

# MOHICAN NEWS

The people of the waters that are never still

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## Consultation Not Held on Highway Project



Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Historic Preservation staff Bonney Hartley (L) and Nathan Allison (R) view sections of the mural in February 2020 at the NYSDOT offices.

By Nathan Allison

On this cold winter's day, New York Interstate-87 Airport Flyover Exit 3 stands completed, yet the accompanying wingwall mural of Native American dancers honoring the region's Stockbridge-Munsee Community's presence and Native American cultural heritage, has yet to be installed. The Historic Preservation Office would like to update the community on its efforts in the project.

*"New York State Department of Transportation Neglect Tribal Consultation to Install I-87 Exit 3 Wingwall Mural to Honor Region's Indigenous Past"*

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Interstate-87 Airport Flyover Exit 3 project is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Because of that, the project was subject to compliance under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which mandates consultation with federally recognized Native American Tribes. In accordance with that law our Tribal Historic Preservation Office has been

coordinating careful evaluation of the project in gathering information relevant to Stockbridge-Munsee Community's cultural resource concerns in our ancestral homelands.

During the planning process for the Interstate-87 Exit 3 project, archeologists conducted surveys to investigate for below ground cultural resources that may be impacted by the enhancement project. The surveys uncovered a significant pre-contact site, evidence that these lands had been used as an area for seasonal settlements over 10,000 years. The site, now recorded as the Engel Farm Pre-contact Archaeological Site, is part of a series of sites within a liminal ecosystem, shedding much light on how space between woodlands of the Pine Bush and a marshy region near the river were utilized for subsistence resources. Due to its major significance, the archaeological site was deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Consulting Tribes provided input to the NYSDOT and FHWA planners recommending

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## NorthStarMohicanCasinoResortInvests in New Air Purification Technology



**BOWLER, WISCONSIN** – In ongoing efforts to enhance the community's health and safety, North Star Mohican Casino Resort recently invested in state-of-the-art air purification technology, Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NPBI).

Installation of NPBI technology is part of North Star Mohican Casino Resort's ongoing health and safety efforts to enhance its air quality

and help reduce the transmission of airborne illnesses such as the coronavirus.

"The NPBI technology developed by Global Plasma Solutions is truly remarkable," said Michael Bonakdar, General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort. "We have always had amazing air circulation and ventilation within the property, but now we are at

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## Wade Pommer is the new Emergency Preparedness Manager for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

The Emergency Preparedness Manager conducts hazard mitigation planning for the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe. These plans are nested within FEMA guidelines and are coordinated with the surrounding counties and the Wisconsin Emergency Management Team. The Emergency Preparedness Manager also serves as Primary Incident Commander during Tribal Council declared emergencies.

The Emergency Preparedness Manager reports to the Executive Director during normal operations; however, during declared emergencies, the Incident Commander reports directly to Tribal Council. The Emergency Preparedness Manager coordinates across the enterprise to ensure emergency mitigation



and response needs are met and budgeted.

Wade's family includes his wife Myra and four children: Seth (18), Nathaniel (16), Caleb (14), and Robin (9).

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# Greetings Fellow Citizens



I take this time to speak to you about my experience with receiving the Covid vaccination from my Leadership roll as Council Member. First off, I want to express my appreciation to the "Team", those across the Management spectrum of the Tribe who have been working daily, for the last 10 months, in a united front, dealing with the challenges we face in this time of pandemic. After being sworn in, I began to see the coordinated affect, the priority of safety, and the due diligence taken to see us all through this emergency.

Prior to the announcement that the Vaccine was coming to Stockbridge-Munsee, the priority list of recipients, after

much debate, was formulated, Leadership was down the list. Fast forward to arrival date, I was very honored to drive the Lead Pharmacist, Christian, to G.B. airport assisted by Clint Gourly, of our Tribal Police Department, and pick up and deliver the vaccine back to the community. This was Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> On Wed. distribution began, surprisingly, but yet understandably, a number of those who were, by position as front-line health care workers, declined. This created movement on the list and I was contacted and ask if I was willing to get vaccinated, "yes, of course" I had previously stated, on the record of Council, that I would volunteer to be first in line, but would wait my

turn.

