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Everyone Age 16 and Older Now Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announces a major milestone in Wisconsin's COVID-19 vaccination program in that everyone ages 16 and older are now eligible for the vaccine. After consistently ranking tops in the nation for vaccine administration and with a steady increase in vaccine supply, Wisconsin opens eligibility nearly a month earlier than expected.

"I know this past year hasn't been easy for anyone, and I want to express my appreciation to all Wisconsinites who are making sacrifices such as staying home, wearing a mask, and keeping six feet from others," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "These actions are backed by science. They help to slow the spread of COVID-19 and save lives. And today, we are excited to give everyone 16 and older the opportunity to continue protecting themselves and their loved ones from this virus. It will take patience, but we encourage everyone to get vaccinated."

The demand for vaccine is still larger than the supply. However, opening up eligibility allows communities to continue their vaccination pace and schedule appointments. Vaccine providers can and should continue to prioritize anyone previously eligible such as public-facing essential workers and people with medical conditions.

There continue to be many options available for getting vaccinated, such as any of the following:

- DHS, federal, and locally run community-based vaccination clinics
- Pharmacies
- Health care providers
- Local and tribal health departments
- Employers

To find a local vaccine provider, call the toll-free vaccine hotline

at 844-684-1064 with questions or help finding or registering for a vaccination appointment. The hotline is also available in Hindi, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish.

As more Wisconsinites get fully vaccinated and COVID-19 disease rates remain high, it is critical for everyone to continue good public health practices. Masking up, staying physically distant, washing hands, and getting tested continue to be crucial tools for protecting ourselves and our communities against COVID-19.

According to Andrew Miller, Director of the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center here are the COVID-19 testing statistics completed at the SMHWC through today, 4/2/2021:

Total tested = 5,155 (+33 since last reporting period)
 Total Negative Counts = 4,877
 Total pending = 0
 Total Positive Cases = 278 +5 since last reporting period
 Total Positive Cases who live in Shawano or Menominee counties = 255
 Total ever hospitalized = 17
 Active cases = 5
 Recovered Cases = 270
 Deaths = 3

3,833 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered by the Tribe as of 4/2/2021

Count of people who received both doses of vaccination: 1,531

Count of people who received first dose of vaccination and are awaiting 2nd dose: 771

The next mass vaccination event is April 21st – Pfizer (16-18), April 22nd – Moderna, May 5th & 6th – Moderna, and May 12th – Pfizer (16-18) at the bingo hall.

The tribe received a limited supply of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) single dose vaccine. The clinic will be scheduling a clinic for anyone who may want the single dose vaccine.

\$1 Million! Gresham High School Graduates Can Each Get a \$3,250 Scholarship



Gresham Class of 2019. Starting with the class of 2021 every graduate who applies and has a 2.0 GPA or better is awarded a \$3,250 scholarship (Photo by Kurt Knoke)

GRESHAM, WI - When the Gresham Scholarship Fund was founded 20 years ago, who would have dreamed a small tight-knit community of 565 very generous souls could grow that fund to \$1 million to help their youngest pay for secondary education? These caring, hardworking folks did it along with help from friends, graduates, the surrounding community and the prudent investment policies of the

Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. The funds are in the Shawano Area Community Foundation family of funds, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

The scholarship amount awarded to Gresham High School graduates has increased to \$3,250 – making many in the Class of **Fund continued on page Four:**

Youth in Action-Price Taking Up A Cause

Jace Price (Waapahkumahkw) is a tribal member who has started a petition to change the voting age for tribal elections. When asked why Waapahkumahkw said, "I started the petition because I feel like a lot of us youth are very open minded and share a lot of mutual feelings or ideas about our people and tribe as a whole. I also feel like as a member of the youth that we lack a voice for ourselves and concerns about the tribe and I figured I could try and change that by starting with an attempt to allow 18-year-olds to vote in the tribal election. I think this goal is worth a shot because we are the future for our tribe. But in the end if I don't fulfill my goal, I'm still happy to have attempted and to see my fellow youth come together to try and make a change."



Jace's Petition is looking to Amend article IV, Section 5 of the community's constitution. The Petition states, "We are requesting that section 5, which

currently states: "Any member of the Community who is 21 years of age or over shall be entitled to vote in any election at which he presents himself at the polls on election day during official voting hours," be amended to state "Any member of the Community who is 18 years of age or over shall be entitled to vote in any election at which he presents himself at the polls on election day during official voting hours."

