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Summer 2021 Archaeological Excavation in Mohican Homelands

By Hikaru Hayakawa, Cultural Resources Intern at the Historic Preservation Office

The Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in Williamstown, Mass. would like to provide a community update on the Cultural Affairs Department's archaeological excavation that began in early July. The excavation focused on identifying the 1739 Meetinghouse and the 1783 Ox Roast sites in Stockbridge, Mass., a town established for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's ancestors as an experimental missionary town, co-governed by Mohicans and English colonists during the eighteenth century.

Despite the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's history in the homelands since time immemorial. few monuments. signs, or references to the Mohican Nation's history are visible in Stockbridge. THPO intends to identify and protect the 1739 Meetinghouse and 1783 Ox Roast sites from future disturbance and to designate both locations as historic sites on the National Register.

Through the investigation in July, a Stockbridge-Munsee Communitycontracted archaeological firm identified the 1739 Stockbridge Mohican Meetinghouse's probable location and, surprisingly, possibly the first evidence of two precontact Mohican home sites in Berkshire County, Mass.

The 1739 Meetinghouse Site

The 1739 Meetinghouse site served as Stockbridge's political and religious center in the eighteenth century. Mohican sachems and community leaders advocated for the Stockbridge Mohicans and community members worshiped in the building.



Williams College Strategic Adviser for Admission and Financial Aid Twink Williams Burns and Williams College Third-Year Yunjin Park screen soil to look for artifacts related to the Mohican Nation's History.

In 2019, THPO applied to the National Park Services for an Underrepresented Communities Grant. Hartley said she received the support of Rick Wilcox, a former Stockbridge Police Chief and a local historian, in preparing Lands continued on page Five:

Ready To Powwow?

Covid kept our community apart last year, but not this year. August 13th marks the 45th Annual Mohican Powwow at the Many Trials Park. 7:00 pm grand entry Friday night followed by two grand entries Saturday 1"00 pm and 7:00. In between grand entries Saturday there will be a traditional feast at 5:00 pm. Hope you're for dancing, food, and fun finally having the community back together.

See the Pow Wow poster on page Four of this issue.

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Celebrating Mohi-Mohican Miles: can History and Culture in the Origi-

nal Homelands

Bowler. Wisconsin—The Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, a federally recognized Tribal Nation in Wisconsin with origins in the Hudson and Housatonic River Valleys, recently announced the planned opening of a new exhibit on Mohican history and culture at the Mission House Museum in Stockbridge, MA.

The exhibit, Mohican Miles, was created through collaboration between the Štockbridge Munsee's Cultural Affairs Department and The Trustees of Reservations. Opened to the public on July 2nd, 2021, the exhibit will be accessible to visitors during the hours of the Mission House museum from Thursday-Monday from 10AM to 4PM.

Founded by landscape architect Charles Eliot in 1891, The Trustees



has, for 130 years, been a catalyst for important ideas, endeavors, and progress in Massachusetts. As a steward of distinctive and dynamic places of both historic and cultural value, The Trustees is the nation's first preservation

Miles continued on page Six:

Memorial Garden at Ella Besaw Center



By Jeff Vele - Editor

Erin Lewis is the Ella Besaw Center Nurse/Manager, and she has come up with a unique way to honor the Elders at the Center and beautify the area at the same time. Erin said, "The initiating factor for the memorial garden was because the front of the building did not look it's best and was kind of unwelcoming and I wanted to change that". She said that the Ella Besaw is a special place to a lot of families in the community, her family as well. She stated that her significant other's grandmother, Marcella, lived here for quite a few years before she passed away and she

wanted to create a way to remember and honor those residents who currently live there, have lived there, and may have spent their last days there.

Manager Lewis ran the idea past her supervisor, Crystal Malone, and Crystal was on board with the idea. She then created a post on the Stockbridge Community Facebook page explaining the idea and letting families know they could order a bench or stone in memory of their loved one. The benches sold out quickly.

Erin then coordinated with Joe Miller regarding tilling the garden

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Cleaning Our Lands For A Healthier Future



Illegal dumping is a burden to residents and is an eye-sore to our beautiful community. Every year, the Tribe hosts two large item pick up and electronic/appliance recycling events and yet, illegal dumping occurs throughout the reservation. Not only is it unlawful to discard garbage, furniture and other unwanted debris on the landscape, it can also contaminate our fragile natural resources. Certain products and goods, such as batteries, can contain corrosive chemicals, oils and other contaminates which pollute the water and soil if not properly disposed of.

