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# Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal President Shannon Holsey Endorses Lasry for U.S. Senate



Milwaukee - Alex Lasry today announced the endorsement of Shannon Holsey, President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. President Holsey is the latest addition to a growing list of people from across the state who are supporting Alex Lasry to be Wisconsin's next U.S. Senator.

"We need a U.S. Senator that will put in the work necessary to understand and represent the issues facing Wisconsin's native nations," said President Shannon Holsey. "Alex Lasry is engaging tribal leaders and learning about the concerns of our constituents and how to serve a very diverse state with a broad set of needs. He is the person that I trust to represent Wisconsin's sovereign tribal nations, and I'm proud

to endorse his campaign to be Wisconsin's next U.S. Senator." Holsey is currently serving her third term as the President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band Mohican Indians, after becoming the youngest person ever elected to the post in 2015. Holsey also serves as President of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, representing the eleven member tribes in Wisconsin and as the Treasurer of the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaskan organization. Native Holsey has been active in Democratic politics and was chosen as one of Wisconsin's electors to cast the state's Electoral College votes for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in 2020. "I could not be more excited to have the support of President Shannon Holsey," said Alex Lasry. "President Holsey has been a leader both in Wisconsin and nationally and has been a strong advocate for Wisconsin's tribal nations. I look forward to working with her and I'm extremely grateful to have her on our team as we continue to build the statewide coalition to start delivering real

The Democratic Primary Election for the United States Senate will be held Tuesday, August 9th, 2022. For more information about Alex Lasry and his campaign, visit www.alexlasry.com.

results for the people of Wisconsin."

## **Enrollment Department Notice**

ONLY the NEW Enrollment Application Form will be accepted by the Enrollment Department.

If an older enrollment application version is submitted, your paper work will be sent back. All current forms can be found on our website stockbridge-munsee@mohican-nsn.gov under Enrollment. The applications can also be found at the Tribal Offices.

All forms need to be notarized and the fee paid prior to submitting.

PERMIT NO. 135



# Covid Statistics for Everyone



Thomas Kazik II - News reporter The Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness center has been utilizing Mohican North Star casino as a vaccination center for a couple of months now. Here are some of the COVID-19 testing statistics completed at the SMHWC through March 12 2021.

The total number of people tested is at 5,052. The total number of negative test results is at 4,779 which puts as at a 94.5% since Covid had started in March of 2020. There were 273 Total Positive Cases which comes to a percentage of 5.4%. The number of total positive cases who live in Shawano or Menominee counties that were tested by the Tribe's efforts are 251. Tallying the full amount of people ever hospitalized, we stand at 17. Of the Tribe's positive cases we have had 270 recovered cases but have suffered 3 deaths due to Covid-19.

Now, here are some of the Covid-19 Vaccination Statistics from the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center. On March 10th and 11th, the Clinic

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# Lieutenant Creapeau Hired for Public Safety



By Jeff Vele - Editor

Mary E Creapeau is newly employed as the Lieutenant for Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety. Her job duties include planning, administering, organizing, and evaluating the continuing development and monitoring of the Public Safety Department Stockbridge-Munsee the Community. She will be working designated community committees and will be primarily responsible TOT oversight and administration of the and minored in Health. program for law enforcement and

conservation.

Lieutenant Creapeau is married to Michael W Creapeau and they have two children Nicole and Anthony. Her father is Leland Carroll, and her mother is Sabina (deceased). Mary has a large family with six brother's and three

Mary's education started in 1992 at UW-Stevens Point (UWSP) where operational—she majored in Physical Education

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March 1, 2021 marked the first day of a new program offered at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center.

The pharmacy now offers services to assist with commercial tobacco and nicotine dependence with both in-person and telephone appointments.

Dr. Lindsey Janowski is certified as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist through the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Lindsey is passionate about smoking cessation and the potential to drastically improve the lives of her patients. She also is excited to incorporate native practices and traditions into the standard approaches to cessation as we remain mindful of the culture within our community.

In the Mohican teachings of Captain Hendrick Aupaumut on how to live a good life: "If a person neglects to live their life by the teachings of their ancestors, there are consequences per the natural



Dr. Lindsey Janowski order of things. Failing to be a good-minded person could cause the individual to bring illness upon themselves. Those illnesses could be mental, emotional, or physical. By not taking care of the mind, the body and spirit also become out of balance. This can lead to a hard and difficult life. In some cases, even a limited or shortened life."