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Letter From the Editor

Good Signs From the SMHWC

Listed below are the vaccination numbers for the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center (SMHWC). I asked how the Tribe is getting the vaccine in such numbers that we can mass-vaccinate those who need or want it. I was told that Indian Health Service is providing the vaccine to the Tribe and we are distributing it.

It is with great pride that I say thank you to the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center for everything you are doing to make it safer for people who live in this area, Tribal Members, for those who are teaching our children, and for those who are caring for our elders and others! Oneewee!

To date the tribe has administered 3,833 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. The count of people who received both doses of vaccination is 1,531, and the count of people who received first dose of vaccination and are awaiting second dose is 771.

The SMHWC hosted a mass

vaccination clinic on April 7th and 8th at the North Star Casino Bingo Hall where they anticipated providing approximately 700 doses of Moderna vaccine at the event.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community will receive 1,170 doses of Pfizer vaccine in the next few weeks. As of now, Pfizer is the only vaccine approved by FDA for those under 18. Pfizer can be given to those 16 and older. The Community is working with the schools and parents to identify those children aged 16 & 17 who want to be vaccinated. The SMHWC is planning a vaccination event at the Bingo Hall on April 21st using Pfizer vaccine. A parent or legal guardian will need to accompany any minor to be vaccinated.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community plans to continue hosting mass vaccination events. They are working with the State to bring in National Guard for Friday and Saturday vaccination events

in addition to their vaccination efforts. The schedule of upcoming vaccine events hosted at the bingo hall are:

- April 21st – Pfizer
- April 22nd – Moderna
- May 5th & 6th – Moderna

To schedule a vaccine, please go to www.mohican.com and click the "Click Here" box in the yellow heading on the top of the page. If you know of an Elder or relative (or anyone) who does not have the internet; step up and help them out with signing up for the vaccination. Give them a ride to get vaccinated and as someone I love and respect said, "And then take them out to eat after they are done getting vaccinated"!

Being a person who has been vaccinated, I thank the SMHWC from the bottom of my heart. I feel better having been vaccinated but do not feel overly confident and still wear the mask and maintain social distancing. I cannot stress enough the importance of being vaccinated to everyone. While our employers can not mandate our being vaccinated, they certainly can mandate their response to our lack of participation. Something to think about! (SMHWC statistical information was utilized in the writing of this editorial).

Jeff Vele

While I have your Attention

We appreciate your patience as we have dealt with the distance required by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The staff at the Mohican News has been limited in what we can or cannot attend in terms of events. Further, many events that we normally cover have been cancelled.

Due to these ongoing issues we may be running a few blasts from the past in regard to wow picture pages to whet your appetite for when things actually get going.

We try to get as much department information out to you readers to keep you informed as is available and we thank the Tribe's many departments for their contributions.

We are looking to get out this spring and summer and hopefully cover many more events that may come about as a result of vaccinations in our own oare and throughout the Country.

So please get vaccinated and let us know what is going on!

Jeff Vele

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

Community Voices

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

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NOTICE TO DESCENDANTS

Purchased/Referred Care Service Funding has nearly been exhausted for the 2021 Fiscal year.

As announced in the past, Purchased/Referred Care funds, which are federal funds used to pay for medical services that cannot be provided at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, are limited. PRC funds usually deplete within the first half of each fiscal year, then funding is provided by the tribe using Tribally Funded Referral Service funds.

The date for the transfer of funds will be **May 1st, 2021**, all referrals made for after this date will follow the TFRS rules. If you have any questions, please call the PRC staff at 715-793-4144.

Enrolled, first generation and second-generation descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe are eligible for PRC funds. Once these funds are exhausted the TFRS funds cover enrolled, first generation are on a priority system and second generation are no longer covered.

All first generation are now on medical priority level one, per the Stockbridge-Munsee Purchased/Referred Care Medical Priority Guidelines, priority one means Emergency, threat to life, limb, senses (diagnosis and treatment of injuries or conditions that, if left untreated, result in uncertain/potentially grave outcome.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, the Purchased/Referred Care manager, Kasha Coyhis or Health Center Director, Andrew Miller at 715-793-4144.



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Are You Willing to Share
Your COVID 19 Experience?

