

# MOHICAN NEWS

The people of the waters that are never still

## 2021 Tribal Council Candidates



My name is Seralee Azzolina, I am the granddaughter of Joyce E Doxtator-Moede-Schultz and Charles Gardner. My grandma was the oldest sibling to the Moede's and My mother was their second child Patricia Gardner-Azzolina. My father Joseph Azzolina Sr. was a great man and loved my mom's family.

After my parents passed, I wanted to have my children around family, and I am so grateful of my decision to live here and call our reservation home. I have gotten to know so many wonderful people and be closer to family and childhood friends. I am privileged to see them all often. My children were able to grow up with family and more cousins than I could count; which I believe made the bonds tighter.

While I was going through my breast cancer surgery and after care, I had so many caring people in our community saying prayers for me and checking up on me, and I really felt the love and I still do. Because of the love I have for the community that is my home, I would like to help council by helping our community get back on our feet in the middle of the covid outbreak.

To begin with, I would like to have the tribal council meetings held at the casino in the event center and have it live streamed for all the  
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### Leading with Love

Being in service to this Nation has been the greatest honor of my life. From the very beginning, I understood that it must be done with the grace and humility of knowing that no single person can solve the problems facing our community alone—these challenges can only be fixed by finding solutions and working to solve them together.

This pandemic taught us about resilience and fortitude by finding collective ways to engage and include our members in the process at every step of the way—by establishing your priorities and creating a strategic roadmap to accomplish these goals and objectives with inclusion, diligence and mindfulness.

We have made a lot of progress—but we still have a long way to go. Particularly with the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have confronted many challenges in the last several years, including the loss of our members, and with them, the loss of language, traditional knowledge and cultural ways that can never be replaced.

For all of us, these deaths will have lasting and profound effects because of those who are gone too soon. To honor their memory,  
**Shannon cont on page Eleven:**



I am writing to one and all seeking your support and blessing for Tribal President.

As we are all aware, we face many problems as a nation: COVID-19 epidemic, housing shortage, childcare, depleted workforce and a firm business foundation to financially support the future generations. These are just a few.

Many know how hard it is to sit back and watch nothing being done. To just talk about what should, could or would be positive in the community. Our leadership has been non-existent in anything, except Covid. In this area I believe they have tried their best, but at the same time used it as an excuse to hide from the responsibility to the community who elected them.

Transparency in leadership is a must for us to move forward.

It is time that we are open and honest with all our members by live-streaming council meetings to our membership. This way Tribal Council is held more accountable because they don't know who may be watching. Also it gives all members access regardless of distance, location or ability.

Monthly audits must be posted for the community showing any travel expenses followed by justification report.

Tribal leadership cannot be  
**Matt continued on page Twelve:**

## Office of the President

### PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER DUE TO COVID-19

Mandatory Face Masks, Social Distancing, and Gathering Limits through 8AM on October 6, 2021

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council recognizes this tribal community is concerned about a surge in positive COVID-19 infections due to the Delta variant. The recent public health conditions caused by the COVID-19 virus, a communicable disease, require this Community to implement stricter protective measures until infection rates are better controlled.

The Community is required to comply with the following measures to limit opportunities for infection.

1. Use face coverings over the nose and mouth when in indoors and in the presence of other individuals. All persons age five or older must wear a face covering when indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and another person not from the same household is present in the same room.
  2. Use social distancing of at least 6 feet.
  3. Gatherings should be limited to 20 persons or less.
  4. If open, public buildings, not including health care facilities and residential buildings, occupancy shall not exceed 50% of room or building capacity.
  5. No large public gatherings. Specifically, there are no Pow Wows, Concert events (indoor/outdoor).
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# Office of the Vice-President



Hello,  
My name is Gregg W. Duffek, and I am honored to obtain your vote for the Tribal Council Vice-President position this fall.

My Emphasis has always been Healthcare and Human Services; however, we are faced with economic concerns and opportunities we must address, enrollment decisions affecting our Nation and recruitment and retention issues which need to be organized and fairly decided upon. I have learned controlling everything in day-to-day management breeds not success, but rather descension. When leaders stick their noses in everyday operations, they know nothing about, but do not provide detailed reports of their trips away  
**Gregg cont on page Thirteen:**



Koolamalsi,

My name is Craig Kroening Jr, or Tully to many. My parents are Rhonda and Craig Kroening Sr. Again, with the blessing of my half-side (Wife) Joleen, and the three gifts from the creator, I am asking for your support this year for our Vice President seat.

Having the opportunity to sit on council and seeing the challenges that are presented to you, hurdles that are faced, has shown that it can all be navigated with continual determination to move forward with inclusiveness and togetherness. I have said in the past that the road is tough, but with open minded leadership we will get through. We all have our own opinions on matters, but at the end of the day, whatever the

**Tully continued on pg Thirteen:**



Greg Miller

**From the Election Board:**

**The Primary Election is to be held on September 18, 2021 at the Tribal Office from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.**

**The general election will be held on October 9, 2021 at the Tribal Office from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.**

**We will be having only four voters in the building for voting and four leaving. Safety protocols will be followed at all times and everyone is required to wear a mask and use a separate marker for voting.**



Members of the S/M Community- I seek the honor to serve as your next Tribal Vice President and together help lead the Tribe, expand the influence of the Tribe, better address social ills within the Tribe and create more career opportunities for membership through leadership training and apprenticeships. To go from just working in our own businesses and services, to leading and managing them as highly trained and skilled professionals. To start investing in a new generation were such influence, experience and positive work ethics radiates beyond our borders and promotes the value of hiring our Membership locally, regionally, state-wide, and even in state and or Federal service.

I descend from an extended  
**Moonie cont on page Thirteen:**

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# Vice-President cont.