For this reason, the team felt

it was worth putting great care into considering the physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental aspects of the patient's health and well-being when approaching treatment of commercial tobacco and nicotine dependence.

Current standard of care for smoking cessation is to provide both pharmacotherapy (prescription and over-the-counter medications) and behavioral therapy to any patient seeking treatment in an effort to improve the chances of abstinence.

The Stockbridge-Munsee community is equipped to provide our community with various support options in addition to one-on-one meetings with a pharmacist.

Patients will have optional support from behavioral health, community health, medical, and dental departments as well as a registered dietician, state or American Indian Quit lines, and native medicine and healing techniques as taught by members of our community.

If you are ready to discuss your commercial tobacco use, please call Lindsey at 715-793-5027 to schedule an appointment.

\*Special thanks to Misty Cook, Kim Hoffman, and Judy Heubel for sharing your knowledge.

### Teaching Program

Al Betry, the Executive Director of the Cooperative Educational Services Agency (CESA) 9's Excellence in Teaching program would like to share a possible pathway to teacher licensure that could be shared within the community. DPI-approved teacher licensing program was created in 2017 to address Wisconsin's teacher shortage in schools and to provide a non-college pathway for people who wish to become teachers. They accept students with bachelor's degrees in various content areas and provide them with the necessary training to be effective, Wisconsin-licensed teachers. In the first three years of the program, they have trained 48 students in the areas of science, math, world languages, social studies, physics, English/ language arts, art, theater, health, business, and special education. Their students are often second (or more) career people and, so far, range in age from their 20s to 50s. They are proud that they have been able to provide this opportunity for the students and provide quality teachers for our schools.

They are always looking for new students who have the desire to work with kids and who can bring **Teaching cont on page Three:** 

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# **CARES ACT Rent and Utilities Assistance Program**

What Kind of Help is Available?

Utility and Home Energy Payments











### **Does My Household Qualify?**

Your household may qualify if:

- 1) One or more individuals within the household, qualifies for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, experienced major costs, or experienced financial struggles due to COVID-19
- 2) One or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability
- 3) The household has a household income at or below 80% of area median income
- 4) Renter must be Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee
- 5) Must reside within, Shawano County

Number of people in Household (yearly)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Max Income 80% of Area Median Income	\$39,700	\$45,350	\$51,000	\$56,650	\$61,200	\$65,750

#### Want to Apply?

Contact the Stockbridge-Munsee Economic Support Department

### Rolanda Bierman

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### Markie Miller, CMN Student of the Year



Thomas Kazik II - Reporter Gresham resident Markie Miller has been chosen as the College of Menominee Nation's (CMN) Student of the Year. Miller is a candidate for graduation in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood/Middle Childhood Education.

Markie is the Daughter of Cheryl Mohawk and Kevin Mohawk and the late Vincent Fish. Markie is married to Warren Miller and is a mother of three children Sydney, Kevin and Creasa.

Markie earned her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education from the College of Menominee Nation on May 14, 2016. She has made CMN's Academic Deans List for two semesters and has participated in the Keshena 4-H events, CMN College Night, and STEM seminars. Her community service includes Menominee Night out Against Crime, Menominee Haunted Hallway Event, and Bringing Communities Together Through Traditional Games.

An enrolled member of the Menominee Indian Tribe, Miller is a mother of two children in school and faced challenges of moving into an online environment for learning over the past year. She used the skills taught in her education classes to help set up a classroom at home for her children. Miller's future goal after earning her Bachelor's degree is to obtain a Master's degree in Special Education.

Miller says her studies will help her to "guide and educate young Native Americans to reach their goals through a positive and understanding atmosphere." Her future teaching plans keep Miller close to her roots with the hope of teaching within the Menominee Indian School District. She is currently student teaching at Keshena Primary School on the Menominee Indian reservation.

CMN's Student of the Year will join those from among the 36 other accredited tribal colleges and universities honored annually through the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

# Employment Opportunity The Sustainable Development In-

stitute of the College of Menominee Nation seeks college level student interns for the summer of 2021. Please check our website at http://www.menominee.edu/ for more information. The positions are listed under the student tab.

You may also call Rebecca Edler at 715-799-6226 at extension 3043, or contact her at redler@ menominee.edu for additional information.