Recently, the Environmental Department coordinated with the Public Works, Facilities, Ecology and Forestry departments to clean up a large dump pile that formed near the Public Works

Department building. A brush pile only intended for the Tribe's departments to use quickly turned into a dump site which included furniture, carpet scraps, tires and other household debris. Cleaning up these illegal dump piles costs the Tribe thousands of dollars annually. Keeping our lands and our water clean and contaminate-free is our highest priority, but protecting our resources requires everyone's help to ensure they last for generations to come.

So, how can YOU help preserve our resources for future generations to enjoy?

Many of the items found in the dump pile consisted of household items, such as couches, TV stands, coils of old wire, etc, that could have been repurposed or recycled. With a growing population, our landfills have been reaching capacity

quicker than ever. Repurposing or recycling unwanted items helps prevent our landfills reaching capacity, lowers carbon emissions created by landfills, and helps create a "greener" environment which we live in. Repurposing household items can also generate a little extra cash for your penny bank. With social media easily accessible, there are many quick and easy ways to post goods for sale. Although, if an item must be thrown away, then properly discard it in the garbage, and not on the landscape. The Tribe puts

on two large item pick up events every year (spring and fall) for these specific items. If an item, or items, needs to be discarded prior to the event occurring and it does not fit in your garbage bin, then call to have a dumpster delivered. If we all work together, we can achieve a greener, healthier and more beautiful community for generations to come.

Please call the Environmental Department at 715-793-4819 if you have questions on properly discarding household items

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The cost is \$10

August 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Public Safety Building

To sign up, call:
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Warden Sterling Schreiber 715-881-0401
Warden Beau Miller 715-881-1122

Chapter VEH.02 — All Terrain Vehicle Safety Ordinance

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of old wire, etc, that could have been repurposed or recycled. With a growing population, our landfills (1) Effective January 1, 2001 operators under sixteen (16) will be required to have obtained a safety certificate and to carry the safety certificate while operating an ATV.

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

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

Mohican News

N8480 Moh He Con Nuck Road PO Box 70 Bowler, WI 54416

e-mail: mohican.news@mohican.com

Please type your letters or print clearly and include your signature, address, and daytime phone number. Letters must be 500 words or less. All letters are subject to editing and may require confirmation. Some may be rejected due to inappropriate content as deemed by our editorial board. The views of our readers are not necessarily the views of the Mohican News, its staff, or the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe.

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POW WOW REMINDERS:

ALL MANY TRAILS CAMPING WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM JULY 31ST – AUGUST 11TH FOR POWWOW PREPARATIONS

If you needcamping reservations forPowwow, pleasecontact Roberta Carrington @ 715.793.4886

If you needcamping reservations for times other than the Powwow, please contact Clifton Pecore @ 715.793.4879

IN PREPARATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL POWWOW WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO REFRAIN FROM SETTING UP THEIR CANOPY FRAMES UNTIL SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

Any frames set up prior will be removed and placed under the pavilion

ONLY FRAMES WILL BE ALLOWED UNTIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

Canopies are ONLY allowed on the top row and are first come, first served basis, any canopies placed anywhere OTHER than the top row will be removed.

**All canopy frames must be marked with a name written on duct tape in permanent marker.

PLEASE CALL WITH QUESTIONS

Roberta Carrington 715-793-4886

Clifton Pecore 715-793-4879



Please Join us for this year's language and culture camp

Place: Many Trails Park on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation near Bowler Wi.

Time: August 17th 10:00am-5:00pm

August 18th 10:00am-5:00pm

We will be holding two sessions in the Mohican language Tuesday the 17th and two sessions in the Munsee language on Wednesday the 18th.

There will Traditional games, and traditional wellness teachings

Lunch will be provided

We are excited to be able to meet in person once again this year.

Please register for the before 4 p.m. August 6th so that we can make sure that we will have the proper amount of food for the camp by emailing Joe Pecore at joe.pecore@mohican-nsn.gov. You may also email Joe with any other questions.

