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The people of the waters that are never still

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Medical Laboratory Tech



with the COVID-19 collection and testing.

She is married with two dogs and many chickens. Her education includes a Bachelor's degree in biology from UW-La Crosse and an Associate's degree in Medical Laboratory Technology from NWTC in Green Bay.

Bridgette has nine years of medical experience; three years in purchasing department and six years in the Laboratory; all at Thedacare in Shawano.

Bridgette Hill, MLT ASCP, is the Medical Laboratory Technician for the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center in the lab in a limited term position to assist

When she is not working Bridgette enjoys gardening, mushroom foraging and cultivation, and hiking outdoors (probably looking for mushrooms).

Stockbridge-Munsee Broadband Update



In September of 2019, by Motion, Tribal Council authorized MIS to contract with Finley Engineering Firm to provide a roadmap for a Broadband Initiative and a Broadband Fiberoptic Design with cost estimates. This project is physically located starting just west of the roads department on County Highway A and will finish at Pine Hills Golf Course.

Tribal Council, by Resolution authorized Stockbridge-Munsee Community (SMC) to partner with Wittenberg Telephone and apply for a State Grant for Phase I of the Project. In March 2020 Tribal Council Approved funding a fiber-optic network and entered into an agreement with Wittenberg Telephone to provide highspeed internet.

Brian McDonald the Tribes Chief Information Officer (CIO) gave an update on the project. "The fiber project is moving along, the ring for connecting the government operations has been completed and tested and MIS is moving forward with migrating the buildings over with an anticipated completion in early February."

Mc Donald added "Residential work is in progress along County Road A and MohHeConNuck Rd. and began in the housing area around the Family Center area in late January. There are several residents currently experiencing the new internet speeds."

"The Contractor continues to bore areas in preparation for spring to connect to residents still targeted for a summer of 2021 completion."

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Tribal Food Assistance Program



The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has partnered with Charlie's County Market from Shawano to provide food to Tribal members

By: Thomas Kazik II - Reporter
Ring in the New Year brings about a few changes to the efforts to keep food supplied to our Community. In December, Round 4 of our Community Combo Boxes ended, and we were patiently awaiting news on if there would be a Round 5, and if so when it would begin.

force stepped up and secured shelf stable family boxes from Gorilla Gourmet to assist our communities. Stacy Stone, Coordinator of the Northwoods Food Hub, contacted Tribal Nations in Mid-January to announce the pick-up dates and times of these shelf-stable boxes. Our first delivery of the

During this time, the Hunger Task-

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Indoor Farming At Mohican Family Center



By: Thomas Kazik II – News Reporter
Kellie Zahn, Tribal Agriculture Agent, worked with Alex Tyink & Gil Shaw of Fork Farms to buy and setup indoor hydroponic units at the Mohican Family Center and Land Office. Fork Farms' flagship product, the Flex Farm, is an indoor vertical hydroponic system that is energy and cost efficient. The Flex Farm makes sustainable food practices both easy and accessible for everyone, from educators and home growers to commercial users. The Founder of Fork Farms, Alex Tyink, has a background in urban agriculture

and has witnessed the challenges surrounding availability and access of fresh food. Gil Shaw has more than three decades of management, partnership development and hydroponics experience.

While speaking with Kellie she talked about how the tribe received these units and the use for them. "We were awarded \$30,000 of funds through First Nations Development Institute through their Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative. Originally we planned on getting two units through the grant, but due to Covid we weren't able

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Koolamalsi citizens of Mohican Nation, as we enter what may be a new era of federal Indian policy with the Biden administration, it is important to recognize the origin of the treaty and trust responsibility.

The trust relationship establishes a responsibility for a variety of services and benefits to Indian people, including health care. As such I want to encourage you to prioritize being vaccinated as we are a vulnerable population with statistics that place us in a high-risk category.

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are

exposed. Other steps, like wearing masks and social distancing, help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others. Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

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Munsee – We are grateful
ONEEWE
Mohican – Thank you
Jolene Bowman, Ph.D.
Vice-President



The SMHWC will move the Covid-19 testing location from the North side of the building to the Southern side (lower level) of the building. The new location will only cover tests performed on February 4th – 17th. Please see the map below for the temporary testing location. When you arrive, please stay in your car and call 715-793-4144 option 0 to let staff know when you arrive.