On Thursday I received the vaccination, I report, 1 week later, no side effects, and look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. From a Leadership standpoint, we are expected to "set the example" this is not just symbolic, in hopes that those who are reluctant, this may help in their decision process, I suspect all my fellow Council Members are united in this cause and will express their thoughts as we move forward.

Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> it was time for the Booster, 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, even with both shots, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to control the spread. We are no where near, "out of the woods" yet. My advice to anyone who states " I don't know if I should

take the shot, can I defer my shot to someone who needs it more?" 2 things to consider, #1 due to the limited availability, and the list of recipients, if available, get the vaccine. #2 look at it as you got the shot not so much for you but for the protection of your loved ones and those around you.

In closing, I express my deepest appreciation to all our Health Care Providers, here in the community and thru ought the country, to my fellow citizens for their understanding, and to my fellow Council Members for their leadership. May the Creator bless you all.

Ann-ni-shik,  
Joe Miller



Staff (L TO R): Pharmacist Dr. Seth Evans, Pharmacy Tech Angel Miller, Director Dr. Christian Bialk, Pharmacist Dr. Lindsey Janowski

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# FREE TAX PREPARATION

## Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Offices

N8476 MohHeConNuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Appointment required for services

- Tax preparation services provided by IRS-certified volunteers
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Bring the following items to your appointment. We will collect information and your taxes will be prepared for you virtually. Once they are completed we will call you to review them and for pickup:

- Picture ID
- All income forms
- Other tax forms
- Interview sheet
- SSN Card for you and dependents
- Bank account information (direct deposit)

To make an appointment call (715) 793-4111 (Jody)



#### VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: GULF WAR VETERANS



Airborne Hazards and Burn Pits: What You Need to Know is a free, virtual class to help Veterans understand potential exposures and their health effects, the burn pit registry, how to manage common symptoms, and more. Join this class on Thursday, February 25, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET. You can attend through your personal computer, smart phone, or tablet.

To learn more and to register, go to the class flyer at <https://go.usa.gov/xAP87>. If you have trouble registering, email [NJWRIISCEDETEAM@va.gov](mailto:NJWRIISCEDETEAM@va.gov) with the subject header "Air Hazards Class."

### The Leaders in INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)

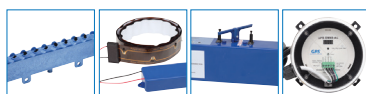


Through our patented technology, NEEDLEPOINT BIPOLAR IONIZATION, also known as NPBI, our products purify indoor air by eliminating airborne Particulates, Odors and Pathogens. All this while saving you Energy consumption and lowering your carbon footprint by reducing outdoor air intake. GPS delivers clean indoor air that is safe and healthy – producing neither ozone nor other harmful by-products

#### 3rd Party Testing Summary\*

SENSITIVITY TESTING	SIMULATION TESTING
<p>A petri dish containing a pathogen is placed underneath a laboratory hood, then monitored to assess the pathogen's reactivity to NPBI over time. This controlled environment allows for comparison across different types of pathogens.</p>	<p>Counts of airborne pathogens are taken before and after aerosolizing them into a sealed, unoccupied laboratory environmental room installed with NPBI technology. The larger space more closely resembles a real-world environment.</p>
<p><b>Norovirus<sup>†</sup></b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>30 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>93.5%</b></p> <p><small>† Samples for Norovirus, actual chain record was Huhler-Caldwell, ACCU-10-782, Serial #9</small></p>	<p><b>Tuberculosis</b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>60 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>69.0%</b></p> <p><small>ATSLABS</small></p>
<p><b>Human Coronavirus<sup>††</sup></b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>60 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>90.0%</b></p> <p><small>†† Samples for Human Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, actual chain record was Human Coronavirus 229E</small></p>	<p><b>MRSA</b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>30 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>96.2%</b></p> <p><small>ALG</small></p>
<p><b>Legionella</b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>30 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>99.7%</b></p>	<p><b>Staphylococcus</b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>30 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>96.2%</b></p>
<p><b>Clostridium Difficile</b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>30 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>86.8%</b></p>	<p><b>E.coli</b></p> <p>TIME IN CHAMBER: <b>15 MINUTES</b></p> <p>RATE OF REDUCTION: <b>99.6%</b></p>

## 250K+ SATISFIED INSTALLATIONS



**GPS FACT:**  
GPS can be installed in any system in any building.



\*Global Plasma Solutions (GPS) uses multiple data points to formulate performance validation statements. GPS technology is used in a wide range of applications across diverse environmental conditions. Since locations will vary, clients should evaluate their individual application and environmental conditions when making an assessment regarding the technology's potential benefits.