Stockbridge-Munsee Food Distribution Program

The food distribution program will open to the public July 1, 2021, with changes according to the "Public Health Order". To keep in compliance, you will need to wear a face mask covering both nose and mouth if you have not had the COVID vaccination. The face mask will be optional if you have been vaccinated and it has been 2 weeks since your last shot.

The hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30, unless we must close for some reason. The closing dates will be posted on the door of the building.

Please be honest, if did not receive your COVID Vaccination wear your mask for everyone's protection!
The Food Distribution Program is an alternative to Food Shares. You cannot receive Food Shares and Commodities in the same month.

ELIGIBILITY: households which live on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation, live in Shawano County, and have one member who is enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, and meet the income eligibility guidelines. The income is based on all household members who is 18 and older.

Household size:

1-\$1,231.00 4-\$2,365.00 2-\$1,604.00 5-\$2,769.00 3-\$1,977.00 6-\$3,173.00 Each additional member \$374.00 There is a 20% cost of living for earned income.

There is a shelter/utility expense deduction of \$450.00

Any questions you can call 715-793-4941

Jill Duffek-Supervisor

Keith Bowman-Warehouse Worker



Veterans Corner

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Gregg W. Duffek,
Tribal Veterans Service
Officer

Office: 715-793-4036 gregg.duffek@mohicannsn.gov

715-793-4036



Latest COVID Numbers

Here are the COVID-19 testing statistics completed at the SMH-WC through today, 7/16/2021.

Total tested = 5.703 (+46 since

Total tested = 5,703 (+46 since last reporting period)

Total Negative Counts = 5,418 Total pending = 0

Total Positive Cases = 284 +0 since last reporting period

Total Positive Cases who live in Shawano or Menominee counties = 261

Total ever hospitalized = 17
Active cases = 0
Recovered Cases = 281
Deaths = 3

5,232 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered by the

Tribe as of 7/16/2021 Count of fully vaccinated people:

Count of people who received both doses of vaccination (Pfizer or Moderna): 2,453

Count of people who received first dose of vaccination and are awaiting 2nd dose (Pfizer or Moderna): 270

Count of people who received single dose (Johnson & Johnson): 56 Pfizer vaccine is available to anyone aged 12 or older.

Andrew Miller, Director Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center

SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR JOE MILLER ENDORSES TOM NELSON

for U.S. Senate



My wife Jackie and I live on the Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Reservation in Shawano Co. I have over 30 years of government experience: Tribal Council, Bowler School Board, and Shawano County Board of Supervisors. I've known Tom for over a decade and he is an honest man and what we need in the U.S. Senate! He is willing to work for all residents, no matter what their political preference may be. I am proud to support him.

-Joe Miller



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AUGUST 13-15 MANY TRAILS PARK

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FRIDAY 5PM - 6:45 PM

THE FIRST FIVE DRUMS REGISTERED WITH A MINIMUM OF FIVE SINGERS WILL RECEIVE HONORARIUM.

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WIND EAGLE, WOLF RIVER SINGERS, BAD FISH CREEK, MEDICINE BEAR

TRADITIONAL FEAST

SATURDAY 5PM

FREE. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

HEAD VETERAN DANCER

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HEAD DANCERS

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ROUGH CAMPING ON-SITE

5K FUN RUN/WALK SATURDAY 8 - 10:30 AM NO alcohol, drugs, fireworks, pets (except service animals), or outside raffles

FREE

FREE PARKING



Lands cont from page One: the historical research for the

application.

"As it was not my story to tell, I would provide the raw data to Bonney [Hartley], who would write about the Mohican people on Main Street in Stockbridge in 1750, breathing life into a long-buried

THPO received the grant and worked with the Township of Stockbridge to prepare for the excavation.

The 1783 Ox Roast Site

history," said Wilcox.

George Washington sponsored the 1783 Ox Roast to honor the Stockbridge Mohicans' service in the American Revolutionary War, only a few months before the colonists displaced them from Stockbridge. According to historical documentation, the Ox Roast took place on land belonging to King Solomon Uhhaunaunauwaunmut.

THPO first submitted a grant to investigate the 1783 Ox Roast site in 2018. Wilcox provided his extensive knowledge of Stockbridge history and ecological changes to the landscape to help identify the Ox Roast's probable location.

Hartley and Wilcox attended Town of Stockbridge Select Board Meetings to obtain approval and also coordinated with the Stockbridge Historical Commission.