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From Missy's Family

The past few months have been so unreal. Our family has been spending as much time together as we can under the pandemic circumstances. There are 24 of us in Missy's immediate family, most in Wisconsin, some in Arizona and Georgia. We were able to all be together to say our goodbyes. As her Mom I have been thinking so much about her time on Mother Earth and have been so in awe of the wonderful community of extended family and friends that she had, and that we have. I know I didn't get to see or speak to everyone who stopped at the house or came to the funeral, because there were so many of you, and I was in a state of numbness. I hope each of you were able to speak with someone in the family. I know so many of you brought food, supplies, money, wonderful special gifts, and sent loving messages. Our family thanks each and every one of you for your generosity and want you to know that we love you all. Missy very much loved our Mohican People and had concern for everyone. She also had friends and extended family from all walks whom she cared for so much. I also feel that I should say that even though it wasn't Covid that took Missy, it still affected her life, because when she wanted to go to treatment she was turned down. She was told that it wasn't available due to Covid protocols. If she had

been able to go it might have made a difference in the direction her life went. The condition of her heart, her lungs, and her liver all led to her body giving out. I am saying this openly because this curse falls on so many of our people. Maybe people don't think about or realize how bad it is for their health and how it hurts the family.

We know that Missy is home with our Creator now and she is safe, happy, and is with many family and friends gone before, including daughter Cheyna, grandson Jeremiah, her Dad Doats, her grandparents and other relatives she loves. We miss her so much. She had the biggest heart, was our biggest cheerleader, and had her own unique loving ways that we are missing.

So, with very grateful hearts we say oneewe, anushiik, thank you, to all of you, and we will never forget how you helped us through and are still helping us.

From her children Corey, Cierra, and Caleah, grandson Avery; sister Elena and family Bill, Will, Alaqua, Erich, Katie, and Jordy; sister Kristina and family Hunter, Jasmine, Lance, Isaiah, George, Kasia, and Presley; brother Kanaysa and family Mandy, Tyria and Emerald. Her partner Dana Grignon.

And me. Kta'waanno'ma (We love you all),

Leah Joy Miller
"Mo-wae-win-o-kiw"



Veterans Corner

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Bowler, WI. 54416

Gregg W. Duffek,
Tribal Veterans Service
Officer
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<https://forms.gle/TpNwCKVM8yr4q2zD9>
or contact Kellie Zahn at 715-793-3031

CIVIL SUMMONS

In the matter of the Paternity of: M.V.G. (D.O.B.: 12/14/2019)

Case No. 2020-PA-0005

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency, and
Leanna J. Granquist
Petitioners,

Aaron M. Vele,
Respondent.



YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a Civil Complaint has been filed against you.

YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER to the Complaint within Twenty (20) days of the date this Summons and attached Complaint were served upon you. The answer must be filed with the Tribal Court at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Offices at N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416, and a copy must be delivered or sent to the plaintiff or his/her attorney.

IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint within the Twenty (20) days of the date you were served, a JUDGMENT OR DEFAULT maybe entered and the plaintiff maybe awarded the relief asked for in the complaint.

DATED: July 16, 2020

February 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 27th & 28th, 2021

March 6th & 7th, 2021

Appointment required for services

- Tax preparation services provided by IRS-certified volunteers
- No-contact/ drop-off Tax Preparation Site.

Bring the following items to your appointment. We will collect information and your taxes will be prepared for your 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)





On the Trail Home



Roberto E. Delgado

Roberto E. Delgado Born to Eternal Life Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the age of 59.

Roberto was born November 19, 1961, and resided in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin.

Preceded in death by his mother, Patsy, his father, Roberto and his sister, Dolores "Lola" Delgado. Loving brother of Judy Delgado, Jean Miller, Rebeca Delgado, and Elizabeth "BB" Delgado. Uncle to Jennifer (Charles), Michael, Nicholas, and Marina. Great-Uncle of Skylar, Nico, Quintin, Charles, and Judith.

Robert was always happy and enjoyed all family gatherings. He retired from the City of Milwaukee after 30 years of dedicated service and was an avid Packer fan. Robert was loved and will be remembered by other relatives, many friends, and the entire Tribe!

Private family services were held on November 30, 2020 at Church and Chapel Funeral Home, Brookfield, WI. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Park.

Unemployment Insurance 2020 Tax Statements Now Available Online

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is reminding state residents who received Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits last year that they must report UI benefits as taxable income on their 2020 tax returns, and that their 1099-G income tax statements for the year are easily accessible through UI's secure and confidential online system.

All UI benefits including Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Lost Wages Assistance (LWA), and Extended Benefits (EB) are considered taxable income for both federal and state income taxes, and the 1099-G form shows the amount of UI benefits a claimant received during the previous year. To access 1099-G tax statements, claimants can go to <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/1099.htm>, then follow a few easy steps to obtain an electronic copy of their 2020 benefit payment records.