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

Call Linda Katchenago @ 715-793-4355

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

TO THE STAFF AT ELLA BESAW CENTER:

Thank you so much!

For all of your hard work and dedication throughout the pandemic and for keeping our residents safe. While the country shut down and people got to stay home, you all came to work every day with a smile on your face to help take care of our residents, most of you working extra hours to cover our shortages. I appreciate each and every one of you! -Erin

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The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Education Board is seeking a new member for the position of Student Representative from Bowler school. We are pleased to present you with the opportunity to represent the voice of students within your school and community.

First, we would like to explain the position you would be filling and all the duties and requirements that may be asked of you from time to time.

As an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, you would attend monthly meetings held at the Education building (now in the old Konkapot lodge). While attending these meetings you will be making recommendations or presenting information regarding student activities within your school building, focusing on educational opportunities, and updating the board on upcoming events. You may be asked to assist with program planning and execution for other educational programs and opportunities. If accepted to the board, you will also participate in organizing events, such as banquets and other gatherings, where students are recognized for their academic standings/graduation and other prestigious awards.

Due to the number of eligible students who would love to represent their peers while serving on the Education Board, we are requiring a written essay from you to make sure you are the right choice to have serve next to other tribal and community members. Your responses will be read at the next education board meeting, where the elected officials will vote and make a recommendation to the Tribal Council for appointment. If you have been selected to represent your school district you will receive a letter. Please note meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Please submit 1-3 paragraphs describing why you would be the perfect fit for our Board. Your essay must be sent in a sealed envelope to:

Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Education Board
PO Box 70
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Oh yes, you also receive a \$50. Stipend for each monthly meeting attended.
We also encourage you to ask any questions regarding the above stated duties.

Thank you for your time and Good Luck,
Roberta Carrington
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SM Education Board
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2021 FREE SPRING CLEANUP - MAY 10, 2021

Dear Stockbridge-Munsee Community,

All items collected curbside are **NOT RECYCLED**, but disposed of in a landfill. Recycling or reusing items by passing them on to others can save landfill space, limit costs and help others. Items to reuse include; board games, clothes, toys, bicycles, construction and home remodeling supplies, music CD's, DVD's, desks and wooden furniture, stacks of paper, toys, rigid plastic playsets, books, etc. Anything that you can donate to Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity or schools can be reused.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEANUP

When? Place items curbside beginning Monday, May 3rd
Have ALL items curbside by **5am on Monday, May 10th**

Who? Tribal Curbside Residential Customers in **Bartelme ONLY**

What? No Construction Debris, Hazardous Material, or Tires

Furniture: FREE pickup for ONLY the items listed below during Spring Cleanup:

Bed Frames / Head Boards	Windows	Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)
Mattresses / Box Springs	Cabinets	Carpet Rolls (5ft or less)
Fitness Equipment	Dressers	Chairs / Recliners
Large Plastic Toys	Toilets	Couches / Sofas
Bikes	Grills	Doors
	Sinks	

Volume: Total Volume **MUST NOT** exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (about the size of a 4 ft tall x 5 ft long x 5 ft wide container)



Eunice Stick Gathering Place

Greetings Everyone!

Thinking of you all and hope you are doing well and in good spirits! Spring is here! Folk's report seeing and hearing the robins, what a wonderful song!

Many of us have decided to receive the COVID vaccine. It is a personal choice so we do need to continue to wear our masks and socially distance when we go out and about, so that we can stay safe and well during the continued pandemic. Some of you have experienced this virus and we are so thankful that you have healed! As we remember family and friends who may not have think of them often as you cherish your memories!

We are reluctant to say good-bye to our Head Cook, Rod Davids, Jr. He is no longer with us at the Eunice Stick Gathering Place and he will be greatly missed! We had a luncheon with Rod and some of his family members to bid him farewell and wish many good things for him. Rod, we will miss your good cooking and delicious desserts! □

It is hard not to be able to see one another here at the Eunice Stick Gathering Place; folks miss playing bingo and visiting with one another. You may have received a call from a staff member to ask how you are doing during this

time. Your voices have sounded good and strong and your laughter, there's no better music to our ears! Now that the weather is getting warmer, you may be getting out and about more and see your friends at the gas station, shopping or appointments. You may have a chance to visit a bit but remember to wear your mask and social distance.

Take a walk in your yard, neighborhood, or a local park, go fishing the fresh air is good for you and exercise is even better.

