandemic is and has caused.

Stockbridge-Munsee The Community in an effort to bring Round 4 Farmers to Families Combo boxes to our Community, with the assistance of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the Sokaogon Chippewa Community – Mole Lake Band, have been able to coordinate the delivery of an entire truckload of boxes from Russ Davis Wholesale. Our Community began distribution of these boxes earlier this month, these boxes will be available twice a month through the end of December.

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Dr. Alphia Creapeau, is the new Enrollment Manager for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.



This position is responsible for maintaining accurate and confidential Tribal enrollment documents. As with any new Creapeau management, Dr. said there will be a pause in delivering some of the services tribal members are accustomed to. She said they are hoping it will be a short pause. The office is not closed, and they are sorting through and learning processes used for the maintenance of tribal records.

There is a whole new team in this department, and it will take some time for organization, training, and learning job duties/responsibilities. Please be patient.

The belief of the new manager is that this department is the heart of the tribe and is excited to work with all who need assistance from this department.

Alphia 'Pet' is married to Ray Creapeau, Jr. 39 years, and will be celebrating 40 years soon. The couple have three children: Geraldine 'Biscuit' Sanapaw, Lyle 'Man" Welch, Jr., and Ray Creapeau, III. They also have eleven grandchildren (seven boys **Enrollment cont on page Six:**

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Tribe Shows Appreciation of Voters



Internal Auditor Sheila Miller, Tribal Admisitrator Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, and Interim Tribal Secretary Jody Hartwig volunteered to hand out lunches, tickets and t-shirts at the event.

Editorial by Jeff Vele - Editor

Voting was extremely important this year mostly because of the Presidential race. Many people were motivated to vote in this election and there were a great number of activities designed around getting people out to vote. In the State of Wisconsin, the Get Out the Vote campaign seemed to have achieved its objective in the Native American Tribes and Communities.

In the end, voters who mailed in their ballots turned the election for President-elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. But in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, pride was evident in a lunch and t-shirt giveaway and subsequent prize raffle. A number of workers in the Community got to enjoy the beautiful weather as they stood outside and recognized all of the people who came to vote on this day by handing out t-shirts and lunch boxes, along with a free

raffle ticket.

Information for all Tribes in the State was unavailable at press time but there were a considerable **Voters continued on page Six:**



Jeff Vele was on the road with a sign to entice people in to the lot.

Dr. Jolene Bowman Returns to the NIEA Board of Directors



By Jeff Vele - Mohican News Editor

Education Association (NIEA) Virtual Convention and Tradeshow, Dr. Bowman was elected to serve a second term on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Bowman said, "It feels great to be back. Equality and equity for all Native children to reach their own success is what motivates [her] work and interests."

Dr. Bowman previously served on NIEA from <u>2015-2018</u>. Serving as NIEA's 49th President the last At this years National Indian year of her first term (2017/18).

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SMC COVID-19 \$1,000 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE **PROGRAM**

Recently, Tribal Council approved a one-time reimbursement of eligible expenses or direct payment to a vendor for eligible expenses up to \$1,000. Very similar to the COVID-19 General Assistance Program for \$500, the SMC COVID-19 Emergency Assistance program will provide financial assistance to SMC Tribal members 18 and over who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program is made possible through funding from the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

In addition to being a SMC Tribal member 18 and over, the applicant must have a hardship due to COVID-19 and provide evidence of eligible expenses, such as paid receipts and invoices that include the vendor information. Expenses must be incurred between March 15, 2020 and December 1, 2020. Eligible expenses that would be considered are:

- 1. Housing/Shelter (House payment, Rent, Security Deposit)
- 2. Utilities (Electric, Water/Sewer, Heating)
- 3. Groceries, Cleaning Supplies, PPE
- 4. Elder/Disabled Care
- Child Care
- Career Services (Vehicle Payment, Vehicle Insurance, Vehicle Repairs, Uniform/Work Boots, Licenses, Laptop/ Computer)
- 7. Repairs (Heating, Electrical, Plumbing)
- 8. Appliances (Stove, Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer)
- 9. Generator

Paid receipts and/or invoices that include vendor information MUST accompany the completed application for payment to be processed.

Reimbursement can be made by check or direct deposit to the applicant's bank. Payment may also be made directly to a vendor on their behalf by submitting an invoice showing their account number.

Completed applications along with the required receipt/invoice documentation must be submitted by the deadline of December 1, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. via mail, electronically or in person.

By mail: Stockbridge-Munsee Community

C/O Lori Robinson

PO Box 70

Bowler, WI 54416

Electronically: lori.robinson@mohican-nsn.gov

In-person (by drop box): Stockbridge-Munsee Division of Commu-

nity Housing

C/O Lori Robinson N8618 Oak St

Bowler, WI 54416

During the Tribal Government shut down, applications will still be received and processed on a weekly basis. Please stay safe, stay at home, wash your hands, don't touch your face, wear your mask, social distance, stay away from large gatherings, and be kind to one another. As a Tribe, we can get through this together.

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

Community Voices

Letters of opinion can be dropped of at Mohican News in the Tribal Offices or can be mailed to:

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Congratulations! The Higher Education program

received confirmation that the following students received their degrees. Congratulations are extended for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in obtaining their goals.