GlobalPlasmaSolutions.com

Editor's Note: This info is related to the Casino air quality

## Virtual Craft Event

### Children's Pendant Necklace

January 26, 2021

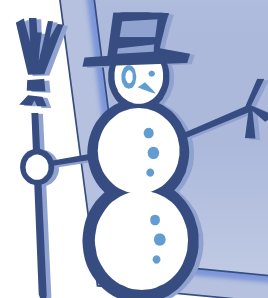
3:00 pm

LIVE on Facebook: Arvid E Miller Library Museum and Cultural Affairs Department

Join us LIVE on Facebook for another crafting workshop!

Kits are \$5 each and available for pick up at the Library/Museum by appointment!

Sponsored by Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library and Museum







### Karen R. Salazar

Karen R. Salazar, 69, of Mukwonago, WI passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Karen was born on May 9, 1951 in Milwaukee, WI the daughter of Arthur and Jeanette (Schoerner) Moon. She grew up in the Milwaukee area and worked as a secretary for her father's trucking company for the majority of her working career. First and most important in Karen's life was her family. She was a loving mother to her daughter and she had a very close and special relationship with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She made sure that her family knew they

were loved and cared for. Karen was a very strong, independent and determined woman. She had a spicy personality and was known to be a bit stubborn at times. While she was very self-sufficient and strong-willed, she had a soft heart and was very loving. She would do anything for her family and she was a very giving person. Karen enjoyed family barbecues, puzzles, and playing cards. She also loved Christmas and decorating her home for the holidays. Karen will be dearly missed, but her memory will live on in her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by: her loving daughter, Melinda (Lamar) Brown of Eagle, WI; her dear niece, Lillian Rivas of Milwaukee, WI; her loving grandchildren, Derek Salazar-Long, Lamar M. Brown, Janessa Salazar-Marshall, Donovan Salazar-Marshall, and Dondre Marshall; and her great-grandchildren, Zayden Mitchell, Malachi Mitchell, Saalaya Brown, Ahmirah Cobb, and Kaliyah Dorsey. She is also survived by a number of siblings, other relatives, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers. A private family service will be held to honor Karen's life. Gibson Family Funeral Homes of Eagle & Palmyra, WI is serving the family.

## On the Trail Home



### Dawn A. C. Welch

Dawn A. C. Welch, age 85 of Bowler, passed away on December 27, 2020. Dawn was born on July 1, 1935 to the late Otto G. and Roberta (Lamb) Hass in Shawano. In 1953 she began employment with Northwestern Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee. On February 6, 1954 she was united in marriage to Ralph Welch at Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. In 1985 they moved from Milwaukee to Bowler.

Dawn enjoyed quilting and sewing, traveling with family, and camping. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Dawn is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ralph; children, Kathleen Marie (Angel) Fuentes of Milwaukee, David Allan Welch of Minnesota, Gregory Scott Welch of Milwaukee, Peggy Jean (Jeff) Lemke of Bowler, and Bobbie Jo Welch of Wittenberg; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Beverly Oleson of Wausau. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Dawn was preceded in death by two daughters, Lisa Faye Welch and Linda Mae Kohler; her parents, Otto and Roberta Hass; two brothers, Arthur Hass and Corlis Hass; and a sister, Lucy Bowerstock.

A memorial service for Dawn was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church.

[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

## 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



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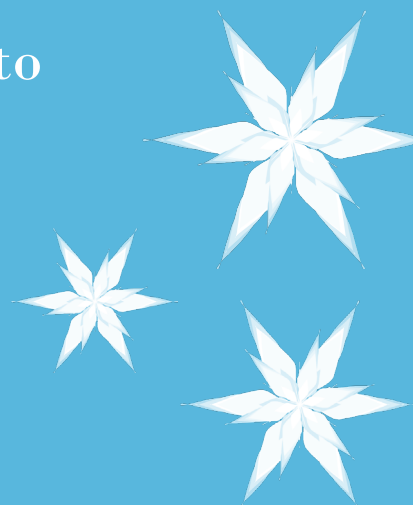
- » Typical age-related changes.
- » Common warning signs of Alzheimer's.
- » How to approach someone about memory concerns.
- » Early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis and the diagnostic process.
- » Alzheimer's Association resources.