According to Hartley, "It's been a good experience to see the interest build in the Town for collaborating with our Nation regarding our shared history here."

An earlier excavation took place in summer 2019. Although Hartley said the archaeological investigation did not reveal many artifacts, THPO wanted to continue to look for the site.

The July 2021 Archaeological Excavation

In 2020, THPO hired Morton Archaeological Research Services to conduct an archaeological investigation with community support. Ann Morton, Principal Investigator, prepared a technical report for the Massachusetts Historical Commission and received permission from the State's Archaeologist to excavate.

Before the archaeological dig, Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc. surveyed the land to locate soil anomalies. THPO focused on areas with significant soil anomalies to respect the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's homelands and

ancestral sites.

On July 6, 2021, the archaeological excavation began.

Reconciling History

Three centuries after the Williams family played a pivotal role in displacing and forcing out the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's ancestors from Stockbridge, Williams College—established in Ephraim Williams, Jr.'s will—provided support throughout the excavation.

Thanks to a partnership agreement with Williams College where the THPO office is now based, the Stockbridge-Munsee THPO recruited over 28 Williams College community members, including students, faculty, and staff, to volunteer at the excavation site. Several community members from other places in the homelands joined as well.

According to Williams College Associate Professor of History Christine DeLucia, "Involving many people in the dig is a powerful way of tangibly conveying the importance of this place . . . Students and colleagues at Williams and in Williamstown are seeking ways to learn more about these places and stories, and it's so important to do this through tribally led projects, where Mohican expertise and guidance is at the forefront."

Margaux Kristjansson, a postdoctoral fellow in Native American and Indigenous Studies at Williams College, said she volunteered because she believes the excavation is critical in interrupting colonial mythologies.

"There is a substantial significance in the way this archaeological project linked the past and future jurisdiction of the Mohican Nation on these lands, and the way it called people into responsibility to the Mohican peoples' continued jurisdiction and rights to their land in this region that has never been ceded by treaty to the US or colonists," said Kristjansson.

Historic Preservation Assistant Meadhbh Ginnane, and Sacha Yanow, a performance artist and a volunteer for THPO, also staffed an information table at the archaeological site to inform residents about the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's work.

Looking Forward

Morton said that now that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community has identified the Meetinghouse's probable location, THPO can prepare to put the Meetinghouse on the National Register. Soon, Morton said she would send a full report to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

After the initial cleaning of artifacts, Morton said she would have more to report.

"The findings situate precolonial Mohican homes in present-day Stockbridge, affirming Mohican oral histories as well as written histories from Hendrick Aupaumut onwards irrefutably," said Kristjansson.

According to Ginnane, the findings are vital in providing a sense of place and protecting Mohican cultural heritage. "No one can erase [the history] because it is here, no matter what anyone has said or done in the intervening time."

"There are many ways to try and help heal the wounds of history," said Wilcox. "Research is a small step in that direction by erasing the [colonial] myth of Stockbridge and providing the real story no matter how painful."

"I hope that soon will come the day

when the youth of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community can come to the homelands as interns and build on the research that has been done to date," said Wilcox.

According to Trevor Totman, an archaeologist for Morton's company and University of Buffalo graduate student, the excavation has been a challenging yet rewarding project.

«This was the most gratifying and emotionally exhausting project that lave ever been on, but the absolute most fulfilling, and Totman. "What I am trying to do . . . is give an example of how archaeology can be used to help and to heal and benefit communities instead of just to take."

In August, the archaeological excavation will continue at the 1783 Ox Roast site. Continue to follow Mohican News for more updates as well as the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum's Facebook page for more information. THPO will also host an in-person presentation during the powwow weekend at the museum regarding this historic project.



Sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccine.

A COVID-19 vaccine is a safe, effective way to protect your family and keep our whole community strong. It's also Wisconsin's best shot at stopping COVID-19. So make a plan to get vaccinated right away.



Visit **vaccines.gov** or call **211** today to get a free COVID-19 vaccine appointment near you.

Ella B cont from page One:

area, and he recruited Kellie Zahn in Ag department and her team to help with preparing the area for a garden. Erin said that Wally and Willy from the Roads Department came over and pulled out two large stumps that were in that space. Then Twila Shawano and Erin came in on a Saturday to get most of the plants planted.