Stockbridge-Munsee Community is Proud of your achievements.

Crystal Bowman, BS in Psychology Jerilyn Johnson, MS in Leadership & Organizational Development Shirley Thome, Cosmetology

Greetings Valued North Star Casino Resort Guest,

We are excited to announce that we opened our doors on November 2nd. While we were apart, we have implemented additional precautions ensure the safety of our guests, employees and community. North Star is committed to providing the cleanest, safest environment for

Our new operating hours will be from 7:00am until 12:00am daily until further notice.

As always, we want to assure you that your health and safety are our top priority. Our team has taken steps that go above and beyond to reassure our guests, team members, and community that we are doing our part to manage COVID-19 prior and upon the reopening of our facility. Important Information

- Until further notice, North Star Mohican Casino Resort will be operating at a limited capacity and will close at midnight daily for deep cleaning.
- A required, non-invasive health screen will occur at the listed entrances including a temperature check.
- Guests will be required to wear a mask while in the building. Guests may temporarily pull their mask to enjoy food and drinks in the designated locations; The Groove, Gravity Bar, and the bingo hall.
- North Star Mohican Casino Resort will remain a 100% nonsmoking facility until further notice. Smoking is allowed outside of the building.
- All table games and bingo will remain closed until further notice.
- Dining in Embers Grill will be closed until further notice.

The Aroma Deli will serve limited menu items from 7:00am until 12:00am. Designated seating areas will be in the Groove Lounge and bingo hall.

The Little Star C-Store **Operation:** Hours of 6:00am 10:00pm effective today.

COVID-19 testing

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community will host the Wisconsin National Guard to conduct COVID-19 testing. The testing will occur at the Stockbridge-Munsee P&E building located at W13817 County Highway A Bowler, WI 54416.

Testing dates are:

November 24th 8am – 4pm

November 25th 8am - 4pm

December 8th 8am - 4pm

December 9th 8am – 4pm

The National Guard will ask people who are testing to provide your contact information such as date of birth, phone #, and e-mail address, prior to testing. Test results are generally available 2-5 days after testing but could take longer if the reference lab is very busy.

You can preregister by going to [register.covidconnect.wi.gov]register.covidconnect.wi.gov

THANK YOU!

ANUSHIIK (Munsee - We are grateful)/ONEEWE (Mohican -Thank You)! I am thankful for the many that have encouraged and supported me! We have important work to continue and I am honored to be a part of this work. Anushiik/Oneewe thank you so much!

Dr. Jolene Bowman 2020/21 S/M Vice President

Changes in Store for Shawano Area Writers Student Writing Contest

Shawano Area Writers recently approved changes to the George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest. In June 2019 Lela Schwitzer, a 1st grade teacher from Bonduel Elementary School, contacted Shawano Area Writers to express her concern about the difficulty 1st graders have competing in the 1-4 grade group of the student writing contest. "It is very difficult, if not impossible for 1st graders to compete with 3rd and 4th grade students," she said at a September 2019 meeting of Shawano Area Writers.

Stressing the difference in skill levels, Ms. Schwitzer advocated for a



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Veterans Benefits Newsletter



Switch to Direct Deposit with VBBP

As we celebrate Veterans this November, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) strives to provide benefits faster and better than ever before! If you're a Veteran, you can receive your VA benefit payments in a more secure, reliable, and inexpensive way by signing up for the Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP). With VBBP, you can have your VA benefits deposited directly into your bank account instead of receiving a prepaid debit card or paper check!

If you don't have a bank account, visit benefits.va.gov/banking or call one of VBBP's participating banks. If you have a bank account but are not using direct deposit, visit va.gov/change-direct-deposit or call 1-800-827-1000 (711).

change in the 1-4 grade group to give 1st graders a better chance to win.

The request to change the group was discussed at the September 2020 meeting of Shawano Area Writers. In the 14-year history of the writing contest, no one had brought up this difference in skill levels. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided unanimously to divide the 1-4 grade group into two groups: 1st and 2nd graders will now compete against each other while 3rd and 4th graders will have their own group.

The 5th - 8th grade and 9th - 12 grade competition remains the

same. Lela Schwitzer is commended as a champion for 1st grade students.

The 15th year of the George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest sponsored by Shawano Area Writers begins on January 1, 2021. Information about the contest is available at the Shawano Area Writers website, www.shawanoareawriters.org.

In the 14 years of the student writing contest, Shawano Area Writers has received 2,672 entries, handed out 617 certificates of achievement, and awarded \$6,956 in cash prizes.