### **Veterans Corner**

203 W. Main St Bowler, WI. 54416

Gregg W. Duffek, **Tribal Veterans Service** Officer Office: 715-793-4036

gregg.duffek@mohicannsn.gov





### **Teaching cont from page Two:**

their diverse life experiences to the classroom. They are contacting all in effort to recruit people who would be interested in the program. The Wisconsin Policy Forum's 2020 report: A Teacher Who Looks Like Me, highlights current Wisconsin school data and the need for a diverse teaching population. Also, on 6/26/20, state school superintendent, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, released a statement which in part read, "...we must diversify Wisconsin's educator workforce. 98% of our teachers in Wisconsin are White. We know having teachers of color benefits all students, not just students of color." CESA could not agree more. Perhaps there are substitute teachers,

paraprofessionals, or parents currently in area schools, former students, or others who enjoy working with youth in the community, who would consider becoming teachers. Teachers are change agents and do in fact change lives and it is the hope that their program, in its small way, can help to increase the number of teachers from diverse backgrounds in Wisconsin's schools. CESA can certainly provide more details about the program (curriculum, format, duration, cost, etc.) and how you might fill teaching positions with our students while they are in the program. CESA 9 - Excellence in Teaching Program (A Post-Baccalaureate Pathway) is the website to the CESA Teaching Program.

# Mohican Housing 2021 Workshop Dates

### 2021 Workshops

Wednesday May 5, 2021 (5-6pm)

Pre-registration required

Pre-registration required

**Budgeting & Good Credit History virtually** with Bay Bank

Wednesday May 19, 2021 (5-6pm)

Read & Understand Your Credit Report virtually with Bay Bank

Mold/Cleaning Mold/Radon Gas

June 2021

Will mail out info to

those who request it

Due to the pandemic yet to be determined:

If the following workshops will be held in-person (4:45-6pm) or virtually (5-6pm)

Wednesday June 16, 2021

Home Repair Demo/Toilet Plumbing Repairs

Pre-registration required

Wednesday July 14, 2021

Year-Round Home Maintenance

Pre-registration required

(If no one signs up for the above workshops, they will be cancelled).

Due to the pandemic yet to be determined:

If the following workshops will be held in-person or drive through event (times to be determined)

Tuesday August 3, 2021

National Night Out

Saturday October 9, 2021

Fire Safety/Open House



# Some Tips Before You Get Started

First, obtain any burning permits that may be required before burning. In many areas, homeowners may be required to get a burn permit from your local DNR station if piles are larger than listed below. After obtaining any necessary permits, ensure that burning is not currently restricted in your area.

How to Safely Burn Landscape Debris

- · Landscape debris piles must be in small 6 feet by 6 feet by 6 feet
- · Maximum pile size is 6 feet in diameter.
- · Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10 feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply and shovel close to the burning site.
- A responsible adult is required by law to be in attendance until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that



burning can be considered safe. It is important for residents to stay mindful of current weather conditions when burning. If it is windy and the surrounding vegetation is very dry, it may be best to wait and burn landscape debris another day.

How do I Get, a burning permit? Obtain a <u>free burning permit</u> online or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876). You can also DNR office to get a permit in-person or stop by Public Safety and I will be able to assist you with filling out the form.

# **Employment Opportunity on the Road**

Requested information for NAHP requirement(s) on Project: Town of Bartelme Camp 14 Road CTH A - Reservation Highway 21; Shawano County; 9566-02-71, WISC 2021 266 Job Classification/ trade:

Our field employee classification/ trades applied to this job are Operating Engineers: C-card, Apprentice & Journeyman.

We also have Traffic Control and Quality Control technician (non-union) positions that may be utilized as well as Project Engineering & Management.

Job qualifications and required skills: Required skills are specific to type of machinery and position: Paver, Screed, Breakdown Roller, Intermediate Roller, Finish Roller, Lute Person, Laborer, and Field QC/density Technician. Skills are related to efficient and safe operation of these pieces of equipment and abilities to handle, compact, finish and provide testing for asphalt.

Project Engineers & Project Managers may manage any and all aspects of contract and job completion. The exact job descriptions are proprietary, but all require basic construction skills, the ability to travel, work long hours, perform heavy physical labor, perform job specific math and other technical process functions, deal with outdoor elements and follow specific safety and production procedures.

A valid driver's license that meets standards applies to all positions. Employment period: Employment period for this job depends on schedule and scope of work. In general though, although asphalt construction is seasonal in nature, NEA hires long-term employees who are trained to become "core crew" and contribute on multiple projects over multiple years.