Scott R. Vele



My name is Sterling Schreiber and I am asking for your vote in the upcoming tribal elections. I am announcing my candidacy for the position of Vice-President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe. I am the son of Ellen Schreiber and the late Duane Schreiber. I have two sons Sterling Jr. and Brock. I am grandfather to Sterling III, Derek, Brett, Brynn, Savanna, Eli and Luken. I am employed by the Tribe full-time as a Game Warden and have worked for the Tribe in various positions for twenty-nine years.

I have served on the Tribal Council previously. Serving on Tribal Council is more than just the prestige of puffing up your chest and letting people know that you were popular enough to get elected. There is actual work that comes with it and at times mental strain. If you are a Tribal Council member and have never laid sleepless in bed over an issue that will affect the Tribe, you aren't taking your responsibility as a Tribal Council member serious enough. If you ride the fence on issues and come unprepared to meetings, you don't belong in that seat. Being on Tribal Council is a privilege and it comes with expectations and responsibilities.

It has been hard to sit on the sidelines and watch this Tribal Council run amuck. The secretive nature in which this Tribal Council operates is alarming. You have some members acting solely on matters without informing all of the Tribal Council members. Giving direction to employees when that direction is supposed to come from the entire Tribal Council. If you think our Tribal Council operates with a team mentality, you are sadly mistaken. I swear our Legal staff's sole purpose is to defend the stupid statements and inappropriate behavior of certain Tribal Council members. I absolutely insure you that every Tribal Council member does not have equal representation from the Tribe's legal staff. There are secrets between some Tribal Council members and legal staff  
**Sterling SR cont on pg Fourteen:**

Are we running for an elected seat on the Stockbridge Munsee Community Tribal Council? What is wrong with you community members and "past" legally enrolled members of this Mohican Nation? Sit around and lie! Lie to yourselves, lie to your children and your Grandchildren! None of us is FULL BLOOD Mohican! Those of you that created fraud and applied for membership to our Nation, why? "I didn't do it for the money, I just "wanna be" Indian. Okay if you wanna be Indian then you're Grandparents or parents should have married a Native! Simple. Starting back in the fifties and sixties when NO ONE wanted to be Indian- where were you elders of this tribe then? You had a chance to marry an enrolled member of this tribe-but you didn't and now you help some corrupt enrollment committee, employee and a few select elected tribal council members making your families full blood or your past families full blood and creating Indian blood out of pure evil-how simple it is to erase a Nation and its rightful citizens. Some of these people that after sixty seventy years have applied and lied on their enrollment applications to become Stockbridge Munsee and all the while back when they and their families hated Indians, yes you! For those of you that can remember when our neighbors the Menominee Warrior Society took over the Novitiate and fought for their rights, remember? How you – all of you HATED Indians, it didn't matter what kind of Indian you dealt with you hated us all and those that had to attempt to do business with your families you mistreated those families and their children just because they were darker than you and yours and enrolled Indians from a local Tribe. You sit up in your churches and "pray to your God" to save you and yours and all the while lying cheating and stealing from a real people just because you think they NOW have more then you!!!! A "God" will save you from doing what you are doing so keep lying and committing fraud against our "people" and keep sitting up in your churches pretending you did nothing wrong, keep looking at those little Caucasian babies and pretending they are the true people, when in fact your illegal actions are stealing from the poor little Indian babies that have parents and Grandparents that have walked the Native road each and every day of their lives!!!! Our Grandparents that were full blood people are now being robbed by your illegal claims and lies! Your  
**S. Vele cont on pg Fourteen:**



With sincere gratitude, I would like to share my appreciation for all of you who played a positive role in my first term on Tribal Council. I'm fortunate to have so much support from my Tribe and thankful for the opportunity to serve this Community that I love.

Amidst the constant threat of the COVID pandemic, to the contention with enrollment reform, this year posed many challenges and throughout this term I strived to carry out the duties of office and represent our Tribe with integrity and honesty.

Serving on Tribal Council is a great honor that requires leadership practices that support the highest standard of conduct and I accepted my responsibilities as a Council member with this in mind. This year did not go as expected and it was discouraging to witness the distasteful toil of unprofessional politics unfold. Disregard for the Tribal Council Code of Conduct was overt. From preferential treatment given to Tribal Council Members and their family, to gross misuse of Tribal resources, to decision making based on self-interest or self-gain and not consistent with Tribal Law and Tribal Values. I continually maintained my position that transparency and communication with Tribal Members is a key responsibility of Tribal Councilmembers and on multiple occasions voiced my opinion to support open dialogue between the Tribal Membership and the Tribal Council as attempts were made to censure and silence the voices of Tribal Members.

With an optimistic outlook on the future of Tribal Council, I will not be pursuing a consecutive term. As many of you know, I've been committed to revitalizing the Mohican Language over the last several years. Learning the Mohican Language has given me a link to

our past, present, and future and is a passion I will carry lifelong. Although I step away from Tribal Council at this time, I remain dedicated to this Community and all of you. Language carries our unique identity and I believe it has the promise to heal. We must diligently fight to preserve our culture out of respect for our elders and with the hope that our youth will continue to carry the torch. Until next time. Truly thank you and be well! Ka'nā oneewe wāak onumunitheekw!



Thank you for the nomination I would like to thank you for nominating me to run for Tribal Council. I am honored to be nominated. I am not running for Tribal Council this year. My duties as the clinic director combined with the additional requirements to effectively plan COVID-19 responses have kept me very busy. I do not believe that I would have sufficient time available this year to fill the responsibilities that would come with being on Tribal Council if elected. I thank you again, and hope that everyone is able to stay safe through the remainder of the pandemic.

Andrew Miller



Thanks for the Nomination Thanks for your faith in me, however, I was not living on the reservation from March until August of this year so I will have to decline the nomination.

Sincerely,  
Brett Miller

# Office of the Treasurer



## ELECT Jolene Bowman For Treasurer

Greetings, my name is Jolene Bowman and I wish you all well. I am respectfully asking for your support in attaining the position of Treasurer in the Tribal elections.