According to Lewis, Joe Miller, Kellie Zahn and her team, then came back over to help with laying the rocks in the garden. Residents from the Ella Besaw Center helped with small tasks, such

as giving their opinion on which plants should go where and helping set up the lights.

Lewis ended by saying, "I would like to thank Joe, Kellie and her team, Wally and Willy, Twila, and everyone else who has helped to make this possible. The residents love it, and it makes Ella B look more welcoming, while creating a space for families to sit and remember their loved ones".

Memorial Stones can still be purchased to be placed in the garden, and if anyone is interested, they can contact Erin at Ella B.







Miles cont from page One:

and conservation organization, and its landscapes and landmarks continue to inspire discussion, innovation, and action today as they did in the past. We are a nonprofit, supported by members, friends and donors and our 120 sites are destinations for residents, members, and visitors alike, welcoming millions of guests annually.

The exhibit covers a wide range of topics including an overview of Mohican History, the Tribe's historic relationship with The Trustees, information about the community today, the work of the Historic Preservation Office in the homelands, and displays of historic obiects belonging to the Tribe. "We are excited that we have a place to call ours to tell our history, our way. The history that Mohican Nation has in Stockbridge is significant and we are grateful to be able to tell it," said Heather Bruegl, Cultural Affairs Director for Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

The Tribe curated and designed the exhibit from the archives of the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum, which houses the largest collection of Mohican documents and artifacts in the world. Trudy Fadding of Stockbridge, through a fellowship at Williams College where the Tribe maintains a Tribal Historic Preservation Extension Office, worked locally with the Tribe's office to de-

velop the exhibit content.

As a result of an agreement with the Trustees, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community will maintain exhibit materials in the Carriage House, the separate exhibit room behind the Mission House, for the next 4 years. This space formerly held many objects belonging to the Mohican people which were purchased by Mabel Choate, the founder of the Mission House. Recently, many of these same objects have been repatriated back to the Tribe after nearly a century of separation.

Not only is the increasing relationship with The Trustees asignificant aspect of this exhibition, the location of the exhibit on Main Street in Stockbridge is also incredibly important to the Tribe. It has been centuries since the Tribe has had such a physical presence on this very historic location in the homelands, where many Ancestors once walked, lived, lead, and learned.

"As an organization, we are committed to the centering of Indigenous voices," said Brian Cruey, Southern Berkshires Portfolio Director. "We're so grateful to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for engaging with us and allowing us the room to learn and grow on this journey."

www.thetrustees.org.



Ella Besaw Memorial Stone Garden































Happy Birthday Betty Schiel

A 90th birthday celebration for Betty Putnam Schiel was held at the home of Sherry White on June 19. Seventy family members gathered to honor Betty and wish her a Happy Birthday.

(Picture left): Betty sitting, on the left in the blue is Judy Putnam Hartley, Marie Putnam Demjem, Rosie Putnam, left back row Kathy Polzin, and Sandra Blaha.

(Pictured below): Some of the many friends and family in attendance at the celebration.



Gresham 4th of July Parade



















Bowler School Powwow













Tia and Tully Kroening
Stockbridge Royalty

















Division of Community Housing

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National Night Out "Drive-Thru" Event

Public Safety Department W13455 Camp 14 Road

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

4:45 PM To 6:00PM

The following will be available until gone

- 1. A bag of safety information
 - 2. 2. A light Supper

Create a Police Car out of recyclable itemsand take it to the housing office anytime before: July 30, 2021. No late Entries Accepted

Entries will be on display as you drive by. Gift card prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place only

\$200K Jackpot Hit at North Star Mohican

Casino Resort BOWLER, WISCONSIN – A lucky guest at North Star Mohican Casino Resort went home a lot richer after hitting a large jackpot this past week.

A gentleman from Saint Cloud, Minnesota was wagering \$7.20 a spin on the Bier Haus Oktoberfest slot machine when he won the \$202,388 jackpot on Monday night.

The Bier Haus Oktoberfest machine was brought into North Star earlier this spring by Scientific Games', headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Known as the "Midwest's Safest, Cleanest, and Friendliest Casino," North Star Mohican Casino Resort is nestled in the breathtaking North Woods of Wisconsin. Not only is it home to 1,200 of your favorite slots, a wide array of table games, bingo, and exciting daily and weekly promotions, they also offer the best in player rewards and benefits with its exclusive Star Club.