Wage: Particular wage determined by position, funding source(s) and current collective bargaining guidelines.

Job application: We only accept applications online, but we are currently advertising for several positions that could provide FT Seasonal or year-round employment. Interested Applicants can view the current list from the Northeast Asphalt website, and applications can be submitted using the website application at: https://www.walbecgroup.com/ northeast-asphalt/work-with-us

Also included is the address to our Walbec Group website: https://www.walbecgroup.com/ careers which includes all the



### **College of Menominee Nation** Celebrates Earth Day April 22, 2021

Keshena, WI -- The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 22, 2021. The day's events are centered on the theme "Restoring the Earth". This year's Earth Day festivities will be virtual and will follow the Shifting Seasons Summit taking place April 19-21. Events will take place from 10am-

This year's keynote speaker is prominent Indigenous activist, Winona LaDuke. Her keynote will be followed by a question and answer segment moderated by officers of the College of Menominee Student Nation Government.

The event will feature the dedication of a Peace Tree on the College's Keshena campus. The dedication will be accompanied by speeches from Menominee Tribal Enterprises President "Dusty" Miller, newly-Adrian

appointed Menominee Tribal Chairman Gunnar Peters, and College of Menominee Nation Interim President Chris Caldwell. Additional speakers for this event include Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, environmental activist Tia Nelson, and Earth Day Committee Board Chair Gerald Torres. This event will also feature videos showcasing CMN's sustainability efforts on campus and youth activities from the College of Menominee Nation

Registration for this event is required. Those interested can register for free at http://www. nicrn.org/2021-shifting-seasonssummit.html. This registration also gives the option to register for the Shifting Seasons Summit. Attendees will have the option of selecting which days they would like to attend. The registration deadline for this event is April 1, 2021.

### 2021 - Pine Hills Golf Memberships Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

A. Pine Hills Golf Course N9499 Pine Hills Dr. Gresham, Wl., attention: Mr. Travis Relyea, PHGC Manager.

Q. If paying by check or money order who do I make the check / money order out to?

A. Pine Hills Golf Course and note on the memo line "Membership".

Q. What if I wish to pay with cash / credit or debit card?

Until the golf course is open for the season (opening date TBD weather dependent), please call Mr. Travis Relyea at (715) 851-7125 to setup a time to come out to the Pine Hills Clubhouse to purchase your membership.

Q. If I am paying through a payroll deduction, what is the minimum weekly amount that can be deducted?

A. Whatever weekly payment they can do as long as your golf course memberships is paid in full before the end of August 2021.

Q. When does golf memberships through paid payroll being

Q. Where do I send my payment deduction have to be paid in full

A. Golf memberships being paid by payroll deduction must be paid in full by the end of August 2021.

Can payroll deductions be used to make other purchases at the Pine Hills Golf Course?

A. No. Payroll deductions can only be made towards the purchase of a golf course membership.

Q. What happens if I stop making payroll deduction payments before my golf membership is paid in full? A. Your golf course membership would be cancelled, the amount you already paid would be considered as payment for rounds of golf played this year, and you would not receive a refund.

See you on the course-

Travis Relyea Manager Pine Hills Golf and Supper Club N9499 Pine Hills Dr. | Gresham, WI 54128 O:715.787.3976 | C:715.851.7125

current openings in all our related companies.

Walbec is our "umbrella" name that includes all the different construction entities in our group and this link offers many different employment opportunities different interests and areas for NEA, Payne & Dolan, Zenith Tech, Premier Concrete, Construction Resources Management,

other companies in our group. Northeast Asphalt employment contacts are: Dan Eckstrom, SHRM-CP Human Resources Business Partner Office: 920-757-7581, Cell: 920-716-0120, Email: Deckstrom@crmanagement.com Dan Webster Human Resources Business Partner Office: 920-757-7575, Cell: 920-843-0060, Email: Dwebster@crmanagement.co

#### **Stats cont from page One:**

successfully provided 682 doses of vaccine. 2,943 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered by the Tribe through March 12, 2021. The number of people who received both doses of vaccination sits at 984. The number of people who received first dose and awaiting 2<sup>nd</sup> dose sits at 975. Of these vaccinations handed out the SMHWC gave area teachers an early opportunity to receive their vaccinations. Bowler School recorded 49 Staff members out of 69 received the Covid-19 Vaccination. Gresham School did not have specific numbers, but Superintendent Newell Haffner mentioned "We are very thankful to have the opportunity to have out staff vaccinated and almost 50% of staff were going to receive the Covid-19 vaccination". The clinic provided the Shawano School