**January 20, 2021 | 11 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Call 1.800.272.3900 to register**  
**Presented by: Kristin Waukau/  
Menominee Tribal Dementia Care  
Specialist & Mary Jo Ruleau/Wolf  
River Region Dementia Care Specialist**

Visit [alz.org/CRF](http://alz.org/CRF) to register online and explore additional education programs in your area.

## Tribal Medicines to Get through Cold and Flu Season!



January 20, 2021

3:00 PM

LIVE on Facebook

Arvid E Miller Library and Cultural Affairs Department

Misty Cook will be joining us LIVE on Facebook and we will learn about what medicines will help you through Cold and Flu season including #6, Mullien and Sumac

Medicine bags will be available at the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library and Museum BY APPOINTMENT only after the presentation.

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## January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Wisconsin State Patrol encourages people to help raise awareness. Human trafficking is a criminal justice and social issue receiving increasing attention at the local, state, and federal level. While the prevalence of sex trafficking in Wisconsin is difficult to estimate since it is often underreported, it can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality.

Human trafficking is a crime (<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking#htlaws>) that hides in plain sight. Often, it takes an astute police officer, hotel worker, or bystander to notice and speak up and save a victim.

The State Patrol works closely with the Wisconsin Department of Justice to provide enhanced and consistent training to law enforcement and private sector partners across the state. All State Patrol officers – including cadets at the State Patrol Academy – receive training related to human trafficking. The training covers the basic “indicators” of human trafficking – what types of things to look for, what questions to ask, and possible options for officers if they need to connect a victim with available social services.

“Many myths and misconceptions of human trafficking exist, Wisconsin State Patrol Captain Travis Wanless of the North

Central Region/Wausau Post said. “We encourage people to visit the Department of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign website to learn more: (<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>). Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life.”

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized each year on January 11. In recognition of this important day, Blue Campaign hosts a social media campaign called #WearBlueDay. People are encouraged to post a photo wearing blue clothing along with the hashtag to call attention to this crime.

The safety of the public as well as the victim is paramount. “Do not attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to any suspicions. It is up to law enforcement to investigate suspected cases of human trafficking,” Capt. Wanless said.

If you encounter a situation that you suspect is human trafficking, Be a safe/smart observer. Gather as much information as you safely can: vehicle description, occupant descriptions, license plate number. Contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text “HELP” or “INFO” to 233733. If there is an immediate danger, contact local law enforcement or 911.

## Diane House joins WHEDA Board



MADISON – Diane House, economic development director for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC), has been appointed to serve as a member of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Board of Directors.

House’s experience includes more than 25 years working with the tribes in Wisconsin in various

policy and strategic initiatives. She is currently serving her second elected term as an Appellate Court judge for the Oneida Judiciary and as a pro tempore judge for Wisconsin Tribal Courts. She has extensive board of director experience including service as board chair for Bay Bancorporation, board treasurer for Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation and board vice chair for the Oneida Land Commission.

“Ms. House’s multifaceted background with diverse tribal nations and her loan committee experience while serving on the Bay Bancorporation and Oneida Land Commission boards will bring vast insights and strength to WHEDA’s Board of Directors,” said WHEDA CEO Joaquín Altoro. “As we work to cultivate equitable affordable

## Fire Safety Tips

**Have Your Furnace Checked-** Although this is something that many people believe they can do themselves, it is often safer to invest in hiring a professional to come and inspect your furnace annually-

**Check Your Chimneys And Vents-** Fireplaces can produce creosote which has the capability of igniting. always remember that when burning wood, use dry, seasoned wood which produces more flame with less smoke. Clear snow from furnace and dryer vents to allow proper air flow.

**Test Your Smoke Alarms-**this should be done monthly-all year long.

**Always Cover Your Fireplace With A Screen-** keep flammables and kids and pets at least three feet away from the flames. Use a fire screen to keep embers and logs from escaping. Lastly, make sure all embers are fully extinguished before you turn in for the night. at least three feet away from the flames. Use a fire screen to keep embers and logs from escaping. Lastly, make sure all embers are fully extinguished before you turn in for the night.