In response to customer service trends toward the convenience of online self-service, claimants who have logged onto UI's online benefits services system are

being notified their 1099-G statements for 2020 will be accessible online and that they should not expect to be mailed paper copies. Claimants who have been granted a long-term exception to using online services will receive their 1099-G statements by mail. DWD will continue to mail paper copies upon request.

By accessing UI's secure, confidential online benefit system and obtaining 1099-G forms electronically, claimants will have immediate access to their tax information for UI.

Additionally, the transition from paper mailings to e-copies of 1099-G forms saves the public tens of thousands of dollars in annual processing, printing, and mailing costs.

DWD securely stores 1099-G forms online for all claimants to access and print for their records. Claimants' statements are available online for the past six years, which is helpful if claimants need to file amended tax returns. The UI Division is required to send 1099-G information to the Internal Revenue Service and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Magnificent Mohican: Umpachenee



The photo is of today's 18 Main Street in Stockbridge, the original home site of Umpachenee in the 1700s. Thank you to Rick Wilcox for his research to identify our ancestor's home locations.

By Meadhbh Ginnane, Historic Preservation Intern

Although the details of Umpachenee's life may be vague, his beliefs and strong commitment to the rights of the Stockbridge Mohican community shine clearly through the documents preserved over the last two and a half centuries. He was known to be a "clear-headed, smart man, of a deep reach and pleasant humour," and was recognized as one of the "best speakers" in the region.

Mohican Sachem Umpachenee, who also went by the name Aaron Sonkenewenaukheek after his christening in 1735, was born sometime in the late seventeenth century, likely between 1678 and 1696. In the decades that followed, he married the daughter of neighboring Mohican leader Etowaukaum (who notably travelled to England as a Mohican representative in 1710), creating a strong alliance "between Hudson River Mohicans and Housatonic peoples." Later, Umpachenee had a son, named after Etowaukaum, who was educated in New Haven by Yale missionary John Sergeant. In documents relating to the foundation of Stockbridge, Umpachenee's focus on education is clear, remarking that the townspeople were please to live "together for better Instruction in the Principles" of Christianity.

In 1736, Konkapot and Umpachenee were instrumental in the decision to establish a new town at Stockbridge on six miles square of land. Previously, the tribe was "divided into two groups, one under Captain Konkapot in Housatonic (Stockbridge) and the other under Lieutenant Umpachenee at the Great Wigwam in Sheffield." A few English families subsequently joined the tribe in the new town in order to "help and Instruct" the Stockbridge Mohicans "in their husbandry."

Umpachenee's wigwam was originally located in what is now the Great Barrington/Sheffield region. It was reportedly over one

hundred feet long, representing the presence of a truly important local figure. In addition to these lands, he owned plots throughout Stockbridge, maintaining a wigwam and a barn at today's 16-18 Main Street. In documents, Umpachenee is variously referred to as king, governor, captain, lieutenant, sachem, and tribal speaker.

Throughout his life, Umpachenee served as a committed representative of the Stockbridge Mohicans in negotiations with colonists and missionaries, representing the tribe's interests in various petitions alongside Sachem John Konkapot, or Pophnehonnuhwon, David Naunaunecannuck, as well as other tribal members. In a 1737 Petition, for instance, Umpachenee and other Stockbridge Mohican leaders sought to address the appropriation of their lands by neighboring settlers, fearing "not half our Families now here will be able to subsist," and that they will not be able to support the "twenty families or more of our Nation" that had hoped to settle and enjoy "with us the means of Instruction."

In 1751, after a protracted illness, Umpachenee died in Stockbridge. The "constant stream of visitors" were testament to his role within the community. His wife Hannah had died a decade earlier, in 1740.

Currently, the Historic Preservation Office is working to have Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican cultural sites in Stockbridge included on the State and National Register of Historic Places. This biography of eighteenth century leader Umpachenee is part of the first listing the Office plans to submit this month.

You can see a visual presentation of Umpachenee's homesite and 10 other historic Mohican sites by taking our Mohican Walking Tour of Stockbridge Main Street at www.nativeamericantrail.org.



**WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Deadline to apply: June 1, 2021



Purpose: In keeping with its continued commitment to higher education, the Wisconsin Indian Education Association is pleased to provide scholarship assistance to American Indian students attending institutions of higher education. This scholarship is an achievement based scholarship, not based on financial need. Applicants must be Wisconsin residents.