Gardening is enjoyable for some. My mom would tell me it's a shame that earth (her garden spot) isn't being turned over and readied for planting when she no longer could. Hopefully, we can begin services again sometime this year, hopefully by the fall of this year!

Remember, you can reserve and pick up a noon meal here at the elderly Monday-Thursday and Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Friday. Perhaps you and your spouse can picnic together at a favorite spot, or meet a close friend, following the mask and social distance requirements.

Till we can gather again,

Kristy Malone, Manager
S-M Elder Services

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2021 eligible to receive a scholarship. The average class size is about 19. Twenty years ago, the scholarship was \$400 per qualifying student and has increased steadily. To be awarded the scholarship, seniors need only to apply online and have a 2.0 grade point or better. "These numbers are so impressive for our small school district and I thank our generous benefactors for making it possible, it's really unbelievable," said Alpha Creapeau, School Board President,

"As a recipient of the Gresham Scholarship, I was helped in pursuing my teaching career," said Larissa Cerveny, Gresham kindergarten teacher. "It was a joy to know I received a scholarship along with many of my classmates. It sent a message that they wanted us to succeed in school. I decided to return to Gresham to teach because I enjoyed attending as a student. I also admired many former teachers and their examples. Like them, I hope to be an example to my students."

Trevor Olsen, a 2012 Gresham graduate, lives in Shippensburg, Penn., where he works as a financial analyst for Schreiber Foods. He began with Schreiber Foods as an intern while attending UW-Green Bay. "The Gresham Scholarship made it an easier decision for me to attend college," Olsen said. "It was motivating to feel the support from the close-knit Gresham community."

Mindy Hoffman grew up on a farm along with five siblings outside

of Gresham. She graduated in 2009 as class valedictorian and received a \$750 scholarship from the Gresham Scholarship Fund. "I have always felt blessed to grow up in a small town, with a whole community to support my endeavors," she said. Mindy is now a DPT (Doctor of physical therapy) in Green Bay.

Its annual fundraiser, the biggest community-wide banquet of the year, has netted proceeds around \$20,000 in the last few years. Denise Huntington, Fund board member said, "It's amazing what a small caring community can do!" Her husband Dan and brother-in-law Bert Huntington are the auctioneers for the event. Locals good naturedly say, "Those guys can draw blood out of a turnip" It's true! In 2019 seven pies from the Red Rooster donated to the banquet were auctioned off for \$4,650!

"Looking back 20 years, I continue to believe in the power of our community of donors," said Bob Klopke, President and a founding board member of Gresham Scholarship Fund. "Small and large contributions have worked together to encourage our graduates and community members to reach for further education.

"I'm amazed!" added Gresham School Superintendent, Newell Haffner. "This is a great little community we live in."

If you would like to help with the second \$1 million, mail a check to GSF, P.O. Box 102, Gresham, 54128. Or donate online: <https://donor.cffoxvalley.org/Make-A-Gift>



Alcohol and Abuse

TRIGGER WARNING: This blog includes graphic content that some readers may find distressing.

Disclaimer: The names, characters, events and incidents are fiction. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.

We know domestic violence is never okay. At StrongHearts Native

Helpline, we hear many callers try to explain or make excuses for abuse. A common excuse for abuse is alcohol; victim-survivors and abusive partners blame the abuse on using alcohol. While we know using alcohol can strain a relationship, it is not the cause of domestic violence. It is also not an excuse for abusive behavior. The example below walks through such a scenario.

Our Favorite Bar

Yesterday Colin and I went out for dinner and drinks. We were having a great time talking about our upcoming anniversary. Colin was about two drinks ahead of me and he started getting obnoxious and annoying. I was kind of mean to him, but I was just trying to explain to him how bad it looks for both of us when he acts like that. While we were walking home, he had his arm wrapped around my shoulders, he tripped and almost pulled me down. I angrily threw off his arm and he fell and scraped his hands. When we got home he started crying and said the way I treat him isn't okay. I feel bad about being mean to him and pushing him off me, but I wouldn't have to do those things if he didn't drink so much. Plus I was drunk and I would never push him if I was sober.

Tonight we decided to stay in and not drink. Colin brought up last night. He said he knows he can drink too much, but he still doesn't think it is fair that I "berate" him and push him. I tried to stay calm but he can be so needy. I told him I'd

never do that if we weren't drinking and I wouldn't have to do those things if he didn't drink so much. Colin said I act like that sober too, but the only times he pointed out were when he had upset me.