To complement the excitement of the casino, North Star offers multiple venues for dining, crafts and drafts that will delight any preference.

Check out Embers Grill for signature dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, relax at The Groove for draft beers and American favorites or visit Aroma Deli & Café for a sandwich or a quick bite. Need a break? Grab a cocktail at the center of it all, The Gravity Bar.

The resort offers a hotel with comfortable rooms, luxurious yet charming suites, full-service RV parking, fitness center, meeting



rooms and business center. Guests can enjoy playing 9 or 18 holes surrounded by lush, natural beauty at Pine Hills Golf.

No matter what you're looking for, North Star Mohican Casino Resort is truly where there is more: more action, fun, entertainment and rewards!

Owned and operated by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, this destination resort and casino is located within an hour drive of Green Bay, North of Hwy 29. To learn more visit northstarcasinoresort.com or call a friendly member of the team at (800) 952-0195.



From the PRC Department:

If you are referred out from SMHWC PRC department and receive a bill for services covered by the referral, please submit ALL Bills received to the PRC department for payment <u>as soon as possible</u> to avoid any delays in payment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please

Kasha Coyhis, PRC Manager 715-793-5011 Ally Miller, PRC Assistant 715-793-3015 Ronni James PRC Assistant 715-793-5010



PURCHASED/ REFERRED CARE

Reminder!!!

If you receive emergency room care, you must call the ER notlfication line at <u>1-877-898-4154</u> within 72 hours or 30 days for elders or disabled with the following information:

- 1. Patient name
- 2. Name of hospital
- 3. Date of service
- 4. Reason for visit
- 5. Ambulance, if applicable
- 6. Additional information

Thank You, PRC Staff

CARES ACT Rent and Utilities Assistance Program

What Kind of Help is Available?

Utility and Home Energy Payments

nts Rent Payments









Does My Household Qualify?

Your household may qualify if:

- 1) Household must be obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling
- 2) 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.
- 3) One or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- 4) The household has a household income at or below 80% of area median income.
- 5) Renter must be Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee
- 6) Must reside in the state of Wisconsin.

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

Phone: 715-793-4860

Email: rolanda.bierman@mohican-nsn.gov

Rose Strege
Phone: 715-793-4862
Email: rose.strege@mohican-nsn.gov



On Tuesday, July 6th, 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;
Present
Present
Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD: Face Mask Request

Motion by Terrie to approve the agenda as amended for the Regular Tribal Council Meeting July 6, 2021. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 15, 2021, and Emergency Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2021. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS (for posting)-March 31, 2021, and April 30, 2021

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to post the tribal financials for March and April 2021.

Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST: Wisconsin Judicare "Golf for Justice" Fundraiser-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to do the Gold Sponsorship. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

FACE MASK REQUEST-Eric McLester, GM

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go ahead and honor the request of the GM to be able to not, across the board the same thing, the face mask regulation we have, that if your people are vaccinated then the employees do not have to wear it. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2021 AND CASINO & BINGO FINANCIALS STATEMENTS FOR MAY 2021-Eric McLester, GM and Tammy Wyrobeck, CFO Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the May 2021 GM Monthly Report and the Casino & Bingo Financial Statements for May 2021. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

2021 USDA RHS HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT-Randy Young, Housing Director and Tina Weiterman, Res. Services/Occupancy Specialist

Motion by Jolene Bowman

to approve the USDA Rural Development FY 2021 Housing Preservation Grant Application to help the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Housing Program assist low-and very-low-income Stockbridge-Munsee Enrolled Elderly or Disabled with repairs/rehabilitation to the physical structure of their home. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

FY 2022 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN-Randy Young, Housing Director and Tina Weiterman, Res. Services/Occupancy Specialist

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the FY 2022 Indian Housing Plan where there were no comments at the Public Hearing to be submitted to HUD by the July 19, 2021, deadline. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

EPA WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT-Mike Jones, Wetland Specialist

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve for the Ecology Department to apply for the EPA Region 5 Wetland Program Development Grant and to approve a grant match which includes the total federal funding for the grant. There is a required 25% Tribal cost/share over the 2-year project period. This match includes wage, fringe, office costs and services and indirect costs. Federal funding will cover 75% of the Wetland Specialist's wage and fringe, which is currently budgeted as Tribal Contribution for FY22 and to approve the signing of a letter of support for the proposed project. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