One \$1,000 scholarship (\$500/semester) will be awarded to a student in each of the following categories:

- Graduating high school senior
- Vocational/Technical College student enrolled in a one (1) or two (2) year program
- Undergraduate student attending a 4-year college/university

Three \$1,000 scholarships (\$500/semester) will be awarded to:

- Graduate students in masters/doctorate degree programs

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Complete Scholarship Application**
- Current or most recent unofficial school transcript.** GED/HSED students are eligible only as continuing vocational/technical or continuing undergraduate students.
- Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation:** one from a teacher, employer or other professional familiar with your academic potential. No family or relative letters of support.
- Essay:** 1 to 2 page typed essay focusing on your community and/or extracurricular activities, along with how you will apply your education.
- Proof of tribal enrollment:** Copy of tribal enrollment card or certificate; or completed certification statement on the Scholarship Application.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1, 2021 AND MAILED TO: Virginia Nuske, WIEA Treasurer
N5448 Broder Road
Shawano, WI 54166

SCORING

Only complete applications will be reviewed. Applications will be scored based upon:
 ✓ **Transcript: Up to 15 points** Cumulative GPA: 4.00-3.50/15 points; 3.49-3.00/10 points; 2.99-2.00/5 points.
 ✓ **Letter of Recommendation: Up to 10 points**
 ✓ **Essay: Up to 25 points**

The maximum points possible is 50. Students scoring 25 points or less will not be considered.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- ❖ Must meet application deadline with complete packet.
- ❖ Must use scholarship for educational purposes.
- ❖ Must maintain at least a 2.50 semester grade point average.
- ❖ Must be carrying sufficient credits to maintain full-time status.
- ❖ Must send a copy of grades to WIEA Treasurer at the end of fall semester to receive spring semester award.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: Upon receipt of student's fall semester course registration, \$500 will be sent to the school for the fall semester. Upon receipt of grade report and spring semester course registration, \$500 will be sent to the school. Submit information to WIEA Treasurer.

NOTE: Students can receive a scholarship award one time in each category.

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Gover Named Smithsonian's Under Secretary for Museums and Culture



Kevin Gover, the director of the National Museum of the American Indian, has been named the Smithsonian's Under Secretary for Museums and Culture. The position oversees the Smithsonian's history and art museums, its cultural centers, and the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Exhibits and the National Collections Program. Gover has served as Under Secretary in an acting capacity since February 2020. He reports to Meroe Park, the Smithsonian's Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer.

Gover, a citizen of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, began as director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in 2007. As director, he oversaw the Washington, D.C., and New York City museums as well as the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Maryland.

Gover has led the museum to pursue equity and social justice for Native people through education, inspiration and empowerment, and the museum has worked to expand people's ideas of what it means to be Native American.

Under his leadership, the museums have opened numerous critically acclaimed exhibitions in Washington and New York, including: "Americans," which uncovers the many ways American Indian images, names and stories have been part of the nation's history, identity and pop culture since before the country began; "Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations," which examines the history and legacy of U.S.-American Indian diplomacy from the colonial period through the present; "Infinity of Nations: Art and History in the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian," a permanent exhibition of some 700 works of Native art from throughout North, Central and South America that demonstrates the breadth of the

museum's renowned collection; and "Stretching the Canvas: Eight Decades of Native Painting," which presents works by 30 artists and explores broad topics at different points in modern art history starting at about 1940 to near present day.

Most recently, the museum completed and opened the National Native American Veterans Memorial. The memorial, which sits on the grounds of the museum in Washington, was commissioned by Congress to give "all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States." Native Americans have served in every major military conflict in the U.S. since the Revolutionary War.

Gover also oversaw the launch of Native Knowledge 360°, the museum's national educational initiative. NK360° is a set of teaching resources that provides educators and students with new perspectives on Native American history and cultures. It offers educational materials and training for teachers that incorporate Native narratives, more comprehensive histories and accurate information to enlighten and inform teaching and learning about Native America. It challenges common assumptions about Native peoples—their cultures, their roles in United States and world history, and their contributions to the arts, sciences and literature.

The initiative provides a view that includes not only the past, but also the richness and vibrancy of Native peoples and cultures today. The museum has also expanded its educational offerings to include virtual field trips and webinars, including the popular "Youth in Action: Conversations About Our Future" series, which features young Native activists and changemakers from across the Western Hemisphere working toward equity and social justice for Indigenous peoples.

Machel Monenerkit will continue to serve as acting director of the museum following Gover's departure. She is currently the museum's deputy director. Monenerkit joined the museum in 1994 as a volunteer and then became a program manager in the public programs office at the museum in New York. In 1998, she transferred to the museum's location in Washington, where she oversaw three major projects for the museum's 2004 opening. She joined the museum's executive office in 2006. As deputy director, she oversees several museum departments, including administration, advancement, and executive and financial planning.