He brought up the time that I broke his phone. We got into a fight because he was texting someone nonstop. I asked him who it was and he said work. When he went to the bathroom, I looked at his phone and I saw that the person he was texting was "Amanda". I know all of his co-workers and none of them are named Amanda. After he came back I confronted him. He says I hit him, but if I did, I honestly don't remember. I was in such a blind rage. I was so hurt. I threw his phone, but I wasn't trying to break it. He kept saying it wasn't what I thought. He said Amanda just started working at his office last week and showed me the emails to prove it. If he just told me about all the women in his life, that wouldn't have been an issue. I know I can overreact and hurt Colin, but if he could just see the things he does that cause me to

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Chris Caldwell, candidate for President of the College of Menominee Nation



Caldwell, Candidate for President of College of Menominee Nation

On March 26, 2021 at 1pm, The College of Menominee Nation hosted a Presidential Lecture at the Cultural Learning Center. This lecture is a part of CMN's Board of Trustees search for a president and the purpose is to address the College's stakeholders. The candidate, Christopher Caldwell, serves as CMN's interim President and has been in this position since February 2020. Previous to this role, he served as Director of the Sustainable Development Institute at the College for eight years. Caldwell is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Environment and Resources at the University of Wisconsin- Madison Nelson Institute. He holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources from UW-Madison. He began his academic journey at the College of Menominee Nation, receiving his Associate Degree in Sustainable Development. He is an enrolled member of the Menominee Tribe. Caldwell's topic of choice for the lecture was, "Omāēqnomenēwak Māēc-kaehkīnūhamatiwikamek, Pursuing the Best Path for the Next Seven Generations." He spoke of what sustainability and culture meant not only to the College, but to the Menominee Tribe stating, "By knowing who we are, we can share who we are." Due to COVID-19 protocols, the lecture's in-person audience was limited, but the event was live streamed on CMN's Facebook page for community members to engage. The video is now on the College's YouTube channel "CMNKeshena" for viewing. The

College of Menominee Nation is an accredited baccalaureate-level institution chartered by the Menominee People. Campus locations are in Keshena and Green Bay, Wisconsin. Seventy percent of CMN's alumni are enrolled or descendents of American Indian Tribes with representatives from 36 tribes and bands.

Abuse cont from page Four:
act that way, things would improve.
Alcohol Does Not Cause Abuse
In this story, the narrator uses alcohol as an excuse for their abusive behavior. They insist the reason for their abusive behavior - particularly the physical abuse, is because they are drunk. The narrator also implies they **have** to abuse Colin because he drinks too much. Neither of these excuses is valid. While abusive behaviors may escalate when drinking, drinking does not cause abuse, nor do anyone else's actions. The narrator abuses Colin when they are sober. When Colin confronts them the day after drinking they blame their actions on Colin. Denying the impact or severity of past actions is a common tactic of abuse. Blaming abuse on uncontrollable emotions is equally false. Abuse is not a loss

of control, it is an active choice. Abusers feel entitled to power and control over their victims. Additionally, when the narrator broke Colin's phone, there were multiple abuse tactics present: checking his phone without permission, hitting him, throwing the phone, and blaming their actions on Colin. Regardless of substance use, the abusive partner is responsible for the abuse. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate and anonymous helpline for Native Americans impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence. Advocates offer peer support and advocacy, personalsafetyplanning, crisis intervention and referrals to Native-centered domestic violence service providers. Visit strongheartshelpline.org for chat advocacy or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) 24/7.

News from the American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF)

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) released updated recommendations on screening for lung cancer. USPSTF's new guidelines will allow more Indigenous people to receive life-saving cancer screenings, thereby increasing the likelihood of early detection and creating more options for treatment. The USPSTF now recommends that adults between the ages of 50 and 80 who have smoked at least 20 pack-years and currently

smoke, or have quit within the past 15 years, get screened. A pack-year is calculated by multiplying the number of packs of cigarettes smoked per day by the number of years the person has smoked. *Native people smoke at higher rates than any other racial or ethnic group in the United States (US).* The expanded recommendations will allow more Native people to receive necessary lung cancer screenings.