I am the daughter of Nathalee Kristiansen and granddaughter of the late Leona and Clarence "Gobe" Bowman. I am running to attain the seat of Treasurer because I appreciate and love our community. My focus is to continue working collectively on expanding opportunity for the members of the Mohican Nation from the seat of Treasurer.

My relatable work experience begins with 11 years as the Contract and Grants Manager which makes for a natural fit to perform the Treasurer responsibilities. This position covered regulating and administering the implementation and maintenance of a \$25 million comprehensive contracts and grants management program. There were 130 different programs, which included overseeing program modifications, budget revisions, and ensuring compliance and recovery of funding that were due to the Tribe.

This success came from conducting intense research and having rich dialogue with government partners to ensure we received full awards and not partial awards of funding. In addition, my experience included working closely with the Finance Department

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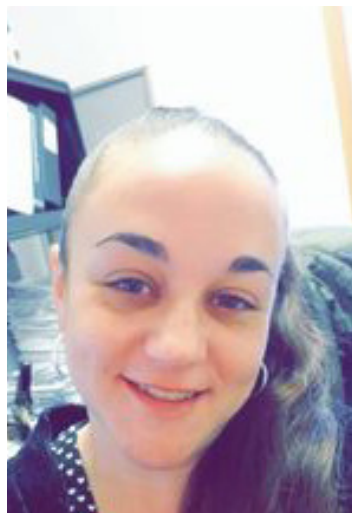


Hello All,  
For those who don't know me, I am Tara (Miller) Moderson. The daughter of Greg and Linda Miller and the granddaughter of Corlyss and Cille Miller. I am a lifelong resident of the reservation, where my husband Pete and I are raising our five children: Logan, Emily, Corbin, Leslyn & Corlyss. I am honored to have been nominated for the Tribal Treasurer seat on our Tribal Council and graciously request your consideration.

I am a 26-year employee of the Tribe, beginning with a position in the regulatory departments of our gaming facilities and the majority of my work experience (20+ years) within the Tribes Finance Department as the Purchasing Manager. Through my positions within the Tribe, as well as my involvement on several boards and committees, I have gained an understanding and insight into the daily operations of the Tribe and some of the challenges we face. I am confident that with our strong workforce and committed membership we can effectively work together to strengthen and/or implement positive change that will secure our future for generations to come.

I have learned to look at every situation with an open mind, to take the time to listen to those around me and that every opinion has value. I am a firm believer in strong policy but understand that over time change may be necessary. I believe in the processes laid out by our ancestors to effectively bring change when required. I believe if you try something and it doesn't work you go back to the table and figure it out. I believe in admitting

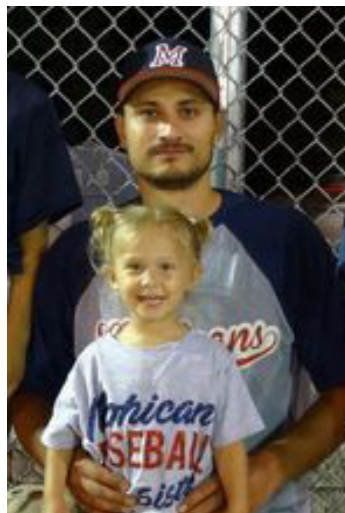
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Hi! My name is Sara Putnam and I am running for Tribal Treasurer. My parents are Joe and Rosie Putnam. Grandparents were Thelma and Stephen Putnam and Loretta and Scivio Onesti. I have 4 daughters Saychia 22, Lexsi 18, Joesie 14, and Kendell 9 and a grandbaby, Paislee, who is 6 months old. I am 40 years old and have lived and worked here my whole life. I have a bachelor's degree in Business Management. I've often thought about getting my Master's degree but one thing I hate is writing, so, no thanks! I feel that we need more community involvement and if chosen to represent this community I would encourage the Tribal Council to have additional meetings just for community interaction. This would allow for Tribal Members to have a forum dedicated to hearing their thoughts, answering their questions, and providing feedback. Open discussion will allow for consideration of things we may not be aware of or other viewpoints and perspectives that will allow for a more complete picture of the situation. We all have blind spots, and discussions with others help us see them. Any tribal member would be welcome, prioritize and get some new things/old things done. I would like to see what it would take to get this going. I am in favor of virtual meetings and a larger meeting spot like the casino.

I may not always have an immediate answer, and that is because I believe in giving good information which is not always available on the spot. So if the answer is unknown you

**S. Putnam cont on pg 16**



Koonumunthe'mã  
Ma'eekunew Ninaapãak,  
My name is Sterling Schreiber Jr. and I am the son of Sterling Schreiber Sr., the grandson of Ellen (Mohawk) Schreiber, and the great grandson of Riley and Liza (Welch) Mohawk. Many of you in our Community know me as "Durney" which is my childhood nickname. I am an active Member of our Community and try my best to have a positive impact on our Tribal Community. I attend every Tribal Council Meeting and follow our Tribal affairs closely. I currently serve our Tribe on the Investment Committee, Health Board, Housing Commission, Land Committee, Family Center Board, Police and Fire Commission, Fish and Wildlife Board, and Editorial Board. If you were to speak with any of the fellow Tribal Members that serve on boards, committees, or commissions with me, I believe they would tell you that I deal with matters openly, honestly, and directly, and that I while I am firm, I am also fair and always willing to compromise.

