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#### The COVID-19 Vaccine



Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Medical Director Dr. Micheal Lundin

Many are curious about the COVID-19 vaccine, so I wanted to take a moment to share some important information with you.

We know a COVID vaccine is on the way, and that it will be about 95% effective. This means that the vaccine decreases the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 by about 95%.

We also know that the vaccine will require 2 shots given about 3-4 weeks apart, and that the most common side effects are mild soreness and redness in the area where someone received the injection, fatigue, body aches, or headache. These are similar side effects to the flu shot.

I have heard some people express concerns about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine, but in over 75,000 people who participated in the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine studies, no one reported any serious adverse side effects. These studies included people of different ages and races.

So, even if you are one of the first people to get the vaccine in our community, there have been thousands of generous people who have been a part of testing the vaccine before it came to us. I hope that makes everyone more confident about the vaccine. It certainly makes me feel confident offering it to my patients.

Another thing patients often wonder about is how the vaccine works. I try my best to explain that because the vaccine doesn't contain whole virus, it cannot cause COVID-19. Rather, the vaccine consists of small chunks of the virus. When your body sees these small chunks, it makes antibodies that attack COVID if it gets in your system later.

We encourage you to consider getting the vaccine. It is safe, effective, and it is one way we can all protect ourselves, our families, and our community. If you'd like to do some research on your own to learn more about how vaccines are developed, go to CDC's website, and start your search there. There is a lot of misinformation circling around right now about the COVID vaccine. Make sure the websites you seek out information from are reputable. CDC and WHO websites are 2 reputable sites that I and other medical professionals go to for solid, reliable COVID vaccine information. Also, check out the tribe's COVID-19 page for up-to-date information about our community's COVID protocols and guidelines.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season, and that you continue to practice the important COVID safety measures, such as: wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands frequently, and not gathering with people outside of your household.

Happy Holidays! I am so grateful for everyone working hard to keep our community safe.

In health and healing,

Dr. Micheal Lundin

**Medical Director** 

Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center

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### From the Office of the Tribal President

Increasing numbers of COVID-19 in our surrounding counties has resulted in many hospitals in our area to be at or near capacity. As we head in to this holiday season, it is more important than ever to follow the simple COVID-19 prevention guidelines of: wearing a mask, keeping our distance, washing our hand frequently, and not gathering with people outside of our household.

These are trying times, but fortunately we are a resilient people. And we know one of our community's strengths is that we take care of one another, especially during hard times.

We know COVID is 100% preventable. The issue though is that it is easy to let our guard down.

In the past few months, we have learned that about 50% of COVID infections occur when someone has zero symptoms. So, in other words someone can look and feel healthy, but can still spread an infection that could put another person in the hospital.

That is why I am asking this of youif you have plans to get together with friends or family members outside of your household and your only option is gathering indoors, please change your plans. Stay safe and stay home.

I know that we are a community that loves to get together, and this time is especially challenging for many of us because we can't do that. But that doesn't mean we can't make an effort to connect with one



another. This year, I encourage you to give the gift of your presence, rather than presents, to loved ones. Consider planning virtual dinners, group phone calls, and game or movie nights to make the holidays special.

Your presence, through checking in on your family, friends, and neighbors (although not a material thing), is one of the best gifts you can give. Please make sure to reach out and give your loved ones a call and show them that you care.

We all hold the power to stop COVID-19 in its tracks, but we need to do it together. Let's take care of our Elders and our most vulnerable. We can all do our part and come together to keep everyone safe, and show our love to our family, friends, and neighbors with our presence.

Thank you, I hope you have a joyful and safe holiday season! President Holsey

### John Quinney's Powderhorn Returns Home

By Heather Bruegl & Bonney Hartley

On November 19th, a very important piece of our cultural heritage made its way home. Sachem John Quinney's powderhorn was returned to our community to the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum from its 80-year resting place at the Oshkosh Public American group or culture itself." Museum.

under the Native American Graves its time, is an example of

(NAGPRA) due to Stockbridge-Munsee's claim that the powder horn is an object meeting the definition of Stockbridge-Munsee asserts that the powderhorn is an object meeting the definition of "cultural patrimony." This means that it is an object which has "ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native

The powderhorn object, though it The powderhorn was repatriated can be read as a utilitarian item of

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how objects can evolve to have multi-layered meanings and ongoing significance to a community. Being a key heirloom of tribal sachem John Quinney, the powderhorn represents a socio-political symbol of Mohican leadership.