Kathryn "Kay" M. Miller

Kathryn "Kay" M. Miller, age 81 of Bowler, passed away at her home surrounded by loved ones on Friday, October 30, 2020. Kay was born on May 22, 1939 in Phillips to the late Frank and Catherine (Shives) Petesch. On February 17, 1962, Kay was united in marriage to Allen Miller in Waukegan, Illinois. She lived most of her life in Milwaukee until moving to Bowler in 2008. Kay was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in



Richard A. Plass

Richard Plass, 69, died Saturday November 7th surrounded by family after a very courageous fight with cancer. Richie was born September 5,1951 to James & Lillian (White) Plass. Richie was an only child, but that changed as the years have gone by. He has so many "brothers & sisters" there are too many to count. Richie graduated Shawano High School in 1969. He went on to get an associates degree in architecture, but it was music and entertainment that was his passion. He played in bands almost his entire life. From the Legand Hall to the stages of Nashville. He was happiest when he was on stage. Then later on in life, he got his call for activism and the Bittersweet Winds Exhibit was

Neopit. She enjoyed camping, golfing, and reading. Kay was dedicated to her family especially her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Kay is survived by her husband of 58 years, Allen; daughters, Maureen Christensen of Bowler Christine (Jeff) Romeis of Franklin and Angela (Louis) Hernandez of Milwaukee; son, Steven (special friend, James Balistreri) Miller of Palm Springs, CA; grandchildren, (Daniel) Schmidt, Rebecca Nolan Romeis, Gabi Molash, and Escevio (Angelica) Hernandez; sisters, Margaret Bero, Susan (special friend, Jerry) Pisarek, and Mary (Donald) Lackowski; sistersin-law, Carol Goss and Marvel Miller. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Billy Joe and Michael "Mike" Petesch, 9 brothers in law and 5 sisters-in-law.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

started. The fight to stop Native American mascots & imagery in advertisements became his passion. He used the exhibit as a learning tool to educate not only the young children, but mostly their parents & grandparents. He travelled all over the country with his exhibit. He loved what it stood for and more importantly he loved using it to meet new people. Talking and laughing with people was something he loved and excelled at. And the exhibit not only helped him do that, but also educated so many along the way. He never thought he would live to see the day that Washington would change their name, we are so grateful he did. His legacy will live on in that exhibit.

Richie is preceded in death by his parents Junior and Lillian. His brothers in life Orman "Chief" Waukau and Richard "Waubano" Awonohopay.

Richie is survived by his children, Cathie (Ben) Williquette, Cortlee Plass, Christopher Plass and Jason Lipsky. His grandsons, James Plass, Hayden Rogers, Christopher Plass II. The mother of his children Noreen Keshena. His sister in life Rose Smigel. Numerous nieces, nephews,

on the Trail Home



Melissa A. Heath

Melissa loved her children to no boundaries. Missy graduated from the University of Minnesota with a graduate degree. Missy has reconnected with her daughter Cheyna and grandson Jeremiah in the spirit world. Melissa is survived by her three children: Corey, Cierra, Caleah and grandson, Avery. She is also survived by mother Leah Miller, siblings Elena (Bill), Kristina, Kanaysa (Mandy), partner Dana Grignon, along with countless aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews whom she was very proud of.

Melissa loved her family to no limits. She would care for others when no one else would care for them. Missy remembered everyone's birthday, better than a calendar. She was always the first to congratulate you for any life accomplishment, from a wedding, job promotion, graduation to passing your driver's test to whipping your own ass for the first time. Missy was a grizzly bear for her children. She protected her kids no matter the circumstances and was proud of them even when they felt like the was nothing to be proud of. Missy would always describe people by their redeeming qualities. To say Missy was "the life of the party" would be an understatement. She was the person you wanted to sit next to at all social gatherings and roll up your sleeves with in the fourth quarter when the odds were against you. Missy was a mother to more than just her children. She

cousins & close personal friends.

A gathering of family and friends was held for Richie on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Swedberg-Wendt Funeral Home in Bonduel. Once the pandemic is over we will be having a large celebration of life for Richie, so we can all get together again & be able to play music and tell stories and jokes for hours. The family would like to thank The Heritage Hospice

the type of mother who would take others in when no one else wanted them. Her children's best friends would address her as "mom." Missy always pushed us to be the best version of us.

Missy was guick witted, original and had a way to make everyone feel like they were best friends. Her aunties and uncles will remember her for her big heart and beautiful voice. Her cousins will remember her for her loyalty and humor. Her friends will remember Missy her intelligence, honesty and athleticism. Her nieces and nephews will remember her for always having a genuine personal connection with them and being the "fun auntie." Her children will remember her for teaching them to think for themselves, her beautiful smile and always stand up for each other.

Missy had a way of empowering others. She was involved in Mary Kay in the 1990's, even earning a car! She reached out to so many women in her own community and others to encourage them by joining her team with MK. It was never about make-up and skin care, it was about the ability she had to encourage all to reach for lofty goals, dream big, gain confidence, friendships, and to be a part of something bigger than they imagined. This way of encouraging and empowering others is a huge reason why some of her family went onto pursue higher education. She was that person you could go to for those tough conversations, she would tell you like it is when you needed to hear it.

Funeral services were held on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Church of the Wilderness with Rev. Paul Johnson officiating. Burial is be in Stockbridge Burial Grounds. Visitation was held at the Leah Miller Residence, N8533 Mo He Con Nuck Road, Town of Bartelme, on Thursday, November 5, 2020 until the time the procession on Friday. Visitation was at church will until the time of service.