Stockbridge Munsee Community



Head Start Corner

Continuing Electa Quinney's Educational Vision for a Bright Future



Happy Valentine's Day!



Together Time At Home

Children are learning all the time! Children are curious and excited to help around the house. Feeling like part of the family, learning to care for others, and responsibility are some of the attributes children learn from helping!

In the Kitchen:

- Put groceries away – talk about texture, color, size, hot/cold.
- Prepare Meals/Snacks: how food looks before and after it is cooked, smells
- Set the Table: shapes, how to handle dishes/silverware.

Keep sharp objects out of the way and remind children of family rules in the kitchen!



Home Activity

Play the game: "I see something you don't see and the color (or shape) is...."

Children can name items until they name the object you were describing!

Great game to play in the car as you travel!

LOOKING FORWARD TO FEBRUARY

February and Valentine's Day are the perfect time to help your preschooler learn more about:

Being a Good Friend

Young children need guidance in learning the skills which help them to be a good friend. Parents can help by practicing:

- ♥ **Taking Turns**
 - Get involved in your child's play. Show them how you take a turn and they get a turn. Use words that show them, "My turn, your turn." If they get upset remind them "You can have a turn when I'm done."
- ♥ **Making Up when Things Go Wrong**
 - Children need to learn to say, "I'm sorry." The best way for them to learn is to hear you say, "I'm sorry" if something goes wrong.
- ♥ **Joining Group Play**
 - Children may be afraid to join another group of children who are playing. Help them to learn to ask, "Can I play too?" It takes a lot of confidence building, especially for a child who may be quieter.



Is Spring on Its Way??

February 2nd

Ground Hog Day!



Head Start Calendar of Events

- ♥ Feb 15th – Sachem Day-No Head Start
- ♥ Feb 22nd-24th – Wisconsin Head Start Conference - Head Start Closed

Electa Quinney Head Start is an equal opportunity provider.

Thank you to those Keeping us safe



Since the Covid Vaccines have been coming Stockbridge Health Care workers have been doing their best to make sure vaccines are distributed as soon as possible.



Mohican Family Center and Family Services Staff have helped out enormously during this pandemic Delivering school lunches, food distribution, and assisting with medical transport

Thank you to all workers keeping us safe



Photo Credit Sabrina Miller: Stockbridge Health Center Nurses



Health Center Nurses Testing Employees



Melvin 'Toad' Kazik
Lead Security Officer



Health Center Nurses Testing Employees



Stockbridge Fire/ Ems Assisting with National Guard Testing



Food cont from page One:
The shelf-stable boxes occurred during the week of January 18th, through coordination efforts by our Elderly Services Manager, MFC Manager and respective staff, they were able to deliver nearly 175 boxes to our community elders. These shelf-stable boxes will be available for pick up during January, possibly into February and details on delivery or distribution are still being worked out.

Notification was received on January 18th, that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) had approved Round 5 and selected Produce Alliance out of Illinois as the sole distributor. Feeding America was selected as a recipient of the Farmers to Families food boxes, and thanks to our neighbors to the North, the MFC staff will be picking up our share of these food boxes from the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin two times in February.

Tribal Member Food Bundles from Charlie's County Market will be distributed the second Tuesday of each month (Wednesday, if needed), through May. As many of you may have noticed, these bundles are a little different, not only do they include the protein, but also have canned and dry goods. The Tribe's Tribal Administrator, Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, has been working diligently on securing resources to assist in keeping the food coming in to our community. Most recently she applied for a grant through the Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3), to assist in the efforts to keep food going out to our community while we navigate the COVID19 Pandemic. The Notah Begay III Foundation announces that it has made grant awards to 53 Native-led organizations in 14 states who are working to alleviate the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The NB3 Foundation established its COVID-19 Response Fund in April, raising over \$400,000 to support COVID relief efforts in Native communities.

Upon receiving funding from the Notah Begay III Foundation Linda

Mohawk-Katchenago said "At the time the grant application rolled out, the Tribe was uncertain of the status of the Hunger Task Force food resources. The Grants Writer, Jill Tiegs and I saw a notice from the Notah Begay Grant. We geared our request for distribution of food resources. We received \$5,000; which we used \$4000 for food boxes and \$1000 for shipping cost for other food resources."

Mohawk-Katchenago, under her auspices has created a unique team of staff to assist in these efforts. Jill Duffek, Food Distribution Manager, has been in the mix since the first food boxes and dairy items were available. She coordinated the delivery and distribution of weekly dairy products and worked with the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin to receive combo boxes from Feeding America. Along with Duffek, Assistant Director of Human Services, Crystal Malone, has been overseeing this entire process, continues to assist with distribution of these items and steps in to take the reins when needed.