**Beware Of Lit Candles and warming pots-** they can be easily knocked over by kids or pets. Only light candles and warming pots when you are alert and able to watch them, blowing them out whenever you intend to leave the room.

**Beware Of Space Heaters-** Just like fireplaces, children and pets should not sit closer than three feet in front of a space heater. Avoid placing heaters near curtains, tablecloths, or other flapping fabrics. Always make sure your space heater has an automatic shut off switch, which forces the heater to shut-off as soon as it reaches a dangerously high heat level or if it tips over.

**Cooking and baking-** never leave food cooking unattended, use only recommended cooking and bake wear.



Engine 1, this is our main engine when responding to a fire.

During winter as more snow falls and driveways become smaller, ask yourself this question.

housing and economic opportunity for the people of Wisconsin, we look forward to Ms. House’s valuable contributions.”

House has a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in economics and sociology, an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and is currently a 2021 Ph.D. candidate in business management from Capella University-Minneapolis. In her current role as economic development director for GLITC, she has supported Wisconsin tribes and tribal corporations with identifying their economic development priorities and implementing key business strategies.

“Part of my work involves helping Wisconsin tribes access local, state and federal economic development resources,” House said. “I look forward to leveraging WHEDA’s affordable housing and economic development mission to help Wisconsin communities and tribal nations to grow and thrive.”

WHEDA board members include the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration (or designee), the CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and six public members nominated by the governor

and appointed by the state senate. In addition, two state senators, one from each party and selected by senate leadership, and two state representatives, one from each party and selected by assembly leadership, also serve on the WHEDA Board. Members serve staggered four-year terms.

To learn more about WHEDA financing tools and services for single family customers, commercial developers, property managers and more, visit [WHEDA.com](http://WHEDA.com). For the latest news and information on WHEDA, sign up to receive emails here and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

### ABOUT WHEDA

For more than 45 years, WHEDA has worked to provide low-cost financing for housing and small business development in Wisconsin. Since 1972, WHEDA has financed more than 75,000 affordable rental units, helped more than 133,000 families purchase a home and provided more than 29,000 small business and agricultural loan guarantees. WHEDA is a self-supporting public corporation that receives no tax dollars for its operations. For more information on WHEDA programs, visit [wheda.com](http://wheda.com) or call 800-334-6873.



# Those we Lost in 2020



Dawn A. C. Welch - July 1, 1935 - December 27,



Richard A. Plass - Sept. 5 1951- Nov. 7 2020



Bernard Jacobi - March 14 1934- Nov. 15 2019



Robert A. Chicks - Aug. 1 1954- Jan. 23 2020



Harold J. Price - Dec. 19 1941- Jan. 12 2020



Bruce E. Ninham - May 31 1955- June 8 2020



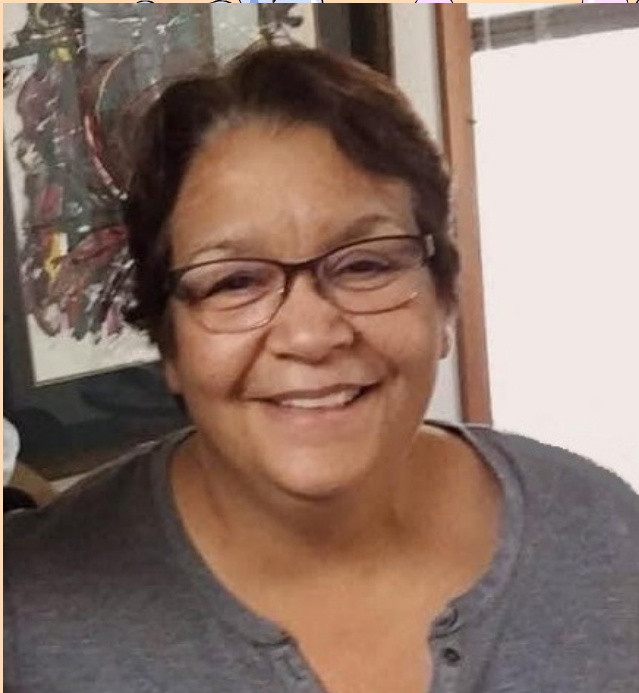
# Those we Lost in 2020



Margaret Drephal - Nov. 13 1941- March 11 2020



Melissa A. Heath



Emmeretta Miller - Oct. 24 1956- Sept. 12 2020



Kathryn M. Miller



Karolyn M. Raasch - March 29 1957- Aug. 22 2020



Karen R. Salazar - May 9 1951- December 23 2020



Pauline B. McCartan - May 11 1933- Nov. 21 2020



# BREATHE EASY

*GPS air-cleaning technology is in use.*



## Air cont from page One:

whole other level with maximum air mitigation.”