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Center, Dr. Starr's team, and Dr flood for all of your help during this long yet very short battle with cancer. Once we knew the end was near, Dad said, "when you are in the woods and something shiny/ sparkly catches your eye, pick it up & dust it off because it came from me". Your pain & suffering is over Dad, change those feathers Powakoney, and fly free.

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Cultural Land Use Agreement with Soul Fire Farm in New York

Tribal Council signs agreement for members' access for cultural purposes



The Soul Fire Farm Family

By Bonney Hartley

It is becoming more and more commonplace for organizations in our homelands to reach out to develop a Land Acknowledgement statement. Far fewer, though, follow that up with other actions. Soul Fire Farm in Grafton, New York is one organization that has uniquely and meaningfully worked to strategically act in ways that honor our ancestors and our people today.

Soul Fire Farm is an Afro-Indigenous centered community farm committed to ending racism and oppression in the food system, hosting many workshops, farmer trainings, and distributing "solidarity shares" of food within the local community. The farm is within our beautiful Mohican homelands, about half an hour east of Albany.

For several years, in addition to cultivating their crops, Soul Fire has been working to cultivate relationships with our community. They have visited our community in person, and built relationships with seed-keepers and other cultural knowledge-holders. They regularly engage with our Tribal Historic Preservation Office to inquire what local cultural sites we have that they can amplify among their audience. For instance, they have been a consistent support in uplifting our Nation's concerns with the Pipeline E37 project that would impact Papscanee Island, calling on their network to write letters and donate to our program.

This year, they invited Stockbridge-Munsee to further deepen our relationship together through developing an agreement for tribal members' cultural use of the "Commons" area of their farm. This 60-acre area has value as a woodland ecosystem containing native plants, wildlife, and other ecological and geological features. Soul Fire's agreement recognizes that the Commons is part of the traditional homelands of the Mohican people, and may have served as a place of gathering subsistence materials, hunting and foraging food, and for possible ceremonial activities.

Tribal Council approved and signed this Cultural Land Use Agreement with Soul Fire recently. It is now in place for the next 5 years with possibility of renewal. The agreement specifies that tribal members and a limited amount of guests may access the Commons area of Soul Fire Farm for sustainable gathering, and foraging, harvesting activities, sustainable excavation activities, traditional spiritual ceremonies, seasonal celebrations, offerings, and cultural education activities. For example, the Commons includes: highbush blueberry, blackberry,

fiddlehead, sugar maple, witch hazel and yellow birch and animals such as whitetail deer, turkey and rabbit. Tribal members who may have the opportunity to return to our homelands can now freely access this land thanks to the agreement.

Meanwhile, Soul Fire continues to be a thoughtful and committed steward of this part of our homeland, improving the soil quality and tending some of our ancestral seeds.

From co-founder Leah Penniman, "The Land that cares for us at Soul Fire Farm is part of the rightful homelands of the Mohican people. Acknowledging that we are on colonized land that our ancestors did not personally steward, we are honored that the Stockbridge



Munsee Band of the Mohican Nation has accepted this "cultural respect easement" guaranteeing members perpetual access to the abundant forests, fields, and waters of this sacred plateau. We pray for many generations of friendship and solidarity between the Mohican people and Soul Fire Farm."

Cultural Affairs Director Heather Bruegl is the lead contact for this Agreement. If you are interested in visiting or have other questions on the Agreement, please reach out to Heather at Heather.Bruegl@mohican-nsn.gov. To learn more about Soul Fire Farm please visit:



www.soulfirefarm.org.



Co-founder of Soul Fire Farm, Leah Penniman (Left)



Munsee white corn and Munsee black corn was planted at Soul Fire Farm in the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican manner, as instructed by Warren Mihtukwsun Miller. Soul Fire Co-Founder Larisa Jacobson says, "The seeds have come home to their land".



Voters cont from page One:

number of Native Americans eligible to vote. In the research of the numbers available through the State website, nine of the Tribes in Wisconsin totaled over 38,700 Tribal members eligible to vote in the November 3 election.

We cannot speculate on how many of those eligible voters went to the polls or cast an absentee ballot. However, the numbers are presented to indicate the importance of every vote in these elections. On November 4, Biden was leading the total vote count with 1,630,389 to Trump's 1,609,879 votes, a difference of

a little more than 20,000 votes. We can probably guess that a significant number of those Native votes were not for the incumbent and therefore, made a significant difference in the election this year. It was more than interesting and rewarding to see several cars stop on the road and say they drove through the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the non-Native drivers were amazed and proud of the support they saw for the Democratic candidates. I know that I am proud of everyone who turned out to vote and sent in their ballot; without you, it would not have turned out as it did!



The casino staff did an amazing job providing lunches for the event!

Enrollment cont from pg One: and four girls) and four Great-Grandchildren (2 boys and 2 girls). Due to Covid, Pet said they will sadly miss Christmas Eve this year.

Dr. Creapeau has a BA. In Elementary Education, MSE in Education, MS in Business, and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. She has worked for the Menominee Tribal School as a Middle School Science Teacher, College of Menominee College Nation Teacher Education Instructor, and Stockbridge-Munsee Human Services Director.

Outside of her work Pet enjoys gardening in season, changing the landscape on their property, researching tribal history, cooking, canning, reading historical fiction,



and keeping track of what all her grandchildren are doing.