Jerilyn Johnson, Mohican Family Center Manager, joined the team in the fall and has since been coordinating the pick-up of food items from the Northwoods Food Hub in Lac du Flambeau, assisting with the distribution of dairy, food hub items and securing/scheduling a direct delivery of Farmers to Families combo boxes to our community and working with Charlie's County Market on the food bundles. Kori Malone, Family Services Manager, and her staff have been very helpful when it comes to helping with distribution of all food items, covering school lunch pick-up and delivery, and assisting with elder delivery when needed and called upon. Kristy Malone, Elderly Services Manager, and her staff have gathered our elder numbers, coordinated delivery of dairy, food bundles and combo boxes and her staff has been doing door step delivery to our elders. Allen Quinney, Executive Director, designated equipment to be used for loading and unloading, Willy Miller, Roads

Manager, for designating staff (Craig & Joey) to use their heavy equipment to assist in unloading the semi's and loading up other Tribal Nation's boxes. Charles Gardner, P&E Manager, for allowing MFC staff to use the trucks and trailers to pick up these boxes, as well as, offering his staff's assistance when needed to unload the semis. Jeff Vele, Mohican News Manager, for allowing his staff to assist in food pick up and distribution.

Each of these employees have enlisted the help of members of their own teams, who have all at one time or another, had to set aside their daily duties to jump in a truck, drive two-hours and hand load nearly 600 food boxes into a trailer. Just to turn around and drive two-more hours and hand unload those same boxes and distribute them the next day. Some have had to come in on their days off and some holidays to assist with unloading and storage of dairy products, and all of them have distributed these items in the heat, in the frigid cold, in the pouring rain, sleet and snow.

As a community, we see these individuals when they are loading our food items into our vehicles, or dropping them on our door step, today, we thank each and every one of them who have had a hand, no matter how big or small, in

making these food items available to us all.

We thank, the Tribal Council, for their continued support of food in our community, and the following staff members: Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Allen Quinney, Willy Miller, Craig Kroening, Sr., Joey Gardner, Charles Gardner, Brian Goss, Joe Blum, Ron Blum, Randall Wollenhaup and his Summer Youth Workers, Crystal Malone, Jill Duffek, Keith "Skeeter" Bowman, Kori Malone, LaKeshia Williams, Jaden Parker, Nikole Pecore, Linda Rudesill, Jan RedCloud, Kristy Malone, Nikki Bowman, William Terrio, Jamie Mattingly, Roger Malone, DeAnna DeNasha, Ron DeNasha, Laura Moede, Lynn Welch, Jeff Vele, Thomas Kazik II, Rob Kosowski, Jess Boyd, Mabel Miller, Jerilyn Johnson, Joe Miller, Craig "Tully" Kroening, Jr., Steven Duffek, Anthony Sullivan, Peggy Lemke, and Cheryl Hill.

These employees that are out distributing these items would also like to thank the community members who have dropped off soda, hot chocolate, candy bars, donuts, breakfast burritos, soup, stew, breakfast sandwiches, Italian cookies, coffee and other items, it is truly appreciated.

Please watch mohican.com, for updates on the distribution of dairy, Farmers to Families boxes and Tribal Member Food Bundles.



Farming cont from page One:
to do some of our other programming, so we were able to move some funds around and ended up purchasing 4 of these units. Two are located at the Family Center and the other two are over in the Land Office. We will be using these hydroponic units to grow a variety of crops. Its most common use will be to grow lettuce, but I am planning on doing some experiments with crops like strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and cucumbers. I am also planning on using these units to start plants for the spring, mainly for tomatoes and peppers" Zahn Said.

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On Tuesday, January 19th, 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
Jeremy Mohawk; Present
Martin Welch; Present
Marv Malone; Present
Craig Kroening Jr.; Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

ADD: College of Menominee Nation Request

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 5. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

SITE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST/APPROVAL OF DOCTORAL STUDY-Thomas Wilbur

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the doctoral study titled

“Seven Generations Theory and Applicability to Native American Tribes”, the researcher is Thomas E. Wilbur and we are authorizing him to conduct research at our reservation. The research activities include:

- Sharing of name, email, addresses, and telephone numbers for our past or current Tribal Council members for his target population so he can determine his sample and his ability to email a description of the study, the questionnaires, and its voluntary nature to participate in the study.

- Conduct 1:1 recorded interviews with Tribal Council members for up to 60 minutes.
- Conduct 1:1 member checking discussion for up to 30 minutes.