RFP FOR BENEFITS CONSULTING-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

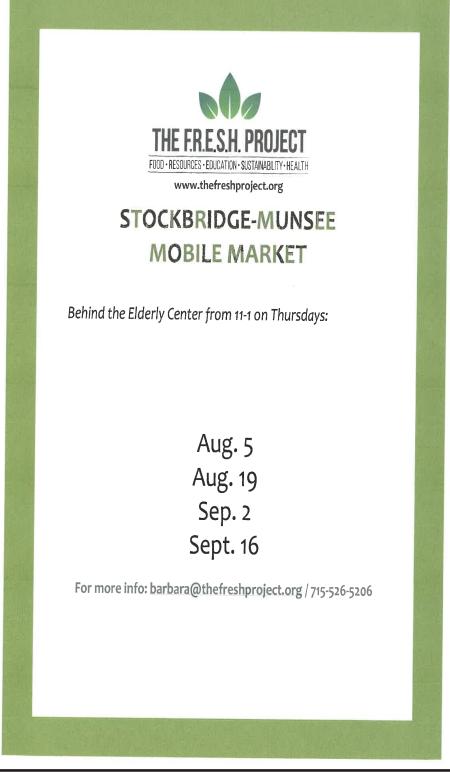
Motion by Joe Miller to approve HR and Insurance departments to proceed with a formal RFP for benefits consulting. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

RECRUITMENT POLICIES: Sign on and Perfect Attendance-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive Director

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the recommendation of HR and Casino Management for sign on bonuses. Seconded Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Brock abstains, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Perfect Attendance during orientation bonus and to bring another universal policy for all employees. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

SMC HOLIDAY POLICY-Todd VanDen Heuvel, HR Executive



Director

Motion by Brock Schreiber to adopt Juneteenth as a formal observed holiday and added to the Tribe's employment manual. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve Option 2, for proposal should be drafted as for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, when there is one weekend day and one-week day, the Friday and Monday surrounding those days will be observed for Tribal Operations and this is to be added the Tribe's employment manual. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie abstains, Brock yes, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. RESOLUTIONS: Consolidated Tribal Government & Forestry-Terrie K. Terrio, Treasurer

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 037-21, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the Tribe's Model Contract for FY22, FY23, FY24 for the purpose of 638 contracting. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 038-21. THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the Tribe's Model Contract for FY22. FY23, FY24 for the purpose of 638 contracting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the following programs: Consolidated Tribal Government Program, Aid to Tribal Government, Indian Child Welfare, Forestry and Community Fire. Seconded Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 039-21, WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to accept the funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, for the years of 2021-2024, to fund the "SMC Brook Trout Habitat and Population Project" submitted by the Stockbridge-

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Directives cont from pg Twelve: Munsee Tribe.

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes the acceptance of the 2020 BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant funds. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

COVID-19 **ISOLATION** QUARANTINE PLAN CHANGE-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the recommendation to accept the change to the Covid-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guide as recommended by Andrew Miller. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

BEMAR FUNDS-Amendment SMHWC #1-Andrew Miller, Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve and to accept IHS 2020 BEMAR Projects amendment #1 adding monies in funding to the clinic. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

PHARMACYPOLICY: Medication Security and Authorized #202PHAR00017-Personnel **Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director** Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve the new pharmacy policy Medication Security and Authorized Personnel #202PHAR00017. Seconded Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

MEDICAL RECORDS POLICIES **UPDATE-Andrew Miller**, TO **SMHWC Director**

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve and implement the changes to medical record policies:

- 1) Signature List #2002HREC0004
- 2) Disclosure or Patient Information #HREC0019
- 3) Disposal or Protected Health Information #202HREC0021
- 4) Scanning and Importing Documents into HER #202HREC0027

Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Brock Schreiber to approve and rescind Filing of Health Record Forms and Reports in the Health Records #202HREC0005 & Health Record Documentation Guidelines #202HREC0016. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the recommendations to update under "Other Tribal Services" of the Handbook as presented. Seconded by Brock Schreiber.