Creapeau loves challenges and sees this new position as a dream come true: to work for the Tribe in a department that she considers to be the heart of the Tribe.



Food cont from page One:

Near the end of October, through one of the hub groups conference calls, our Community was invited to pick up a protein and canned vegetables. These additional items were then distributed during the second Tribal Member Protein bag distribution. In the beginning of November, through the coordination efforts of Stacy Stone and the Lac du Flambeau Tribe, our Community received potatoes, which were distributed during the first November Tribal Member Protein bag distribution. Mrs. Stone coordinates a food hub in Lac du Flambeau, through her hard work, our Members will receive brats, ground pork, and other items, these efforts will also continue through December.

We are thankful for the coordination, pick-up and distribution efforts put forth by our team, which includes the Tribal Administrator, Assistant Director of Community Services, the Mohican News staff, the Food Distribution staff, and the Mohican Family Center staff. Without their hard work, none of this would be possible. These staff members make the trips to Lac du Flambeau to pick up these items one to three times a month, and then make themselves available for distribution of these items to our members.

Safe and Secure COVID-19 Tactical Planning Outcomes for Stockbridge-Munsee Community



FOOD SUSTENANCE

12, 19, 26/September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30/Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28/Nov. 4, 10. Farmers to Familie ood Boxes: June 5, 19, 22, 26/July 8, 22, 30/ Aug. 5, 12, 19. Feeding America Combo



EQUIPMENT

Overall: stocked and inventoried PPE, fiber project, digital signage, plexiglass barriers, Konkapot, and temp checking stations. Tribal buildings: renovations, keyless entry and HVAC systems with ultra violet germicidal air purification units. **Head Start**: sanitizing systems (cabinet and sprayer)/security system. **Food Distriubtion**: walk in cooler and freezer, folding wall divider, and food. Casino/Pine Hills: air ionization system. Casino: automatic game sanitizations, ozone generators, and Kalvac cleaning system. Family Center: van. Bowler and Gresham School: PPE



PROCEDURES

Overall: Public Health Order, Curfew, Shelter at Home, Telework, Sequential COVID Plan based on a two week average % positive testing rate. Paid Employee Furlough: (9 weeks from March 21 to May 26 and 5 weeks from September 24 to November 2. COVID Relief: \$500 plus \$1,000 (Emergency Assistance) = \$1,500 for tribal member 18



PRACTICES

Go home if you feel sick, daily temperature checks, wear a mask, wash hands often, social distance, Contact Tracers, Isolation/Quarantine orders, mandatory employee testing, intense cleaning, tribal departments available by appointment only, group gathering of any size is discouraged, limiting building capacity, gaming property plan, drive through and remote services/programing (pharmacy, pumping gas and many

Culture Connectiveness to a Contemporary Challenge

The graphic titled, "Safe and knowledge and food sustenance Secure COVID-19 Tactical Planning Outcomes for SMC" released at the Semi-Annual meeting this past Saturday is more than just that, it informs us of the outcomes to date on a contemporary challenge in a cultural responsive way, said Vice President Bowman. The color red connects to traditional

is just that. The color yellow connects to knowledge and evidence which equipment fulfills. The color black connects to humility, balance, and faith which is covered under procedures. The color white connects to wisdom of our ancestors and elders which is done through practices.

How to:

REGISTER ON YOUR PHONE WHILE YOU WAIT

Check in on your phone while you wait. Go to: **register.covidconnect.wi.gov**



- **Follow signage** to the testing lane.
- Stay in your car. If you don't have a car, there is also testing available for you.
- While you wait you can **save time by registering online each time you need a test**. If you don't register online, you will still be tested. Staff will register you, but it will take more time.
- **No identification is necessary**. You'll be asked your name, birthday, address, phone number, race, ethnicity, and gender. By asking for race, ethnicity, and gender we can better identify possible disparities.

How do I pre-register?



Scan the QR code at the top of this page, or go to this URL: **register.covidconnect.wi.gov**



Answer the registration questions. Register with your Wisconsin address. Addresses outside WI may have delays. Each person must register individually.

How do I get results?



Until you have your test results, limit contact with others. Test results take **3-7 business days.** Results cannot be expedited.



Negative results: you will be emailed a secure link to view and print results.

Positive results: you will be called by contact tracing staff.



Receive an email confirmation with a QR code. You can use the same email address to register other family members. You will be emailed one QR code for every person registered, even if you use the same email address.

Have your QR code ready. You will need to show it to staff at least twice!

You can find more information about testing at: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing.htm

What if I have symptoms?

- **Isolate yourself** until you receive negative results. Do not have contact with others. If you test positive Public Health staff will guide you.
- **Do not go to work;** notify your employer you have symptoms and are waiting for test results.
- **Do not go to a hospital unless it is an emergency**. Most people who have COVID-19 are able to get better on their own at home. See your "COVID-19 Testing: Next Steps and Results" handout or visit our website for more guidance.