The participants that will be in this study must meet the following criteria:

- Past or current Tribal Council members.
- 21-70 years of age. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

Roll Call: Marv abstain, Jolene yes, Terrie no, Brock yes, Joe no and Craig no. Motion dies for lack of support. Consensus, to scheduling a WebEx with Thomas

Wilbur.

RE-APPROVAL OF PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE CHANGES-Dennis Puzz, General Counsel

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 017-21, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council confirms its prior actions and re-approves adoption of changes to the following ordinances (**Editor’s Note: See chart of Ordinances below**) with the specific changes described in the prior resolutions referenced.

Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

JUVENILE TREATMENT FACILITY (sole source)-Dennis Puzz, General Counsel and Allen Quinney, Executive Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve sole source with Green Fire Architectural and Engineers for the juvenile treatment center. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE GRANT-Heather Bruegl, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve submission “Mohican Historical Survey of Filed Arboretum” proposal to Town of Stockbridge Community Preservation Commission, and for the President to sign support letter. Seconded Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

Directives cont on pg Ten:

throughout the region. Adults 65 and older from Michigan or Wisconsin can request an appointment through Aspirus via the following options:

- Visit the Aspirus website at aspirus.org/vaccine to request to be contacted to schedule an appointment.
- Appointment request options will soon be available through the MyAspirus patient portal.
- Call the Aspirus COVID-19 Call Center at 844-568-0701.

People are encouraged to use the online options to reduce wait times for those who need the Call Center, which also serves those seeking COVID tests and other resources. People are also encouraged to use these options rather than calling their clinic.

Vaccinations are available by appointment only and limited to only those who are eligible. Walk-ins are not accepted. Aspirus schedulers will follow up with those who submit requests online to arrange appointments at a location most convenient to them only when individuals are eligible to receive the vaccine.

Vaccine eligibility is being dictated by state and federal authorities with variations in how the various phases are defined. Aspirus will continue to follow the guidance it receives from its respective state departments of health services to appropriately expand access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Aspirus began providing vaccinations for its employees, long-term care residents, EMS and community health care workers within Phase 1A immediately upon receiving its first vaccine allocations. Aspirus’ first allocation in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula arrived on December 17, while its allocation in Wisconsin arrived on December 22.

The latest updates and information will continue to be posted online at aspirus.org/vaccine.

Chapter	Ordinance Title	Resolution	Date Previously Approved by Tribal Council
57	Tax	#026-18	3/6/2018
56	Food	#034-18	4/17/2018
13	Truancy	#059-19	8/6/2019
70	Flag	#062-19	8/20/2019
5	Civil Procedure	#011-20	11/5/2019
5A	Appellate Procedure	#012-20	11/5/2019
54	Employment Preference	#030-20	1/21/2020

COVID vaccinations for adults 65+ through Aspirus



The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) on Tuesday announced the state will further expand its COVID-19 vaccine eligibility within Phase 1B effective Monday, January 25. Per the announcement, this means adults 65 years and older will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Police and fire department personnel became eligible as part of Phase 1B in Wisconsin as of January 18. In Michigan, adults 65 and older were eligible as of January 11 and have begun receiving vaccinations through Aspirus.

COVID-19 vaccinations are being offered to those who become eligible at many Aspirus locations

**Directives cont from page Nine
USE OF TRIBAL SEAL ON
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN-
Heather Bruegl, Director of
Cultural Affairs.**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve use of the Great Seal on Mohican history sign at Monument Mountain, Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

**MAHICAN LANGUAGE
LINGUIST CONTRACT-Molly
Miller, Language Manager**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve a contract for sole source for Christopher Harvey contingent on Legal getting the necessary documentations from Mr. Harvey to meet the tax requirements. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**2021 INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL
GENERAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION-Antoinette
Tourillot, Environmental
Program Coordinator**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2021 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Grant Application and this is already in the 2021 budget. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: ADRC-Kristy
Malone, Manager SM Elderly
Services**

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 018-21, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRC's to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000.

Seconded by Marv Malone.

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

**WDVA FY 2021 AIVS TRIBAL
VETERANS SERVICE GRANT-
Gregg Duffek, TVSO**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Tribal budget for the AIVS Tribal Veterans Service Grant and to waive the Indirect Cost. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the President Holsey to sign all respective documents attesting to the approved Tribal budget. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

Motion maker amends motion to include: to submit to the State of Wisconsin regarding TVSO grant application. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**GEOTHERMAL-Resolution to
accept IHS funds for Geother-
mal-Andrew Miller, SMWHC Di-
rector**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution 019-21, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal President, or in her absence, the Vice-President, to execute 638 Contract with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services for the BE-MAR Projects. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