The federal government allocates COVID-19 vaccines to Wisconsin based on population size. Once the vaccine is allocated, Wisconsin places an order with the federal government so they know exactly where to send the vaccine. The total number of co-

District with staff vaccination and,

180 of their 315 staff members re-

ceived their vaccinations.

vid-19 vaccines administered in Shawano County is at 14,014 the week of March 14th. Shawano County's population is at 40,899 which gives a percentage of 34% receiving at least the first shot. This information was provided by (https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker). From that website click on the vaccinations tab and it how the US as a whole is doing for vaccinations.

Starting March 22, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announces that people age 16 and older with certain medical conditions associated with an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are eligible for the vaccine. This newly eligible group adds approximately more than 2 million people into the population eligible for the vaccine.

All groups now currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine include frontline health care personnel, residents and staff in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, police and fire personnel, correctional staff, adults aged 65 and older, educators and childcare staff, individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs, some public-facing essential workers, and non-frontline essential health care personnel.

#### Safety cont from page One:

She completed two years at UWSP before taking an extended break until 2008. In 2008 she enrolled in classes at College of Menominee Nation in the Criminal Justice field. In 2010, Officer Creapeau received her Certificate of Complete in Criminal Justice. She then transferred to Fox Valley Technical College and in 2012 she received her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Mary continued her education with Marian University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2015. She has sporadically taken classes for her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice but has taken some time away from studies to focus on her family and career. Lieutenant Creapeau said that she intends to continue the pursuit of her Master's Degree soon.

After graduating high school in 1992, Mary worked the summer at Marion Plywood Corp. In 1994, she started working for Mohican North Star Casino and remained employed there for 18 ½ years until April 2013. In February of 2013 she began working part-time as a deputy sheriff for Menominee County. In April of 2013, Officer Creapeau began working as a



Photo courtesy of Jody Hartwig correctional officer with Shawano Sheriff's Department. After a short period of time, she was offered a full-time position with the Menominee County Sheriff's Department. Mary worked almost

eight years for Menominee County.

Mary Creapeau said she enjoys all different kinds sports and activities and spending time with her family. She actively participates in coed volleyball with a couple of her sisters and played on a women's league with former co-workers in Shawano. A couple times a year you will find her on a golf course. Mary said, "I am not very good, but I enjoy the time outside". When Lieutenant Creapeau is not participating in those activities, she enjoys relaxing at home watching movies and going on walks outside.

### NOT SURE IF YOU'RE READY TO



If you're concerned about your current use of nicotine products, but you aren't quite sure if you are ready to give it up – THAT'S OK!

# Consultations are available for patients who:

- \*Want more information about the benefits of tobacco cessation
- \*Are curious about what tools are available to help you quit
- \*Are interested in reducing the amount that you use



### WHO DO I MEET WITH?



MEET YOUR TOBACCO CESSATION SPECIALIST

Dr. Lindsey B. Janowski

Lindsey graduated from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Pharmacy in 2008. After many years as a retail pharmacist, she joined the SMHWC Pharmacy team in November 2020 as a staff pharmacist with the intent of offering this service to our patients. She was certified as a Tobacco Cessation Specialist by the Mayo Clinic – Nicotine Dependence Center in Rochester, MN.

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# **Covid Pictures**











Gresham Senior Jake Hoffman









Are You Willing to Share

# Your COVID 19 Experience?

We need people willing to share their experiences with the publicate of illness, recovery, vaccination.

Call Cassie Molkentin @ 715-881-2143

We would like to video you sharing your story and broadcast on the Tribe's Website and Facebook Page.

# Some more Spring in the Air

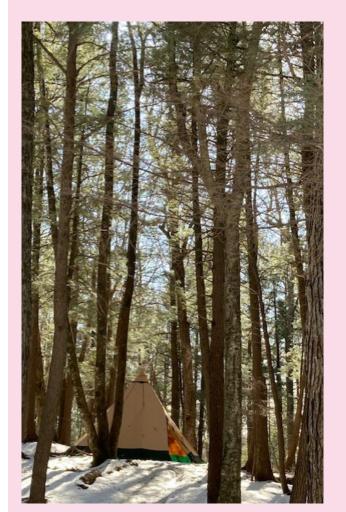






Pictured Above Councilman Joe Miller and His Wife Jackie cooking their Maple Syrup. They have a small operation next to their home.