Mohican Family Center Halloween































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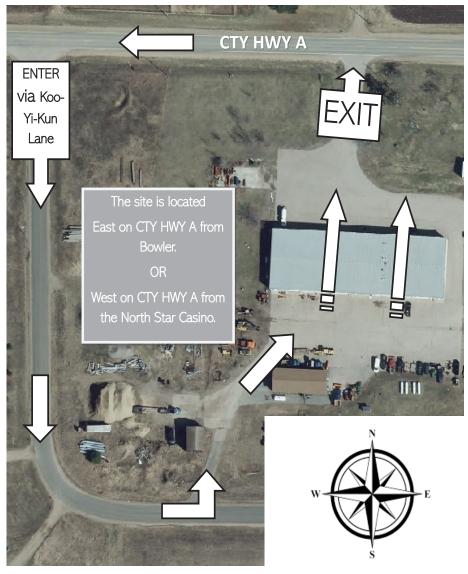








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Managing Diabetes in Native American Populations Requires Coordinated Care

In observance of American Diabetes Month and Native American Heritage Month, Golden Health Initiative offers solutions for physicians and patients

Phoenix, AZ – Native Americans have a greater chance of having diabetes than any other ethnic group in the United States. In fact, American Indian/Alaska Native adults are almost three times more likely than non-Hispanic white adults to be diagnosed with the disease. Because November is both American Diabetes Month and Native American Heritage Month, Golden Health Initiative (GHI) is sharing information about how a multifaceted approach can help individuals and health care providers manage diabetes, particularly within this high-risk group.

We know that COVID-19 is more dangerous for people with diabetes and related health conditions, making it more important than ever for people to receive proactive, caring and consistent engagement with health care professionals to manage their disease. The federal Special Diabetes Program for Indians was established in 1997 to provide funds for prevention and treatment in tribal communities, and has had some success in curbing the rate of diabetes among Native Americans by providing funding to support diabetes prevention and treatment programs. Still, more can be done to take a holistic approach to treating the disease and adopting strategies to mitigate risks.

Successfully managing diabetes is a daily effort on the part of the individual who has the disease. In order to do so, people must be knowledgeable about their disease and their personal risk factors. GHI provides experts who can work with people to collaboratively manage their condition, using technology to aid in the process.

"Ongoing care is critical for managing diabetes, particularly when you consider that many patients have comorbidities such as hypertension and obesity," said Richard Golden, founder and CEO of Golden Health Initiative. "For the best treatment, these patients need a great deal of care, often much more than a single physician can provide on their own. Through our online platform, Golden Health Initiative can provide individuals with the resources to manage their diabetes in between physician appointments."

GHI works with physicians to create a more personally focused treatment plan for patients. A diabetes diagnosis requires

lifestyle changes, behavioral health consultations, and medical addition nutrition therapy in therapeutic treatments. Physicians don't have the time and staff resources to manage the entire process and often only see patients once every six months. Through their online platform, GHI provides engagement with a collaborative care team that includes registered dieticians, lifestyle coaches, and behavioral therapists. Physicians health create individualized plans for patients, and GHI manages them, even providing services like daily glucose monitoring that can be tracked by the doctor.

"It's especially important now, when COVID is adversely affecting those with underlying conditions like diabetes, to make healthcare more accessible, and empower patients to take steps to be healthier," said Golden. "We want to support physicians in improving outcomes for their patients, and helping decrease the diabetes rate among the Native American population."

Chiropracty

Chiropractors are commonly known to help patients with back problems. While many clients of chiropractors are people with back problems, chiropractors claim to be able to ease all kind of health conditions. They do this by manipulating and adjusting the spine. Chiropractors believe that if the spinal column is in the correct position and moving freely, then the nerves in the spine may function at their best, which in turn allows other bodily systems to function at their best.

Therefore, chiropractors may treat a variety of conditions, including: neck-shoulder-arm and wrist pain, sciatica, hip-leg-ankle and foot pain. Patients are also seen on a preventive maintenance basis, pain control for chronic back problems, and stress relief. Children also treat with chiropractors to help with ear infections and colic, as a few examples. Chiropractors do not prescribe drugs or do surgery - they work with the bodies healing potential that is in each and every one of us. More on Chiropractic in future articles.

If you have any questions on how Chiropractic can help you – please call the clinic for an appointment – Dr. Tom Wargo

Community Health Fall Update

Even with the current limitations of our world the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Health Team has been able to host a few virtual events this late summer into fall. While we normally would have enjoyed the Powwow 5K Run/Walk, Annual Diabetes Awareness Walk, and our Fall Color Walk we opted for a spin on some of these community favorites.

Starting in August we hosted a Virtual Walk Across America, community members near and far

were able to participate by sending in their miles each week, walking, running, or biking all counted. We kept track of everyone's miles and eventually made our way across the U.S.A., coast to coast. Each week all those who participated by submitting miles were entered into a weekly drawing, they also earned entries into the grand prize drawing for gift cards. The more weeks you participated the better your chances became for winning prizes!



Our weekly winners were as follows: Week 1: Heather Bruegl, Week 2: Wendy Trinko, Week 3: Myla Pleshek, Week 4: Emily Miller, Week 5: Megan Pleshek, Week 6: Jermain Davids, Week 7: Deb John, Week 8: Pam Huck,

Week 9: Amy LeNoble, Week 10: Woody Davids, Week 11: Lisa Schmitt, Week 12: Annette Schreiber. Winners received drawstring bags filled with various health and wellness items.