I am running for the seat of Treasurer because I want to help bring fiscal transparency and accountability to our Tribe. I view our Tribal Members as the shareholders of our Tribal resources. Our Tribal monies belong to our Tribal Members, not our Tribal Council. I believe we need to improve the manner in which we communicate with or Membership regarding financial matters. In the past year, I do not recall seeing a single Treasurer's report presented at any of the Tribal Council

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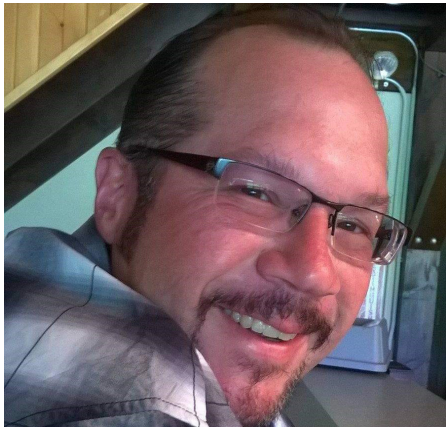
Dear Tribal Members,  
Thank you for the nomination for Tribal Treasurer. I am the daughter of Allen and Leona Vele. I moved to the reservation in 2006 and worked as a Cage/Vault Supervisor at North Star until I transferred to the Tribal Government in 2009 as a Data Entry Staff Member in the Finance Department. I currently hold a position as the Child Support Financial/Outreach Specialist. I am a proud mother of three children; Jacob, Hunter and Cheyenne. My partner of 14 years William Welch and I have lived on the reservation for 14 years. I am proud to be a Member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, and am so pleased to belong to a community that offers so many opportunities to its membership. As a member, I have stayed current with the issues our tribe is currently working on including: Enrollment Reform, Transparency, Program Oversight, COVID 19, and Economic Growth.

If elected, I will do my best to serve my community and find comparable solutions to these issues. My promise to the Community is that I will make informed decisions, I will research, discuss, and meet with people involved to see all the sides to the issue. I want to do what's right for our people and believe that we all need to work together for positive change. As your Tribal Representative, I will call for sensible investment of the Tribes earnings and strive to change the Tribes dependence on outside sources. Restoring the Tribes ability to self-sustain is at the top of my priorities. We can be independent and growing

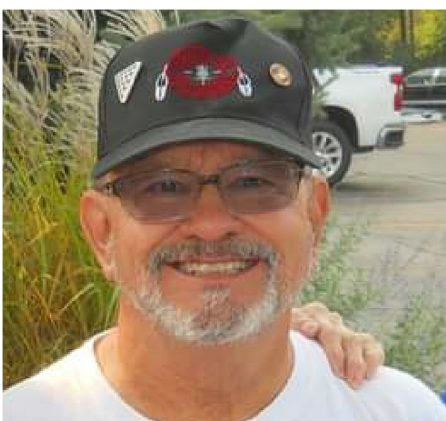
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# Office of Tribal Council Member

**Editor's Note: I am running the Tribal Councilmember platforms one right after the other in order to maximize space. Sorry for any confusion.**



Hello Tribal Members  
I am one of many grandsons of the late and great Virginia "Gin" Mohawk Johnson. I have lived on the reservation most of my life and have worked on and off the reservation. I am proud to be the father of a great son, Logan, who is a senior this year at Bowler High School.  
Remembering my first job with our Tribe was when the Bingo Hall was in the Tribal Offices; we were paid \$5 per night. I have held other positions within the Tribe and enjoyed each of them for different reasons.  
If elected I will do my best to ensure my decisions are in the best interest of the entire membership, not just a chosen few.  
My interests include cooking and working out, but I am also a handyman who can do just about any job someone needs helps completing. I am an honest and forthcoming individual who is willing to ask questions and voice concerns for all of our people. I am more than willing to talk to each of you if you have more questions for me; reach out to me via text or call at 715-326-1653.  
Thank you for considering me to represent you on our Tribal Council.  
Ronald W. Blum Jr.



Good Day fellow Tribal Members,  
I have been humbled and honored with a nomination to run for Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council. This is an awesome pleasure for me. Now for a little

about me.  
I was born and raised in the Beloit, WI and Janesville, WI area. I graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in 1972. During the early to mid 1960's, our Father (Earl Church) brought us "Up North" to camp at Shawano County Park and we visited our families here on the "REZ". Those times are filled with warm and amazing memories.  
I then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During my 20 year career, I was an Aircraft Maintenance Technician working mostly with F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft. Then later with the F/A-18 Hornet.

I had other experiences during my career as:  
1. Quality Assurance Aircraft Inspector.  
2. Aviation Gas Free Engineer.  
3. Collateral Duty Inspector  
4. NAVOSH (Naval Aviation Occupational Safety and Health) Representative and Inspector.  
5. Maintenance Department Manager.  
I served during Viet Nam and Desert Shield/Desert Storm. I never served in combat during those conflicts.  
After my retirement from the Marines, I entered the transportation industry as a Motor Coach Operator. I worked for several companies in Arizona as a Tour Driver, Charter Driver and In the Public Transit Industry. During my tour with a Transit Company in California, I served as a State of California Transit Security Agent and as a Transit Safety/Operations Manager.  
Since my retirement from the Transportation Industry in 2016, my wife (Cindi) and I started to travel during the summer months because the summers were a little warm for us and we wanted to get some visit time in with the Grandchildren.

Also, after my retirement from the transportation industry, I served on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transit Safety Board (TSB) for the Town of Quartzsite, AZ where I resided. In addition to those two boards, I was a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for the Town of Quartzsite, AZ. I served on those boards and commission for two years before deciding to fully retire.  
We would spend two to three months on the Reservation at the Pow-Wow grounds and enjoyed the visits with family here. Then we decided to sell our home in Arizona and purchase or build a home here. Since last June, we have resided here permanently. I have played music since I was a child (Guitar) and the Native

American Flute since the early 2000's and have recorded Several CD's/Albums. None of which are of any significance except for "Red Hand" which was nominated for the Indian Summer Music Awards (ISMA) in 2009, and "Anushiik: We Are Grateful" which received 4 ISMA nominations in 2012. I did not win in either instance, but was humbled and pleased with the experience.  
This is an amazing community and I hope I can serve it well. I hope to live up to the opportunity that has been afforded me  
Anushiik,  
Mark E Church



My name is Kasha Coyhis, daughter of Wally and Mary Miller. Granddaughter of Leon(Chug) and Sharon Miller and Leonard (Jack) and Betty Miller.  
I am seeking your support for a seat on Tribal Council.  
I want to stray away from traditional platforms because I don't want to make promises that I might not be able to keep.  
I do promise that I will do my best to work towards creating a better future for our tribe.