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Stockbridge Munsee Community

Head Start Corner
Continuing Electa Quinney's Educational Vision for a Bright Future

7 Super Things Parents/Caregivers can do to help motivate young children to learn.

1. Talk often with your children from the day they are born.
2. Hug them, hold them, and respond to their needs and interests.
3. Listen carefully as your child communicates with you.
4. Read aloud to your child everyday, even when they are babies. Play and sing with them often.
5. Say "yes" & "I love you" as much as you say "no" and "don't".
6. Ensure a safe, orderly and predictable environment, wherever they are.
7. Set limits on their behavior and discipline them calmly not harshly.

Family Fun Outside

1. Go for a walk and talk about – colors, the sky, cars, neighbors, shapes, stars, houses.
2. Show your children outdoor games you played as a child.
3. Listen for outdoor sounds (cars, sirens, birds, etc.) and name them.

Donna, Delores, Carmen, Oleya, Teniesha
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Electa Quinney Head Start

Head Start School Year 2021-2022

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Head Start is also open to

Children with Special Needs ♦ Homeless Children & Families ♦ Children In Foster Care

Call 715-793-4993 for further information! Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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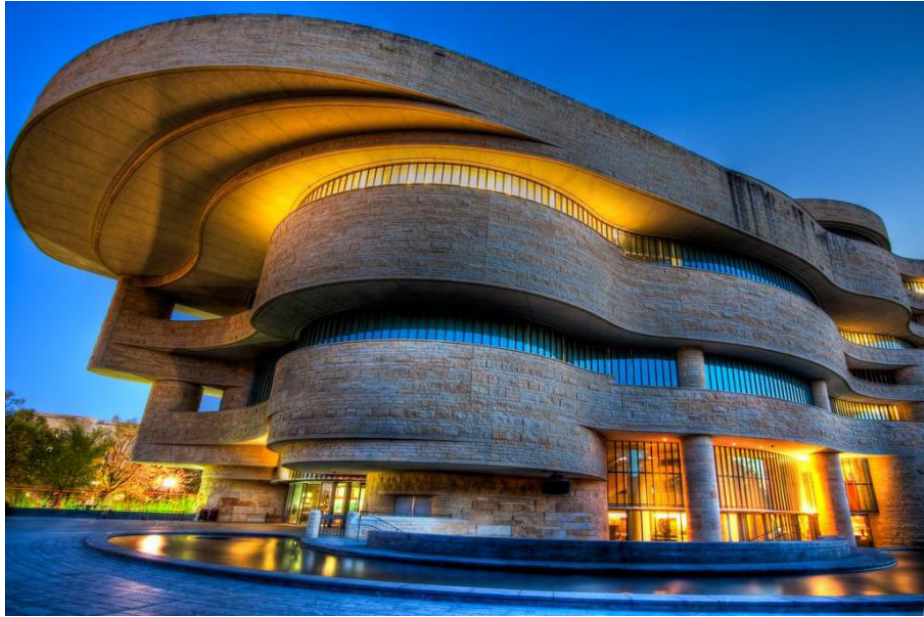
MFC Easter Drive Through



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National Museum of the American Indian Celebrates Earth Day With Annual Living Earth



Festival

Online Festival Features Native American Business Representatives, Films and Youth Leaders on Sustainability and Innovation in Indigenous Agriculture

In celebration of Earth Day, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian presents its annual Living Earth Festival, available online and on demand this year. The four-day festival will bring together Native innovators and practitioners dedicated to using Indigenous knowledge to protect and sustain the environment. Through cooking demonstrations, conversations and film screenings, this year's festival explores agriculture trends, innovations and sustainability in Indigenous communities and Native-owned businesses. All events will stream at americanindian.si.edu/online-programs.

The festival will open with a message from Notah Begay III (Navajo/San Felipe/Isleta), four-time PGA Tour champion, sportscaster and founder of the Notah Begay III Foundation, which provides health and wellness education to Native youth.

The festival is made possible through the support of the Native American Agriculture Fund. This program will be followed by a webinar series in the summer and fall titled "Part II: Voices from the Field: The Business of Native Agriculture." In the second series, Native farmers and ranchers will discuss sustainable food systems and agricultural economic development in their Nations.