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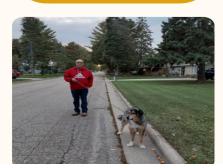






































On Tuesday, October 20, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey; Present Jolene Bowman; Present Terrie Terrio; Present Joe Miller Present Brock Screiber; Present Marv Malone; Present

Craig Kroening Jr.; Present APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Personnel Issue in Executive Session

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 with the addition in Executive Session of a Personnel Issue from HR. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Seconded by Mary Malone.

Roll Call: Mary ves. Jolene ves.

Terrie yes, Brock abstain, Joe abstain and Craig yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 8. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Brock abstain, Joe abstain and Craig yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Brock abstain, Joe abstain and Craig yes. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-FINANCIALS-Approval for June 30, 2020-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the financial statements of June 30, 2020. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried.

GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND RESOLUTION-Linda Katchenago, Tribal

Administrator

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution number 03-21, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal President or, if unavailable, the Vice-President to execute Gran Agreement(s) and supporting documents with the Native American Agriculture Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby grants and approves an ongoing limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity solely for the limited purpose of enforcement of such grant agreement(s) with the Native American Agriculture Fund; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the waiver of sovereign immunity for the Tribe is also limited to the terms and conditions set forth below:

The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted only to and for the benefit of the parties identified as part of the agreement(s) that the Tribe has executed and shall not extend to any other entity or person.

The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity contained in this Resolution shall be effective only after the parties' officially designated representatives have executed the agreement(s) and shall only be for the term of the agreement(s).

Nothing contained in the is

Resolution shall be deemed consent to levy of any judgment, lien, or attachment upon any property or interest in property of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community other than funds awarded as part of the grant.

The limited waiver of sovereign immunity granted and approved through this Resolution does not waive the sovereign immunity of any official, employee, member or agent of the Tribe.

Any dispute resolution action against the Tribe, as consented through this limited waiver of sovereign immunity, shall be brought in the form and venue identified in the agreement(s). The law to be applied, if no law is otherwise identified, shall be federal law. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

VIRTUAL ACCESS TO TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS-Brock Schreiber, Council Member

Motion by Jolene Bowman for Councilman Brock Schreiber to work with MIS Executive Director Brian McDonald, Legal Counsel Dennis Puzz for virtual access to Tribal Council Meetings and answer the questions that were presented here and ones that we have not thought of for feasibility. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING PACKETS FOR TRIBAL Directives cont on pg Thirteen:





















Diabetes



Directives cont from pg Twelve:
MEMBERSHIP-Brock Schreiber,
Council Member No action taken.
REVISION TO FISH & WILDLIFE
ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 21,
Brock Schreiber, Council
Member

Consensus to have Brock Schreiber give the proposed language change to the Fish & Wildlife Board for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 5:43 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 6:31 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on Enrollment issues and updates of appeals and a personnel issue.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to offer the personnel matter as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried. Motion by Terrie K. Terrio enroll Lori L. Walker Doxtator at 33/128. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 6:32 PM.

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

Shannon Holsey;
Jolene Bowman;
Terrie Terrio;
Joe Miller
Brock Screiber;
Marv Malone;
Craig Kroening Jr.;
APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD:

IRS issue in Executive Session
Public Health Order Update
Posting a new position that
combines 2 other positions into 1
STRIKE:

Banking Services for Tribe and Casino. Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS (for posting)-July and August 2020-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Jolene Bowman to post the July and August 2020 financials. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

INVESTMET ACCOUNTS

"Land" and "Loan"-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution #04-21, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council authorizes its Tribal President, or in her absence the Vice-President, and the Tribal Treasurer to execute investment documents with Associated Bank, N.A., and Associated Trust Company, N.A.,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Treasurer is authorized to identify, from time to time, those representatives of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community who are authorized to give directions and otherwise transact business with Associated Bank, N.A., and Associated Trust Company, N.A., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Treasurer is hereby authorized to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer certificates representing stocks, bonds, and other securities now or hereafter registered in the name of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and is further authorized to five such directions as may be necessary for the transfer of assets from brokerage accounts or any other deposit amount in the name of the above-named organization to Associated Bank, N.A., and Associated Trust Company, N.A. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve changing our current banking services provider from BMO Harris NA to Key Bank and to update the policies as accordingly. Seconded by Marv Malone.

Motion maker amends motion to accept the recommendation to close the current Land and Loan Agency Investment Accounts for BMO and open accounts with Associated Trust Company, N.A. prior to January 1, 2021. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Investment Objectives and Guidelines for:

Stockbridge-Munsee Agency
Acct: Land Acquisition, Economic
Development, Renewable
Energy & Energy Efficiency Fund
Stockbridge-Munsee Agency Acct:
Revolving Loan Fund. Seconded
by Marv Malone. Motion carried.
ELECTRONIC TRIBAL CODE
PROJECT-Dennis Puzz, General
Counsel

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Electronic Tribal Code Project with Open Library. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried. PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER UPDATE-Dennis Puzz, General Counsel

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Public Health Order as discussed and updated.