Hello from Charles,  
My name is Charles Gardner I'm the Grandson of Joyce Shultz and Charlie Gardner and Sharon Creapeau Gardner I have 2 children James and Violet. I'm seeking a position on The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council and wish to serve with honesty and integrity.  
I believe an application process should be done when seeking

office all good and bad should be exposed and put up front. With that I'm listing my back ground,

No convictions  
No speeding tickets  
Land committee member (past)  
Enrollment committee (past)  
Housing board member (past)  
Housing board Chairman (Past)  
28 years in the property and equipment department  
Maintenance and housekeeping.  
Facilities Manager

I will work for the tribe in this capacity 24/7 and will always look for opportunities that will be best for us all that will help the tribe grow in a positive way.

In short, I will be your council member that has your back, with an open-door policy and a willingness to debate any issue in a common-sense way.

I have never served on the council and appreciate an opportunity to run and serve.

Respectfully,

Charles C. Gardner



Marv "Buttons:" Malone  
Running for Tribal Council





My name is Chad Miller, I am honored to have been nominated for a seat on Tribal Council. I am the son of Donnie and Chris Miller, Grandson of Corlyss and Lucille Miller. I am a father and grandfather and a life long resident of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation. I'm employed by the Tribe in the Land Management Office as the Land Management Specialist. The Land Management Department is the Zoning and Reality division for the Tribe. I have sat on Tribal Council in the past and am seeking your support to represent the community again.

Constitution reform is at the forefront of this election, I am not opposed to it. That being said I do believe there is a right way and a wrong way to go about change. The Constitution outlines what the community needs to do to amend it, those requirements are built in protections that ensure what is being changed has the blessing of the community. Whether you agree with it or not the constitution is the foundation of who we are as a Nation. Without it we could have suffered what many other Native communities succumb to and become footnotes to history. Seven members of any Tribal Council do not have the authority to forgo those laws established within. For complete transparency the issue that is talked about, sometimes it seems in hushed tones is "enrollment" and how it is established within the current constitution. It is clear the constitution establishes in order to be enrolled you must be ¼ Stockbridge Munsee, what our future enrollment requirements will be has yet to be determined. I am not against the debates and discussions of what needs to be done to change that. I am against the rewrite of history ignoring what our ancestors did to get us to where we are today. At the end of the day it is the Councils DUTY to uphold the constitution and laws of the community and swear an oath to protect it regardless of pressure to do otherwise. If the community wants change there is a way and I'll honor and uphold that way if elected.

Other issues facing

this community are equally daunting if not more concerning: homelessness, addiction, and drug use are all on the rise. We need to do more to get our members help; to get them on a positive path that not only builds their confidence but bolsters their self-reliance. Programs that allow them to see there is hope.

Our aging population of baby boomers, our elders, are our largest age group. They are going to need more assistance with respect to elder housing, such as home visits and maintenance in order to keep their independence for as long as possible; then long-term care including assisted living. These needs must be addressed now as our elders cannot wait.

If elected I hope to keep these issues at the forefront and seek solutions and promise to represent all the people in a fair and equitable manner.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Chad Miller



Hi my name if Gerald Miller, and I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Election. I am going to keep this short, so here are a few things that I see that we need to work on as a Community:

Virtual meetings for the following: Council, Committee, and Board meetings

Training programs so we can put our people in more leadership roles

Accountability on all levels

New business ventures

More services offered at the clinic (dental, vision)

The core of the **GOLDEN RULE** is a moral obligation to treat others ethically for their sake, not ours, even it it's better than the way they treat us. **WHY?** Not because it advantageous, but **BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT**. And because the way we treat others is about **WHO WE ARE**. Not who they are.

--Michael Josephson

A vote for me is a vote for common sense!

Thank you for your time



JOE MILLER

Greetings Fellow Citizens:

It is again a great honor to have been elected back on the council. I cannot overstate my appreciation to the community for the confidence in my ability to represent us in an honest, responsible, and respectful manner. This is what being an elected official is all about, it is not about me, it is all about us!

It is my hope that any new or re-elected Council member remember this simple philosophy, we are not here to serve ourselves, we are here to serve the membership, the community, no matter who or where they may live.

Moving forward, amending the constitution is critical, there are issues we need to address, Do we continue to be under BIA oversight? Until we can govern ourselves we will never be truly Sovereign. Some believe that the current system is still in our best interest, that the BIA is there to protect us from ourselves, I disagree. We have the ability, the knowledge, and most of all, the authority to take control of ourselves. I believe we should illuminate the Secretarial election process and adopt a "binding referendum" system that all can vote on, not just residence.

Our membership I think by now you know where I stand on this. Other tribes across the country have made adjustment by recognition not based on government established "Blood Quantum". I have stated my viewpoint many times that I believe in a simple descendancy format as opposed to a mathematical equation that counts blood will ensure our survival as a tribe for generations to come.

We are at a point in time were "Leadership" is critical, placing the needs of many before the needs of few. I thank the community for the confidence bestowed on me as a council member, I ask for your continued confidence and your vote.

Ann-ni-shik JOE

Hello Community,

My name is Clifton Pecore and I am humbled, grateful, and honored to accept the nomination for tribal council. With the elections coming upon us I would like to ask for your consideration for a seat on our tribal council.