Quinney is among those who wrote and signed petitions, memorials, land transactions and treaties to negotiate with the US Government and mediate on the Mohican people's behalf. One of his victories was the repeal of the Congressional Act of 1843, which had made Stockbridge people citizens. The repeal meant that Stockbridge-Munsee's were able to maintain our own government and customs. Quinney noted in his diary, "We Stockbridges are Indians again."

As a leader and thinker, he used his skills to keep the Stockbridge-Munsee together during very fragile times, always invoking pride in his Native American lineage and Mohican cultural identity. He is much beloved and revered in our Tribe's historical memory from the words in his July 4, 1854 address in Reidsville, New York, where he traveled from Wisconsin back to ancestral Mohican territory to deliver remarks which must have startled the attendees.

Our NAGPRA claim focused on the Bonney Hartley, Oshkosh Public

significance of the powderhorn as an item representing leadership to our people, as well as questioning the Oshkosh Museum's right of possession due to the way the powderhorn came to their collection-from a collector who gave it on loan in 1934, without a clear documentation of how he came into possession of it. The Oshkosh Museum agreed with this determination and enthusiastically supported the return.

The item first came to the Library-Museum in August of 2019 on loan from the Oshkosh Public Museum to be part of the Open House that was held during Pow Wow weekend. The powderhorn, as well as other items on loan were on display and members of the community and public at large were able to come in and view the item. In February of 2020 the powderhorn was returned to OPM where it was made known that the SMC Historical Preservation office was going to try to repatriate it. The request was met extremely well and even through the pandemic, both sides were able to work towards the return of the item.

On November 19th the item was finally welcomed home in a small, Covid-19 friendly, ceremony. Earlier in the day Historic Preservation Manager Museum Registrar Emily Rock and Curator of Collections Anna Cannizzo recorded a presentation about the repatriation including what is NAGPRA and the process by which the powderhorn was brought home. Later in the day the homecoming took place and was attended by members of the Stockbridge Munsee Community Cultural **Affairs** Department including Director Heather Bruegl, Library/Museum Specialist Yvette Malone and Language Manger Molly Miller as well as representatives from the Oshkosh Public Museum. Stockbridge Munsee Community Tribal President Shannon Holsey was present to receive the powderhorn

offer words of gratitude. Council members Joe Miller and Brock Schreiber in attendance as

The entire homecoming ceremony was broadcasted live on the Arvid E. Miller Library Museum and Cultural Affairs Department Facebook page as well as the Oshkosh Public Museums Facebook page. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the public was not allowed to the ceremony, but can view it on Facebook. The Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library and Museum is hoping that once the pandemic passes to host an open house where the community can come in and welcome the powderhorn home.



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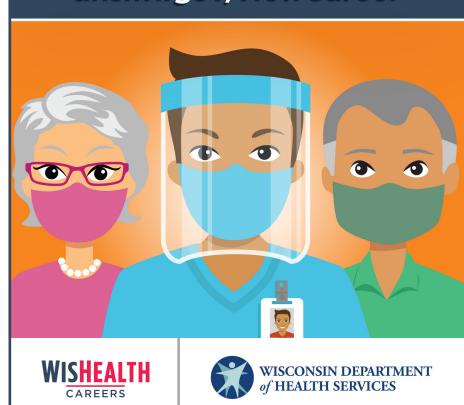
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### For Rent: Agriculture Fields

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is seeking bids to rent out several farm fields located (primarily) in the Township of Red Springs, with a few smaller tracks in Bartelme and Herman, Shawano County.

These fields range in size from 2.5 acres to 70 acres each and total approximately 502 acres. The fields will be leased to the highest bidder starting in the spring of 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Please contact Kellie Zahn, Agriculture Agent, and 715-793-3031 for a bid packet. Bids are due to the Tribal Office by 4:30pm on Friday, January 15, 2021.

# On the Trail Home



### Pauline Blanche McCartan

Pauline Blanche McCartan, age 87, of Bowler, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at the Ella Besaw Center in the Town of Bartelme. She was born on May 11, 1933, to the late Stephen and Thelma (Davids) Putnam in the Town of Red Springs. Pauline was united in marriage to John Ralph McCartan, on August 27, 1966, until his passing on January 10, 2010. She had a solid work ethic and spent over 30 years as a Senior Customer Service Recorder for Honeywell in Milwaukee.