Schedule:

Youth in Action: Sustainable Agriculture

April 22-25; on demand

This panel discussion brings together young Indigenous leaders to address the role that traditional ecological knowledge plays in their work as farmers and entrepreneurs. With the onset of COVID-19 and the ever-pressing issues of climate change, investing

in sustainable agriculture and food production is more important than ever. Moderated by Michaela Pavlat (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). Panelists include Kelsey Ducheneaux-Scott (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe), Jack Pashano (Hopi) and Marco Ovando (Shoshone-Paiute Tribe).
Cooking Demonstration
April 22-25; on demand
Mariah Gladstone (Blackfeet/Cherokee Nation), founder of Indigikitchen, an online cooking platform, will explore traditional Indigenous foods and show how to incorporate them into people's everyday lives.

Building an Agriculture Business in Indian Country

April 22-25; on demand

Experts address a crucial issue—creating innovative, robust and ecologically sound food systems and agricultural businesses in Indigenous communities. Speakers include Dawn Sherman (Lakota/Lenape/Shawnee), CEO of Native American Natural Foods; Mark N. Fox, chairman, Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; and Leonard Forsman, chairman, Suquamish Tribe. Moderated by Carmen Davis (Makah/Chippewa-Cree/Yakama), editor of Native Business magazine.

Film Screenings

April 22-25; on demand

Gather

(USA, 2020, 74 min.)

Director: Sanjay Rawal

Producer: Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Creek)

Gather is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

Voices from the Barrens: Native People, Blueberries and Sovereignty

(USA, 2020, 56 min.)

Director: Nancy Ghertner

Canadian Director: Brian J. Francis (Mi'kmaq)

This film documents the wild blueberry harvest of the Wabanaki, who live in the United States and

Canada.

with the natural world.

Crow Country: The Right to Food Sovereignty

(USA, 2020, 21 min.)

Director: Tsanavi Spoonhunter (Northern Arapaho/Northern Paiute)

Crow Country follows several tribal members who are fighting for better food and a better future for their community.

One Word Sawalmem

(USA, 2019, 18 min.)

Director: Natasha Deganello Giraudie

Co-director: Michael "Pom" Preston (Winnemem Wintu)

A rare look into the life of Native wisdom keepers, men and women respected within Indigenous communities for their intimate knowledge about living in balance

Guardianes de semilla (Guardians of the Seeds)

(Colombia, 2020, 8 min.)

Director: Mauricio Telpiz

Four Pastos community members known as guardians of the ancestral seeds showcase traditional rituals.

About the Museum

In partnership with Native peoples and their allies, the National Museum of the American Indian fosters a richer shared human experience through a more informed understanding of Native peoples. For information about the museums, including hours and directions, visit americanindian.si.edu. Follow the museum on social media at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



The Little Star Deli is re-opened at 11:00am.

They will still be practicing safety measures such as mandatory masks, and social distancing and 25% capacity

No Cutting of Live Oak

There is no cutting of any live oak from April 1 – September 1, this includes the pruning of yard trees. If an oak must be cut during this time period due to extenuating circumstances, a permit must be secured prior to cutting and all wounds need to be sealed immediately after the cut. The Forestry Department can give out the permit if needed.

Randall Wollenhaup

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On Wednesday, March 24th, 2021, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

ADD: Public Health Order Update
NCAI Grant
SOP Request
HR Issue in Executive Session

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda as amended. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

VACCINATION AGREEMENT- Andrew Miller, Health Center Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the State agreement for vaccinations. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

PINE HILLS MEMBERSHIP-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to reduce the Family Rate for Tribal Members to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

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

LAND COMMITTEE MINUTES-

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the February 18th, 2021 Land Committee Meeting Minutes and to approve the actions contained within. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

JUDICIARY COMMISSION-

Motion by Joe Miller to post the

Judiciary Commission vacancies. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

NCAI GRANT-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to sole source with the one vendor that responded. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER UPDATE-

Consensus to increase the gathering limits 20 persons and to increase building capacity to 50% effective until April 23, 2021.

SOP REQUEST-Terrance Miller, Interim GM

Consensus, to not share the SOP. *Treasurer Terrio wanted it noted for the record, that anytime any Tribe asks for something it's from leadership to leadership.*

CASINO ANNIVERSARY-Terrance Miller, Interim GM

Consensus, to have Terrance and his team to come up with something.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 2:11 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 2:26 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a service contract.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the HR Director to enter into a service contract for Employee Relations. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried at 2:27 PM.