My background from a work experience standpoint varies from slot technician, warehouse worker, fire department coordinator, maintenance worker, gaming auditor, payroll manager, and most recently facilities manager.

My educational background consists of an Associates Degree in Business Administration from College of Menominee Nation, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Management from Southern New Hampshire University, and I am currently pursuing a Master Degree in Human Resources from Southern New Hampshire University.

I do see many challenges that we as a community will endure. My belief as a community we can and will overcome these challenges. I believe as a tribal council member we need to sacrifice for our people. By accepting a role on the council, the people put a leader in position to make decision for the membership in favor of the membership. I believe we have opportunities to grow that include business development, housing, employment, and as a community.

I also hold a strong feeling of improving our memberships ability to live a good and healthy lifestyle through employment. We as a Nation should not be seeing our members struggle to provide for their family and themselves. We have the opportunity and ability to help our people thrive and be able to live a quality and successful life. I believe in investing in ourselves and in turn this will aid in our Nation to succeed.

I will be honest and not promise the world to you but I will truthfully tell you that I will do whatever it takes to make knowledgeable decisions based off thorough investigation of an item that needs council's decision.

I will strive to improve our community. I will be considerate and have an open ear for all who have an idea, concern, or opinion to anything.

I am proud to be apart of this community and hope see us grow from all aspects that will benefit us as a community, individual, and Nation.

Sincerely, Clifton Pecore

Direct Membership Assistance		
Age: 18+	62+	65+
\$500	\$500	\$500
+ \$3,000*	\$3,000*	\$3,000*
\$3,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
	\$5,500	\$703.54
		\$6,203.54

My name is Blake Smith, I am asking you to consider the following as you choose your representatives:

Why can Oneida provide a minimum of \$3,000 to their tribal members in "stimulus" money while our Tribe is only giving \$1,000.....in December? (the Oneidas already received theirs)

Our per cap is based on an equal amount going into long term savings. it could easily be increased by reducing the amount put into savings. (or some other formula for a higher return to members by changing the ordinance)

Speaking of long term savings, it is being saved for "a rainy day". It hasn't rained during the pandemic of the last year and a half? 5% could have been released to members equaling \$1,000/member in the last year.

Speaking of an amount equal to \$1,000/member, that was the amount wasted on the doomed-from-the-start lawsuit against the Ho Chunks. have we forgotten about that?

Speaking of forgotten spending, how is our return on investment on the strip mall by Shawano doing?

Who made these decisions? and do you want to choose them again?

By the way, Tribal Council meetings should be able to be accessed virtually, all confidential discussion happens in executive session anyway, and all motions end up being public information.

Good Day,

I wish to thank everyone for the support, advice and constructive criticism I have received over the 38 years I served as an elected official of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe. My goal this last term as Treasurer was to see that the Casino is paid off before I retire from the Tribal Treasurer spot on Tribal Council. Well folks I am happy to inform you all our last payment will be made this September 2021 approximately 4 months early. Therefore, I will not seek re-election for Tribal Treasurer. I am interested in serving as a Tribal Council member. I believe I have a history and experience to share and I would like to see a few projects at least started, re: Ella Besaw Center expansion, new or improved health facility, expansion

of housing opportunities and remodel and improve the family center. One thing standing in our way of living is the drug usage. This has to be addressed by all of us now, we are losing a lot of good people and the future of our Tribe could be in jeopardy if we can not beat this epidemic.

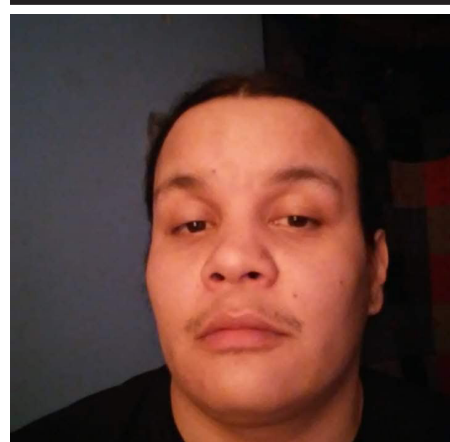
I know I give our Tribe the very best of myself I can and I have admitted making mistakes over the years but I strived never to deliberately hurt someone. It is not easy to be an elected official, there is at least two sides to every story and we are not at liberty to respond to all questions, for example, protection of members personal information, bids on land or property purchases, contracts and HR recommendations to list a few.

I have always viewed my elected position as a servant to our Tribe 24/7. If I am not elected to the Tribal Council, then as an enrolled member I will do my part to assist our Tribe in any way I can, when asked I will assist the new Treasurer, I will show respect to Tribal leadership even when I don't agree. I will not use social media to belittle, bully or insinuate wrong doing.

I can not think of any Tribal President or Tribal Council I have served with that hasn't protected and made life better for our Tribe and these experiences are what has kept and will keep me going.

Respectfully,

Terrie K. Terrio



Thomas Gardner

Hello family and friends, my name is Thomas Gardner son of Marlene miller and the late and great Edgar (big Mort) Gardner. I'm happy humbled and excited for this opportunity and very honored to be nominated for tribal council by sitting member Marv Malone. This path has always been on my mind since I was a lil guy. I'll be happily asking for anyone's vote to this election that wants to see real change and real results. we need leaders who can say and mean the things they want to improve. If elected, I'll be the open door ill have the open ears and heart because I know and experienced the back turning to the lip treatment

of past council members. We as a council must find ways to improve and empower our members and protect or members. Our elders don't need to worry about how big their yard is or the length of driveway we need to just do for them and not make excuses or change criteria. Now I can say that I want to be on council to help my family which in my case is just about everyone. So, I don't have hidden agendas to get certain family members this or that. We all need help in one way or another and with a little understanding and compassion things can change and move our community forward in good health and spirt. Looking towards a path to job diversity without the politics of tribal jobs and bs that comes with the casino atmosphere. Including help to give those who have sound ideas for businesses or expand existing ones to create small tribal member owned business and jobs. The ability to create more affordable sustainable housing for our existing and new members. We have been enrolling new member with nowhere for them to live or set roots down and make a home. We can't even take care of our members needs now. A lot of social issues can be resolved around here if people had a place to lay their head. The need for change is real as it is every year the lifers on council have done close to nothing to improve our daily lives or even given us hope for the future. We all see the need to improve adapt and change things as a community we can accomplish this. I can't come and clean up past fumbles or shape the future without the input from our members I would like to set aside a date before each meeting and sit down and have a cup of coffee and hear in a personal setting and engage with community members face to face and hear anyone's thoughts and concerns. I lived here my entire life and never plan on leaving this is our home we need to make it the best home we can for every member and future children. So ill sum it up.