**GEOTHERMAL-Change order
#3 and #4-Andrew Miller, SMH-
WC Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve to process two change orders, the funds will come from the existing contingency fund and to allow the director of the Health Center to do future change orders within the remaining balance of the contingency fund. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

**GLITC GRANT-Andrew Miller,
SMHWC Director**

Motion by Brock Schreiber for the clinic to apply for a non-competitive grant from GLITC. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**SMHWC CLINIC OPERATIONS
& COMMUNICATIONS TO GOV-
ERNING BODY LETTER-Andrew
Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve for Tribal Council to acknowledge annual communications from the SMHWC about clinic operations. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

**MOA WITH LCO FOR USE OF
AN ULTRACOLD FREEZER-An-
drew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Brock Schreiber for the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with LCO for the use of their ultracold freezer should we need to store Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations and are not able to do so at our facility. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**NRCS APPLICATION EQIP &
CAP-106 MANAGEMENT PLAN-
Paul Koll, Tribal Forester**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Forestry Department for their endeavor to seek approval to apply for NRCS funds to mark 118.5 acres for future harvest in two locations and draft 240.6 acres of CAP-106 management

plans for four future harvests. The funding request is to offset Tribal Contribution (using 2020 NRCS payment rates) subject to a review Legal to see if there are any encumbrances that would interfere or create barriers regards to Land-to-Trust applications. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**FORESTRY MINUTES-Forestry
Committee Member**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the December 2, 2020 Forestry virtual call-in meeting minutes. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**YEARS OF SERVICE-Joe Miller,
Tribal Council Member**

Motion by Joe Miller that Tribal Council hereby defines "years of service" as combined years of service and not continuous or no break in service, just combined years of service and this is only for recognition not for benefits. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker rescinds the motion. Second concurs. Motion rescinded.

Motion by Joe Miller to direct HR to update Employee Manual policy to request "years of service" to be defined as combined not continuous. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Vice President Jolene Bowman wanted it noted for the record that from my seat changing employer recognition from continuous to combined dilutes the work, dedication and commitment of our long-term employees which conflicts with celebrating, supporting and recognizing one's longevity within the organization. This could create an illusion as well as escalate the PTO accrual process for employees who really may not have a positive employment history. Again, from my seat, the PTO accrual is intended for those with lengthy employment records and to incentivize those employed for long term. As such, I am respectfully opposing the proposed action.

Tribal Treasurer Terrie K. Terrio wanted it noted for the record that she was under the impression that this does not use identified benefits.

**WAIVER TO CURRENT POLICY
FOR HOUSING RENTAL HOME
PROGRAM-Brock Schreiber,
Council Member**

Motion by Brock Schreiber to provide a waiver to the current policy of the Housing Rental Home Program which bans tenants from having pets to allow tenants to possess prescribed emotional support animal. Motion dies for lack of support.

Vice President Jolene Bowman wanted it noted for the record that even though this pulls at my heart strings I cannot support it. From my seat waivers conflict with the long-term goal of having standard policies that maintain consistency, continuity, and order within our op-

erations. As such, I am respectfully opposing the proposed action.

Motion by Brock Schreiber to provide a waiver to the current policy of the Housing Rental Home Program banning tenants from having pets on premises until the Housing Board and Tribal Council can review the matter and render final decision. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Terrie opposed, Brock yes, Joe opposed, and Craig opposed. Motion dies for lack of support.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to give deference to allow this to be vetted out to the proper channels before any action is taken. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE SELEC-
TIONS-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Sterling Schreiber, Jr. to the Land Committee. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Brock abstain, Joe no and Craig yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Marsha Toohey to the Elderly Steering Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Carolyn Miller to the Education Board. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

For the record Vice President Jolene Bowman is not participating in the vote as she works closely with the Education Board.

**COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NA-
TION REQUEST-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to have Legal write a letter of reaffirmation for the Tribal President's signature that reaffirms the existing resolution 029-13. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion to add: in support of the Native American Career and Technical Education Program at the College of Menominee Nation. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS & ITEMS
FOR FUTURE CONSIDER-
ATION-
EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 6:44 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 7:29 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Descendant request.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to uphold the Health Board's decision regarding the descendency request. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 7:29 PM.

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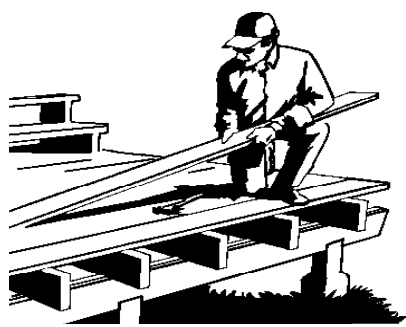
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