NPBI has been cited as a safe and powerful air purification solution to maintain healthy air quality and to mitigate substances such as mold, bacteria and viruses without producing ozone or harmful by-products.

The technology works by producing a high concentration of positive and negative ions, delivering them to the space via the ventilation system. Within the air stream, ions attach to particles, where they combine, become larger and are more easily filtered from the air. When ions meet pathogens, they disrupt the pathogens’ surface proteins, rendering them inactive.

“High indoor air quality will be increasingly critical for all industries and institutions with brick and mortar locations,” said Terrance Miller, Director of Security and Facilities at North Star Mohican Casino Resort. “With the help Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization technology, we can help ensure the immediate and long-term safety of staff, patrons, and guests.”

Upon six months of research, planning and design, North Star, in partnership with Global Plasma Solutions (GPS) and Tweet/Garot Mechanical, NPBI technology has been installed and combined with the existing HVAC filtration system in less than 30 days.

“Our team researched and planned very carefully and found that Global Plasma Solutions offered NPBI technology, which harnesses the air purification process that occurs naturally in various outdoor environments and performs the same air purification process indoors,” Miller said. “With the help of Tweet/Garot Mechanical, we were able to install the new air purification system quickly and efficiently throughout the casino and resort.”

Using the NPBI technology with high efficiency filtration and property hygiene protocols can help address the concern of North Star Mohican Casino Resort providing a safe and healthy environment for all guests and team members.

“We have always played it very safe, but now our team and customers feel even safer at North Star. Our mission is to provide the safest, cleanest, and friendliest casino resort and entertainment destination in Wisconsin,” said Bonakdar. I am proud of our team and very appreciative of everyone’s assistance with managing this project and their support as it was handled from start to finish in just a few weeks.”

North Star is “Playing it Safe” by placing the well-being of the community, guests, and team members at the top of the list and has implemented the following health and safety measures:

- Social distancing measures
- Sanitation stations across the casino and resort floor
- Health and temperature screens for all team members and patrons
- Acrylic shield installation between all gaming devices and transactional locations
- Maximized fresh air supply and air quality mitigation
- Approved face masks
- Elimination of all unnecessary touch points
- Sanitization of all touch surfaces
- Increased sanitization stations
- Non-smoking facility
- Amazing safety crew: our entire staff

North Star Mohican Casino Resort would like to extend extreme appreciation and recognition to their very own Facility Engineer, Jeff Carter, Director of Security and Facilities, Terrance Miller, and Facility Manager, Mylan Gardner for their time, effort and patience to complete this project efficiently for the safeguard of our community.



## Highway cont from page One:

avoidance of the cultural site. Ultimately, the avoidance alternative was not selected and additional archeological work and mitigation was approved and executed in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Delaware Tribe, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Federal Highway Administration, and New York State Department of Transportation. A mitigation measure for the adverse effects to the Engel Farm Pre-contact Archaeological Site caused by the undertaking resulted in a wingwall mural treatment that was agreed upon by all parties. The Tribes, NYSDOT, and FHWA collaborated and approved a wingwall mural design to be installed at Exit 3 depicting Native American dancers (based on photos which were taken by Mohican News of our own Stockbridge-Munsee Community members), accompanied by interpretive signage that discussed the consultation work involved in the project as well as the archaeological site.

On February 26, 2020, staff members from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office participated in a meeting at NYSDOT offices to view and approve two panels from the final wingwall mural mockup. All panels were completed and planned to be installed by summer 2020, in conjunction with an Interstate-87 Exit 3 opening event. Based on project meetings

and correspondence between NYSDOT project contacts, Historic Preservation staff believed the installation and project’s press release were imminent by summer 2020. Yet, despite completion of all construction work by NYSDOT, installation of the Interstate-87 Exit 3 wingwall mural as agreed upon has failed to occur.