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Senior Graduation Participation Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name	MI	Last Name	Date of Birth	Parent/Guardian Name and Contact Phone
Street Address		City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Message Phone	
Personal Data:				
Parent/Guardian's Name as announced at the Senior Banquet:				
Name of attending school: _____			Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Nick Name/s for senior plaque: _____				
Senior Picture was provided to the Education Office for the Senior plaque: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Tribal Affiliation: _____		Enrollment #: _____		
OR Parent/Grandparent Enrollment #: _____				

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: list all that is applicable for the last four years
(Examples: clubs, sports, honor roll, and etc.)

Activity	Participating Years	Activity	Participating Years
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply to participate in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Senior Banquet. I certify that the language in this application is true and correct. I authorize the Education Department to process my application and verify the information contained in it. I further release other parties, including schools and governmental programs, to provide requested information to the Stockbridge-Munsee Education Department so it may process my application. I understand that the information I provided on this application will be used to create a senior plaque and may be announced at the Senior banquet. I have received the Senior Banquet Policy and I have read the Senior Banquet Policy. I agree to abide by the program requirements outlined in the Senior Banquet policy in relation to services provided based on this application.

Applicants' Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature (If Applicable)	Date
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*****Senior Banquet*****

The annual Senior Banquet is a community celebration of the accomplishments of our high school graduates. The following must apply to be an eligible participant:

1. Student must be an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; or
2. Student must be a member of the community who has a parent or grandparent on the rolls of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and who is attending Bowler, Gresham, or Shawano Schools or attended one or more of these schools for a total of at least three of the four years of High School.

at <https://www.mohican.com/mt-content/uploads/2019/10/senior-banquet-application-9-30-19.pdf> under Education, S/M Education Department, and at Bowler and Gresham Schools or at the S/M Education Department Office.)

If the student is in an alternative learning program that student must receive a diploma on/or before their classes scheduled graduation date.

The Education Department will NOT be responsible for any travel expenses accrued by the student and/or their families to attend the banquet.

Approval History

- Education Board **3/26/02**
- Tribal Council **4/2/02**
- Education Board **11/27/07**
- Tribal Council **2/5/08**
- Education Board **3/8/11**
- Tribal Council **3/15/11**
- Education Board **7/22/15**
- Tribal Council **8/4/15**
- Education Board **3/13/17**
- Tribal Council **3/14/17**

Eligible Participants whom anticipate graduation must submit a *Senior Graduation Banquet Participation Application* to the S/M Education Department prior to May 15th in order to participate in the Senior Banquet. (Participant applications are available online

2021 Summer Youth at Home

Stockbridge-Munsee Education and Career Services

Purpose: Summer Youth at Home is a program developed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Tribal youth will complete a series of organized chores and skill-building activities to learn responsibility, self-reliance, and gain important life-skills that will serve them well throughout their careers.

When: Begins **June 21st** and ends by **August 20th**

Where: Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Who is Eligible: Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee youth, ages of 14-18 as of June 15. Direct descendants may participate, pending available space, if their established residency for the 2020-21 school year is within the townships of Bartelme or Red Springs, excluding Middle Village and including Bowler and Gresham.

Applications: can be found at the Education Office (now located at Konkapot — by appointment only), at Bowler School (see Jeff DePerry or Corey Seay), at Gresham School (see Nancy Buettner), or online: <https://mohican.com/ecs-applications-forms-policies/>

Deadline: Completed applications must be certified received by **Friday, May 7th at 3:30 PM**. Late applications will not be considered. Applications must be submitted to Vaughn Miller or Roberta Carrington at Konkapot. Please contact Vaughn Miller with any questions (contact information can be found at the bottom of this page).

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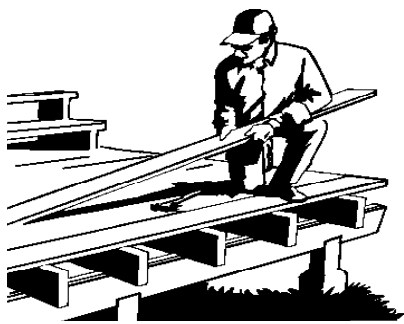
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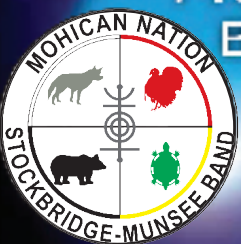
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