Pictured Below are more pictures courtesy of Greg and Linda Miller or the Cille and Ky Miller Sugar Camp











Elderly Worker Rod Davids Receiving his Blanket from Tribal Treasurer Terrie Terrio and President Shannon Hosley.

Rod worked for at the Elderly in the Kitchen for 5 years.





# Be Fire Smart: Get A Free Burning Permit Now

Fire Danger Remains High For outside to clean-up their properties by raking leaf litter, brush and

MADISON, Wis. – Now more than ever, our favorite outdoor spaces are playing an important role in our lives. Together, we can keep these safe places safe. Whether we are out in nature or home in our backyards, remember that it's our role to protect the lands we love by preventing wildfires and recreating responsibly.

With weekend forecasts predicting warm temperatures, fairly low humidity and high winds, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) expects fire danger to be high across the state this weekend.

With Wisconsin wildfire season underway, the DNR reminds Wisconsinites to be fire smart this spring and get their <u>free annual burning permit</u>. Unlike out west, the spring is the most dangerous time for wildfires in Wisconsin. After the snow melts and before plants, trees and grass turn green, fires can spread quickly.

"Weather is the single most important factor influencing how fires start and spread," said Ron Weber, DNR Forester, adding seasonal warm and dry weather conditions increase wildfire activity. "Temperature, wind, humidity and precipitation are the key weather components that determine the daily fire danger."

Fire danger is high today across much of the state including the following counties: Adams, Bayfield. Barron, Ashland. Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Iron, Jackson, Juneau, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Monroe, Oneida, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Washburn, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood counties.

The DNR requires burning permits in many parts of the state to conduct legal and responsible burning outdoors. Burning permits are free and easy to obtain and protect lives, property and natural resources from the damages of wildfires.

Debris burning is the leading cause of Wisconsin's wildfires. Fires caused by careless burning become more frequent this time of year. The 2021 fire season follows a winter with below-normal snow depths. Fire control officials are focusing on the potential for statewide fire activity as the snow is rapidly melting at the same time. Wildfires can happen just about any time of the year, but historically, 60% of all annual wildfires in Wisconsin occur in March, April and May alone.

"Many people are eager to get

outside to clean-up their properties by raking leaf litter, brush and needles, so it looks good and is ready for new growth," Weber said. "Then, they choose to burn their debris pile. Consider composting yard waste or hauling it to an approved disposal site. Burning debris should always be the last alternative."

Burning Permit Suspensions Are Based On Wildfire Risk

The DNR suspended all burning permits throughout spring 2020, Wisconsin's peak for wildfires, due to increased safety concerns resulting from COVID-19. This year, the DNR plans to suspend burning based on wildfire risk. However, to promote social distancing, burning permits are not being issued in-person by Emergency Fire Wardens or at DNR service centers.

"Wildfires on the landscape will continue to occur despite the COVID-19 outbreak," Weber said. "In an effort to increase public and firefighter safety and reduce human-caused ignitions or escapes, the department will take appropriate steps to prevent wildfires and minimize in-person contact both with the public and among fire personnel."

Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas once the snow cover is gone. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative **Permit continued on page Ten:** 



On Tuesday, March 16th, 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;
Jolene Bowman;
Terrie Terrio;
Craig Kroening Jr.;
Marv Malone;
Joe Miller
Brock Schreiber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the agenda for Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

#### **MEETING MINUTES-**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Seconded by Marv Malone.

**Roll Call:** Marv yes, Jolene abstains (family emergency), Terrie abstains (sick), Brock yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

### OPEN AGENDA-FIRST NATIONS GATHER

GRANT-Kellie Zahn, Ag Agent Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the grant from First Nations Development Institute. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion car-

# LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NAGPRA GRANT-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the President to sign the endorsement letter for the submission of the 2021 National Parks Service Communities grant. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried

### PHONE/MOBILE DEVICE POLI-CY-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve TRIBAL Mobile Device/Cellular Phone Policy and to remove stipends for cellular phones. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

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

### COMBINED YEARS OF SER-VICE POLICY-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the combined years of service policy stating official combined years of service credit. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

**Roll Call:** Marv yes, Jolene opposed *(can't quantify for accuracy)*, Terrie yes, Brock yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