Ideas and hopes

1. Provide more services to elders and disabled reevaluate all programs related
2. Bing more diversity in jobs even if that means we need to help members start business to create jobs
3. Take a good long look at our spending and reel that back in so our elders can have proper services
4. Engage with community members on a biweekly basis before meetings so things can be said without fear or condemnation
5. Look to the future of our tribe be that new enrollment or anything that keeps us going as a

nation for years to come. True leadership is the ability to listen to all sides and make those around you stronger not to be absolute with personal perceptions. Be adaptive have common sense know right and wrong have empathy and show love and compassion amongst the community. Be accountable be available.

6. Open to anyone with positive ideas for the betterment of all members and be available for questions and concerns and do my best to accommodate all members to best of my ability. Would like to thank you for your time and possible consideration for elected tribal council member and know I'm ready and able to serve all member Humbled and honored



Hello, fellow tribal members. I am writing because I am looking for your support to get elected and work for our people as a Tribal Council member.

Some of you already know who I am, but others do not. Let me start off by saying my name is Jeffery Vele Jr. I was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, but raised on our reservation. I graduated from Bowler High School in 2008. After high school I attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for one year before I decided to put college on the back burner and travel.

After attaining the funds to travel by working third shift at our Mohican North Star casino I moved to Orange County, California in 2014 and experienced the lifestyle of the 'rich and famous'. Even though I was just your average Native American from the "rez" that rented a couch in a trailer court with five other people. After deciding California was beautiful but expensive, I decided to move to Mesa, Arizona, and worked in the food industry as a cook. After a few years, I decided it was time to come back to my roots and become a part of our community again. I am currently attending school at the College of the Menominee Nation and am planning on acquiring a Business Administration degree. I have no children but was fortunate enough to acquire guardianship of two of my nephew's.

**J. Vele cont on page Ten:**

# Environmental News

## 2021 FREE FALL CLEANUP - OCTOBER 18, 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, October 11

Have ALL items curbside by **5am on Monday, October 18**

**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)

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**Where?** Drop Off at P&E and Roads Department

**When?** Monday, October 18 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Who?** Tribal Members of Bartelme **AND** Red Springs

Electronics: **FREE** Electronics recycling at P&E and Roads Department during Spring Cleanup:

Computer Accessories	DVDs/VCRs/Blue Ray Players	Mobile Phones
Computer Monitors	Fax/Copiers/Scanners	Telephones
Computer Towers	Radios/Stereos	Televisions
Computer Parts	Microwaves	Laptops
Type Writers		Printers

### APPLIANCE RECYCLING

**Where?** Drop Off at P&E and Roads Department

**When?** Monday, October 18 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Who?** Tribal Members of Bartelme **AND** Red Springs

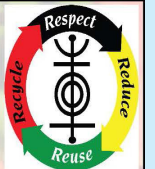
\*Fee for appliances with freon can be paid at the Finance Department. See Terrie Terrio.\*

Appliances: Appliance recycling at P&E and Roads Department during Spring Cleanup:

Appliances <b>WITHOUT</b> Freon:	<b>FREE</b>
Stoves • Dishwashers • Compactors • Water Heaters • Washers • Dryers	
Appliances <b>WITH</b> Freon:	<b>\$15.00 Each</b>
Refrigerators • Freezers • Air Conditioners • Water Coolers • Dehumidifiers	



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# Housing News

## ROSHAMBO - Rock-Paper-Scissor Tournament #4

**Open to all ages!**

Due to COVID19, our tournament this year will be done ON PAPER with your 10 best calls! Record your 10 best calls in your favorite order and then we will randomly pair up papers and hold the challenges until we have our top 3 winners. We will go down the list of your calls until you are either eliminated or you are the winner! If you make it through your 10 calls and are still active in tournament we will start over at the top of your list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

List Rock, Paper or Scissor on each line below, in any order you choose, as if you were face to face with your challenger. Each line is a separate challenge.

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

#5 \_\_\_\_\_

#6 \_\_\_\_\_

#7 \_\_\_\_\_

#8 \_\_\_\_\_

#9 \_\_\_\_\_

#10 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*All entries must be received by Wednesday, Oct 6, 2021 at the HOUSING OFFICE N8618 OAK ST BOWLER, WI 54416. Mail in, E-mail to [shawn.moede@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:shawn.moede@mohican-nsn.gov), or drop in drop box. Winners will be posted at the Drive-Thru Event on Saturday, October 9, 2021.