Seconded by Marv Malone.

Motion maker amends motion to add the exemption of hunting.

Second concurs. Motion carried.
GM'S MONTHLY REPORT AND
CASINO FINANCIALS FOR JULY
AND AUGUST 2020-Michael
Bonakdar, GM and Tammy
Wyrobeck, CFO

Motion by Jolene Bowman to accept the GM's Monthly Report and the Casino financial statements for July and August 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

GPS UNITS-Michael Bonakdar, GM and Tammy Wyrobeck, CFO Motion by Joe Miller to approve the casino request for Global Plasma Solutions Air Ionization System for both North Star Casino and Pine Hills. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion maker amends motion to add to not to exceed a set amount. Second concurs. Motion carried.

EVS CLEANING EQUIPMENT-Michael Bonakdar, GM and Tammy Wyrobeck, CFO

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the funding to purchase eleven (11) Zero 3 Ozone Generators and two (2) Kaivac 2750 Cleaning Systems for Environmental Services COVID 19 cleaning solutions. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

EAST HALLWAY GAMING PROJECT-Michael Bonakdar, GM and Tammy Wyrobeck, CFO Tabled

UPDATED TELEWORK POLICY-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

Motion by Jolene Bowman to reconfirm the support and approval of the revisions to the Telework Policy. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried. POSTING A NEW POSITION THAT COMBINES TWO TO OTHER POSITIONS INTO ONE-Jolene Bowman, Director of **Education and Career Services** Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve the Education and Career Services re-org that reduces 1.5 FTE to 1 FTE and for the Human Resources Executive Director to post for a Career Services Specialist once he approves the position description. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene abstain, Brock yes, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR "STOCKBRIDGE MEETING HOUSE"-Heather Bruegl, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion Jolene Bowman to approve archaeological bid for "Stockbridge Meetinghouse" project to Morton Archaeological Research Services for an amount not to exceed a set amount and to authorize the President/Vice President to sign contract pending legal review. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR "OX ROAST/KING SOLOMAN HOMESITE"-Heather Bruegl, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Brock Schreiber to

approve archaeological bid for "Mohican Ox Roast/King Solomon" project to Morton Archaeological Services for an amount not to exceed a set amount and to authorize the President/ Vice President to sign contract pending legal review. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

POLICY: Dental Staffing Requirement-Andrew Miller, Clinic Director

Motion by Craig Kroening, Jr. to approve the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center policy for Dental Staffing Requirements policy #202DENT00016 Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

COVID-19 TESTING REIMBURSEMENT-Andrew Miller, Clinic Director

Motion by Jolene Bowman the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center is requesting Tribal Council to approve an agreement with the state to provide the clinic a reimbursement per each eligible COVID-19 test. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE SELECTIONS-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Ella Kazik to the Housing Board. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Marie Collom to the Fish & Wildlife Board and post for the vacancy. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Maggie Bennett to the Language & Culture Committee and to post for the vacancy. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 6:17 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried at 6:33 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on an IRS Issue, a Tribal Member Request, and a Pharmacist Contract.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to authorize and proceed with the IRS assessment discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

Motion by Brock Schreiber to authorize the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Director to execute the pharmacist contract. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening, Jr. to release #1749 per capita as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 6:44 PM.

Update cont from page Eleven: We would like to take this opportunity as a department to thank all who participated to help us reach our goal and to help improve their own health on a weekly basis by getting in some physical activity!

We also hosted our Annual Diabetes Awareness Walk and added in our Fall Color Walk to create our Virtual Fall Diabetes Walk. Community members had the opportunity to get out and enjoy the fall colors and support diabetes awareness. They simply walked on their own or with friends and family and snapped a picture while they were out for their walk. Pictures were then submitted to the Community Health Department

and participants were then eligible for an event shirt. The shirts are currently on order and should be arriving within the month, we will contact you once they arrive for pick up at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center.

We received some great pictures of our community out walking and enjoying the fall colors and weather, thanks to all who participated in the event! We hope to see you in person for our fall events next year. Please keep an eye out on email, social media, and the tribal website for upcoming Community Health Events!

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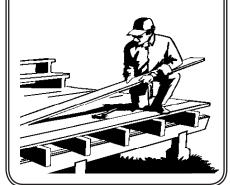
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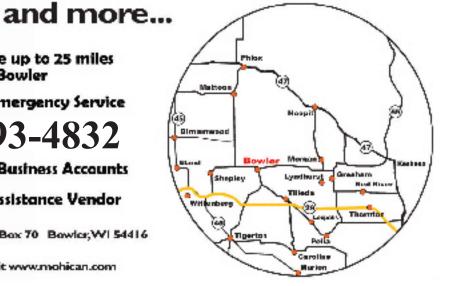
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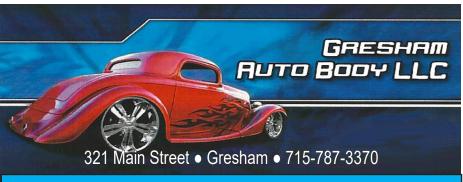
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