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

LAWN CARE AND SNOW REMOVAL **POLICY-Roberta** Carrington, Housing Board Chairperson

approve the policy changes that the Housing Board is recommending in regard to the Lawn Care and Snow Removal. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

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

EDLER/DISABLED **CHORE POLICY-Roberta** WORKER Carrington, **Housing Board** Chairperson

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Elder/Disabled Chore Worker Policy as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION POLICIES FOR LOW-INCOME RENTAL PROGRAM-Roberta Carrington, Housing Board Chairperson

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the policy changes for Maintenance & Inspection for Low-Income Rental Program as recommended by the Mohican Housing Commission. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried. **BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-Land Committee**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the land minutes dated May 20, 2021, and the action identified there with the exception of Antoinette Tourtillott to table the item per her request. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion maker amends motion to add: and Kim Vele's request. Second concurs. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 6:36 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 8:31 PM.

While Executive Session discussion was held on an Internal Audit, Legal Request, Appeal Hearing, Settlement Request, H.R. Personnel Matters, Enrollment Committee Minutes, and a Land Acquisition.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the Internal Audit for Program 222 Land Management and to send the manager for response. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize out of Unallocated to add to the Legal budget for the remainder of this fiscal year. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the Health Director's recommendation for a settlement as payment in full on medical bills. Seconded by Brock Schreiber. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve wage proposal to increase minimum starting pay to \$15.00 Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to an hour as presented for the

Government side effective Sunday, July 11, 2021. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene abstains, Terrie yes, Brock no, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. Motion by Joe Miller to approve the adjustment to the overall wage scale as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene abstains, Terrie yes, Brock no, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. Motion by Joe Miller to approve the wage adjustment for the current employees with the wages as presented not to exceed a set amount. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene abstains, Terrie yes, Brock no, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. Vice President Bowman wanted it noted for the record that she is abstaining from the three motions because she is an employee of the Tribal side.

Council Member Schreiber wanted it noted for the record that he voted no, as he would have wanted to see this enacted retroactively to be consistent with when the casinos wages were adjusted as well.

Tribal Treasurer Terrio wanted it noted for the record for her reasoning for voting yes is the reason she said the 11th, we don't have hardly anybody that makes less than \$15.00 an hour on this side and that is why the dollar that figure is a little less and she was responding to the casino where we got over, well over a 100 positions that are open and it was becoming an emergency type situation, so that is why we did the casino first. We were looking at having to shut down venues and that is going to hurt us way more in the long run, so that is my justification.

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of Enrollment to enroll Crystal M. Malone as 17/64 parents are Ardelle Malone and Otho Malone. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of Enrollment to approve Destiny M. Malone at 17/64, parents Wayne Malone Sr., and Cheryl Jacobs. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of Enrollment and approve Naomi N. Malone as 17/64, parents Wayne Malone, Sr., and Linda Worth and Martin L. Malone as 17/64, parents Wayne Malone Sr., and Linda Worth. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to enroll Nicole Bowman Farrell as recommended Enrollment as 1/4 Stockbridge-Munsee, parents Peter Bowman and Kathleen Kahl. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to send the application of Russell M. Gleason back to the Enrollment Committee for clarification. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of Enrollment and enroll Paul Brussow as 1/4, parents Annette Brussow and Dwain Brussow. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Brock abstains, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of Enrollment and enroll Emily Schultz as $\frac{1}{4}$, parents Larry Schultz and Elisabeth Zarnowski and Tiffany E. Schultz as 1/4 with the same parents. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to enroll Matthew J. Frank and Jesse S. Frank as ¼, parents Scott Frank and Terry Griswald. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Brock abstains, Joe yes and Craig yes. Motion carried. Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of Enrollment and enroll Ronald Creapeau and Quinton Creapeau as ¼, parents Raymond E. Creapeau and Yvonne Ninham, upon relinquishment from the Oneida Tribe. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the recommendation and to enroll Dariona Webster as 65/256 parent Witapanokwe J. Webster. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to follow the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee and deny enrollment for Aaron Miller due to insufficient blood. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

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

ADJOUNRMENT-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 8:47



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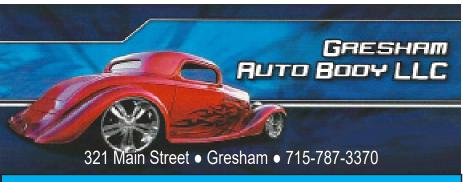
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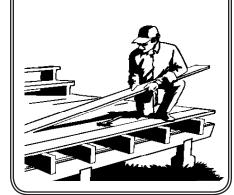
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