Requests to NYSDOT for project updates from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office through the Tribes’ federal partner, FHWA, have gone unanswered. The Federal Highway Administration fully backs the Tribal Nations’ concerns and has attempted repeatedly to request updates on why the mural progress has stalled. We would like to understand why NYSDOT is not upholding the stipulations of the executed MOA to install the mural. The mural treatment and its accompanying interpretive signage are a celebration of the region’s diverse peoples and past, one that recognizes the Native American Tribes that still very much identify this area as part of their ancestral homelands. The resources and time involved in consulting on this project is a testament to the importance of this area. The Stockbridge-Munsee Community’s expectation is that the Interstate-87 Exit 3 wingwall mural treatment needs to be completed as agreed upon.

**Mural renderings by NYSDOT provided to Tribal consulting parties.**





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### Highest Honors (GPA 4.0)

Dehne, Brandon R.  
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Walter, Catherine J.

### Honors (GPA 3.50-3.74)

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**Time: 10 am CST**

### Pommer cont from page One:

Pommer was educated at Norwich University with a Bachelor of Science in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis and at Louisiana State University – Shreveport where he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Wade has served 20 years in the United States Army and retired as a Sergeant First Class. He was deployed to Afghanistan for two tours of duty, Iraq for two tours of duty, and the Horn of Africa for one tour of duty. He also served as a member of the US Army Special Operations Community as a Psychological Operations Soldier.



with his family, beating his children at video games and taking naps.

His hobbies include spending time



**On Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 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  
Craig Kroening Jr.; Present  
Marv Malone; Present  
Joe Miller; Present  
Brock Schreiber; Present

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

**STRIKE:** Request to Modify Service Agreement with HR System Ascentis

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Tuesday, January 5 agenda as modified. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

#### OPEN AGENDA-

#### MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT-Randall Wollenhaupt, Ecology Manager

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go along with the recommendation of Mike Jones as presented by Randall Wollenhaupt, to approve and sign a letter of support for an EPA Wetland Program Development Grant proposal by the Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (SMUM). Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

#### BUDGET MODIFICATION-Tribal Court-Shannon Holsey, Tribal President

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve modification #1, for Tribal Court, to approve the budget modification to reflect the added financials resulting from the recent Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation ("CTAS") Award per year, for a period of five (5) years. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION:

#### Service Line Easement-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 015-21, the service line agreement with Frontier. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF 2020 BIA GLRI GRANT FUNDING-Randall Wollenhaupt, Ecology Manager

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 016-21, now therefore be it resolved, the Tribal Council authorizes the acceptance of the 2020 BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant funds. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

#### FLEET/INVENTORY VEHICLES-

#### Roberta Carrington, Inventory and Les Slater, Jr.-Fleet Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve bidding out the vehicles that are no longer of use to the Tribe as noted and to accept the suggested starting bids as recommended. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

#### EDUCATION & CAREER SERVICES HANDBOOK- Roberta Carrington, Ed. Board Chairperson

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve striking the word "except" and replace with the word "including" at the top of page 10 of the Handbook under Adult Basic Education in the Handbook as recommended by the Education Board. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

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

#### REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON INTIMATE PARTNER IN BEMIDJI AREA-Kori Price, Family Services Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the application for the noncompetitive funding by GLITEC. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

#### GEOTHERMAL-Authorization to approve limited contingencies and Construction Bulletin #1-Change Order-Melody Malone, Assistant Director of the Health Center

No action taken on the authorization to approve limited contingencies. Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the change order, that we are under construction and we either do it or our ceilings will be sweating. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 5:48 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried at 5:49.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Personnel Matter.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the appointment of Jody Hartwig for Tribal Council Secretary to run through October 2021. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 5:50 PM.



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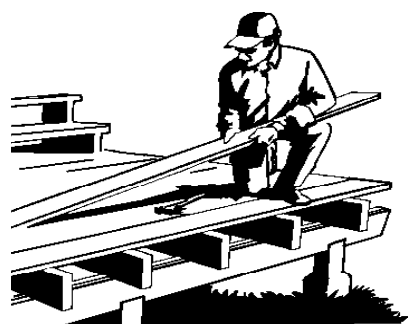
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