Before Parkinson's disease made it difficult and then impossible, being active was a large part of her life; she loved going to the YMCA to swim and shoot baskets, she enjoyed daily walks, making homemade bread, and she was always up for a game of driveway badminton! Scrabble, Spinner and Wii Bowling were also favorite pastimes. She enjoyed traveling and accompanied her daughter Jean and sisters on various vacations. Her sweet tooth was legendary, and anything chocolaty was always welcome. She had a fun sense of humor that evoked laughter! Pauline knew heaven was her future home and she seemed ready to go there. In the meantime, she has left a void. She will be deeply missed.

Pauline is survived by her children: Kathy (Bill) Polzin of Milwaukee, Jean (Mark) Heinze of West Bend, and Jay McCartan of Milwaukee; grandchildren: and William, Matthew, Benjamin, Alyssa, Daniel, Abigail, Amy and Jathen; three sisters: Betty, Marie (Jack) and Judy (Butch) and one brother, Joseph (Rosie).

Pauline was preceded in death by her first husband, James Abresch, second husband John McCartan, her parents, Steven and Thelma, and four sisters, Ramona Harder, Beverly White, Beryl Schwann, and Virginia Putnam.

Graveside services for Pauline were held on November 28, 2020 at Stockbridge Indian Burial Grounds, Town of Bartelme, with Pastor Paul Johnson Officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Pauline's name may be directed to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com



### Important COVID-19 Community Resources

have access to high-quality upto-date information on COVID-19, the tribe has refreshed several of its COVID-19 resources:

**COVID-19 Webpage** 

Visit the tribe's updated COVID-19 webpage. There you will find responses to common FAQs such

"Can you get COVID-19 twice?" "Are the new COVID vaccines safe?"

"What should I do if I spent time with someone who tested positive?"

Additionally, you will find fact

To ensure community members sheets, as well as informative videos created by Stockbridge-Munsee community members, medical professionals, and tribal leadership.

**Community Helpline** 

Call the COVID-19 Community Helpline at 1-833-679-0136. This toll-free helpline is for Stockbridge-Munsee community members who have general questions about COVID-19 services or guidelines but aren't sure who to ask.

The helpline is staffed M-F during normal business hours. When you call, a StockbridgeMunsee staff person will respond to your concerns and direct you to the appropriate community contact. Because this helpline is not monitored 24/7, if it's an emergency or you are in crisis, call

Stockbridge-Munsee **Community YouTube Page** 

Finally, spend some time on the

tribe's updated YouTube page. There you will find "Ask Auntie Misty" videos, "Ask Dr. Lundin" videos, Updates from President Holsey, and Updates from the Wellness Center.

If you subscribe to our page, you will be the first to know when important videos are released.

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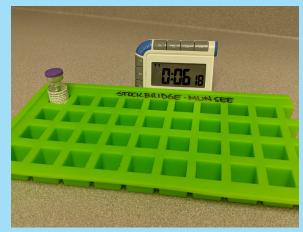


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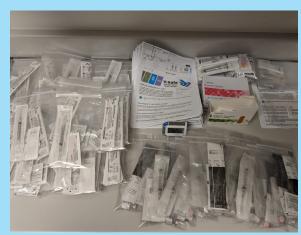
























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Conservation Easement, and other related paperwork to transfer the property and assume the applicable leases; and

applicable leases; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby grants and approves a limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity solely for the limited

grants and approves a limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity solely for the limited purpose of dispute resolution of these documents, including the arbitration of disputes and the enforcement of determinations or awards, against the Tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted to and for the benefit of Rennselaer Land Trust, Inc. ("RLT"), and any successor to RLT as holder of the Conservation Easement, to enforce the terms of the Conservation Easement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted to and for the benefit of the County of Rennselaer, and any successor entity, as lessee under the Nature Preserve Lease; and

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

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

Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to designate monies out of the Council's unallocated budget for the cost of the transaction, including title insurance, a survey, to complete the environmental review of the property, and other costs associated with closing and this motion also includes authorizing Legal to identify and work NY companies to obtain survey, title and other services

needed to close on the property donation. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

### REQUEST FOR USE OF TRIBAL SEAL-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the use of the Great Tribal Seal by the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation on a series of hiking trailhead kiosks. Seconded by Craig Kroening. Motion carried.