HR ANALYSIS OF REORGANIZATION/REALIGNMENT OF

**Directives cont on page Nine:** 

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Directives cont from pg Twelve: CAGE/VAULT AND STAR CLUB DEPARTMENT-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the reorganization, combining the Cage/Vault and Star Club departments into the new Player Services Department as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve all of the position descriptions included in this reorganization to include the Player Services Manager, Player Services Supervisor, Player Services Rep, Bus Coordinator and Promotions Host. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried. MONTHLY GM'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021 AND CA-SINO & BINGO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2021-Terrance Miller, Interim GM Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the GM Monthly Report for January 2021 and the Casino & Bingo financial statements for January 2021. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

#### WAIVER RESOLUTION FOR KEY BANK MERCHANT SER-VICES-Terrance Miller, Interim GM

Motion by Terrio K. Terrio to approve resolution 024-21, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the waiver of sovereign immunity for the Tribe is also limited to the terms and conditions set forth below:

- 1. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted only to and for the benefit of the parties identified as part of the agreements(s) that the Tribe has executed 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 agreement(s) and shall only be for the term of the agreement(s).
- 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 limited waiver of sovereign immunity granted and approved through this resolution does not waive the sovereign immunity of any official, employee, member, or agent of the Tribe,
- 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 agreement(s). The law to be applied, if no law is otherwise identified, shall be federal law. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

### GAMING APPLICATION REVI-SIONS-Ken Davids, Gaming Commission

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to ap-

prove the added words as recommended by the Gaming Commission for the Gaming Application Section D pages 4 and 5. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

CARES ACT: Rent & Utilities Assistance Program Policies and Procedures-Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Human Services

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the CARES ACT Rent and Utilities Assistance Program Policies and Procedures as amended. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Education Board recommended updates to pages 3, 4, 10, and 11 of the Handbook as presented. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

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

# **BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES- Forestry Committee**

Motion by Joe Miller accept the February 17, 2021 Forestry Committee Minutes, approve the three Council recommendation actions and to also grant Paul Koll discretionary authority regarding the Domestic Use Permit. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion to say Tribal Forester. Second concurs.

**Roll Call:** Marv yes, Jolene abstains, Terrie yes, Brock abstains (he is not clear and understanding the discretionary authority) and Joe yes. Motion carried.

### MEDICAL CENTER FEASIBIL-ITY RFP-Shannon Holsey, President

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the RFP to develop a business plan and financial model for wellness center. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. 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 5:55 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 7:14 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Gaming Waiver, Personnel Matter, Legal Issue, Clinic Appointment and Enrollment Committee Minutes.

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 025-21 a waiver application for Ronald C. Bult. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Vera Heubel as the Infection Prevention Control Officer. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion

carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the wages as discussed in Executive Session in regards to the Player Services realignment. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll James M. Kazik as 5/16 as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

**Roll Call:** Marv yes, Jolene abstains (all the abstentions for today will be because of a family conflict), Terrie yes, Brock yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Violet Ready as 5/16 as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Clorissa Vele as 29/64 as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to Lawrence Curtis as 17/64 as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Stephania Gulbronson as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Tammy Welch as ½ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Anita Hashbarger as ½ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Jax Reiter as 5/16 as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Chad A. Coyhis, Dustin D. Coyhis, Kateri D. Coyhis and Summer F. Coyhis as 5/16 as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Boston B. Burr, Brooklyn Burr and Luis E. Siemon ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Ava, Grace, and Grant Burr as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Greyson Burr as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Angela M. Peters a ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Lisa and Randall Nietzer as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Caleah and Cierra Bernarde as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Leslie F. Welch II as ½ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Jordyn Lyric as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Esther J.A. Shubinski as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to enroll Teresa L. Shear as ¼ as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

For the record, Council Member Schreiber abstained from some of the Enrollment applications because from his seat there wasn't enough documentation. He would like to see more documentation to approve enrollment.

### ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 7:25 PM.

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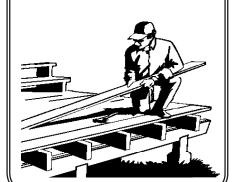
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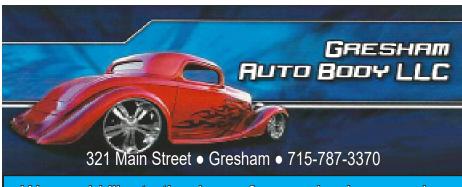
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