#### BUDGET MODIFICATION-Amanda Messer, EM/EMS Coordinator

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request of budget modification #1 from the EMS Coordinator in regard to purchasing some supplies from the CDC PHEP. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

### EMERGENCY LIFT STATION PUMP FAILURE-Kelly LaMere, Utilities Supervisor

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the purchase and have installed two (2) Smith & Loveless pumps not to exceed a set amount from the CARES money from B&M Technical Service, Inc. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried. **NETWORK SWITCH UPGRADE-**

Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve out of CARES money Network Switches; Surveillance Switches; Surveillance Cameras for Konkapot; Computer Replacement; SpecOps; LSZP429-CDW Mass360; North Duo; North Star Casino PPE and Food Security Project. Seconded

### by Joe Miller. Motion carried. AGRICULTURE WELL QUOTEKellie Zahn, Ag Agent

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve the bid from Shawano Well Drilling, Inc for drilling a well at the garden site on Maple Road, Schedule A for a set amount and Schedule B for a set amount. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

2021 AG LAND USE AND RENTALS-Kellie Zahn, Ag Agent Motion by Joe Miller to approve 2021 Ag Land Use and Rentals to include 506 acres with the addition of 3 acres taken out for the garden farm on Maple Road and also including the six year lease on 8 acres for the Tribal Member farm in Red Springs. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

### CAPEX REQUEST FOR BANK NOTE PROCESSOR-Michael Bonakdar, GM and Tammy Wyrobeck, CFO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Capital Expenditure for G&D BPS M3-10L Currency/TITO System not to exceed a set amount out of Unallocated. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

### TTIP PLAN-Willy Miller, Road Maintenance Manager

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 013-21, NOW

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, supports and adopts 2021-2024 Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for the projects listed in the attached CSTIP forms that were developed between us and the BIA for Tribal Shares funding along with corresponding TTP Agreement RSA and RFA's. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

### SMHWC GEOTHERMAL PROJECT-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve forgo sending the Geothermal plans to the State for review and to allow for IHS and architect and engineering firm HGA to oversee the projects inspections for safety and accuracy. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

### EXTENSION FOR IHS FUNDING FOR GEOTHERMAL-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the modification with IHS to extend geothermal project funding availability to June 30, 2021. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

### SHARING COVID-19 TESTING WITH GLITC-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Joe Miller to approve sharing COVID-19 testing counts with GLITC. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

Motion maker amends motion to add: all recommendations contained within. Second concurs. Motion carried.

SMHWC POLICY: Incapacitated Healthcare Professional-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director Motion by Joe Miller to approve. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

### SMHWC POLICY: Mercury Use in Dental Office-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve changes to Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Policy, Mercury Use in Dental Office. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

#### SMHWC POLICY-Controlled Substance Prescribing-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve changes to Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Policy, Controlled Substance Prescribing. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried. REVISION OF POLICY ES001-Ella Kazik, Elderly Steering Committee Chairperson

## WisDOT 85.215 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERS GRANT-Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Human Services

No action taken.

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve and sign of the WisDOT 85.215 Tribal Transportation for Elders Grant. Seconded by Craig

Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

### EDUCATION BOARD: Post for At-large Vacancy and appoint Rueben "Manny" Arce as Gresham Student Rep

Motion by Joe Miller to appoint Rueben "Manny' Arce for the Gresham Student Rep on the Education Board. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to post an At-Large Vacancy for the Education Board. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 6:32 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 7:23 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a review and a reorganization.

#### **ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 7:23 PM.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

#### Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey;
Jolene Bowman;
Terrie Terrio;
Craig Kroening Jr.;
Marv Malone;
Joe Miller;
Brock Schreiber:

APPROVAL OF AGENDAPresent
Present
Present
Present

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION: COVID Vaccine Distribution-

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

#### MAILING LABEL REQUEST-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve address labels for the Language & Culture Manager and then to cover the postage of the mailing of the calendars. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

#### **CARES FUNDING-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to move to send Tribal Members 18 and older additional emergency assistance and to purchase minimum items for the isolation shelter. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 8:42 AM.

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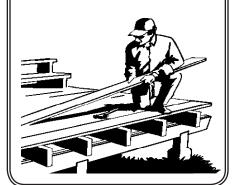
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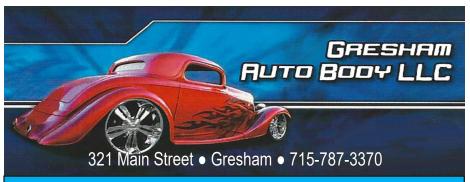
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