# September is National Preparedness Month

**Fire is DEADLY**

**Fire is HOT**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE FALL AND WINTER SEASON.**

Fire Prevention tips

**Test your smoke alarms and Carbon monoxide detectors once a month.**

**Have a family escape plan in place and practice it often.**

**Practice escaping with your eyes close and stay low.**

**Keep your keys and cell phone easily accessible.**

**Never use the range or oven to heat your house.**

**Now is the time to have your furnace check and maintenance.**

**Never store cooking oil or sprays or towels near a heat or fire.**

**Never leave items cooking when you leave a room.**

**Never use old electrical products or electrical cords that are cracked.**

**Never overload outlets.**

**If using portable heaters, make sure they have 3-foot clearance from combustibles.**

**Purchase portable heaters that shut off automatically or if tips over.**

**Make sure your chimney is cleaned and free of animal nest, before starting a fire and use a fire**

**Clean your dryer vents or replace them.**

**Fire is  
Dark**

**Fire  
Fast**

## **17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION**

**"DRIVE-THRU" EVENT**

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

**W13455 CAMP 14 ROAD**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

The following items will be available from DCH until gone:

- 1. A BAG OF SAFETY INFORMATION**
- 2. A LIGHT LUNCH**

**\*\*\*\*\*FAMILY ACTIVITIES\*\*\*\*\***

- 1. CREATE FIRE SAFETY THEMED DECORATED COOKIE(S). BRING COOKIE(S) TO THE HOUSING OFFICE BY 4:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 AND WE WILL TAKE A PICTURE OF THEM. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. ENTRY PICTURES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AS YOU DRIVE BY. GIFT CARD PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR; 1<sup>ST</sup>(\$150), 2<sup>ND</sup> (\$100), AND 3<sup>RD</sup> (\$75) PLACE ONLY.**

- 2. ROSHAMBO PLAYED ON PAPER ONLY. PICK UP YOUR GAME SHEET FROM THE HOUSING OFFICE OR CALL TO HAVE IT MAILED OR EMAILED TO YOU. HAVE COMPLETED GAME SHEET SUBMITTED BY 4:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. GIFT CARD PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR; 1<sup>ST</sup>(\$100), 2<sup>ND</sup>(\$75), AND 3<sup>RD</sup>(\$50) PLACE ONLY.**

**EVERYONE WHO DRIVES THROUGH IS ENTERED FOR A DOOR PRIZE.**

**DOOR PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AFTER THE EVENT.**

**Sponsored by the Division of Community Housing/S-M Fire Dept**

**Participating Departments that will have booths: Division of Community Housing (DCH), SMC Fire Department, Healing to Wellness Court, Family Services**

**J. Vele cont from page Seven:**

Through my travels I matured and acquired knowledge of what is right and what is wrong; how to succeed in anything I desire; and that persistence beats resistance 100 percent of the time. I learned that last one through a stint as a door-to-door salesman in California.

Technology is king now days in the economy. Finding new ways, or adjusting the old, to create revenue for our tribe should be on top of our priority list. We need to become more progressive or else we will be left in the dust. We need to create enterprises that will last for generations to come. They took our land and gave us casinos; how long until they take them also?

We need young, determined, strong minds to work for our people as Tribal Council members. And if elected, I am that person that will not be afraid of any backlash I would receive for speaking my mind or saying no if it's unethical or doesn't better our people. I am that person that will work and create ideas to preserve our culture, and at the same time, not be afraid to step outside the box to create a sustainable future. I am that young, new mind that tends to look at a problem/situation from a different angle and find new ways to either extinguish it or create new possibilities.

I am that person that isn't stuck on doing the same thing over and over, year after year expecting a different outcome. I am that person that will question everything and anything and do what is ethically right for our people. I am that person that will give you answers when you have questions. I will not hide and B.S. you.

The money that we borrowed to expand our casino has been paid. Now we will be profiting, which means we should see an increase in our yearly per capita and chances to open new avenues of revenue for our community. I personally feel like we need to quit throwing fast balls and change up our Tribal Council. And I would be honored if you give me a chance with your vote, to be that new, young, and determined change that isn't stuck on one way of thinking. Thank you, Jeffery Vele, Jr.



Hello fellow Tribal Members, my name is Robert M Vele, and I'm very honored to be considered for a Tribal Council position during this next election.

My commitment to this community is evident through the many years of volunteerism in the Fire Department, as a legal advocate, community advocate, and as an employee for the tribe for over twenty years.

If elected, I give my word to make all my decisions based on our Constitution, current approved policy, and with our community's heritage and values, without a personal agenda or interest.

I will do my best to address members' concerns including the current pandemic, enrollment, healthcare, employment, and income diversification to name just a few.

Once again, I want to thank you for the nomination, and I look forward to successfully representing you the people!

Robert M. Vele



Hello and good day to all my fellow Mohicans. My name is Martin James Welch. I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming primary Tribal Council election. I am the son of Kirby (Web) and Bonnie (Toot) Welch and a proud father of three children Isley, Jasmine and Lillian. I have lived on the Stockbridge Munsee reservation my whole life. I have a strong passion and desire for my community and people.

I seek the position of Tribal Council in a full time status so I may create better communication between our government and members. Being available to our people in a full time role will help meet the needs of our tribe in a faster and better way and in hope of helping people understand

what as a nation we can do when we work together. I believe everyone should have a voice and all concerns are met with compassion and responsibility so we can all live a better life here in our great community. I will work hard everyday to open new doors for all that reach for the best and be a warrior for the ones that need help no matter who you are. I believe we need to find a way back to being a closer community that we once were. Reaching out to the ones that may fall on hard times and continue to push and support all of us that have success. My biggest concerns is our care of our elders, creating a housing and infrastructure plan, and making a better working relationship between our working staff and our management. Best wishes to all the candidates. VOTE MARTIN WELCH FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL.



Dear Community Members, My name is Randall Wollenhaup and I am the son of Prena Wollenhaup (Bowman) and the late Ray "Hopper" Wollenhaup. My maternal grandparents were Quinton and Evelyn Bowman. I am asking for your support and consideration as I seek a seat on the Tribal Council.

I have been working in the Ecology Department for the last 11+ years and prior to that I worked as a district biologist for the U.S. Forest Service after graduating from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Wildlife Ecology. I left the U.S. Forest Service in 2010 because I felt a strong obligation to give back to a community that has provided me with so much over the years. Working for the Tribe over this past decade has been a rewarding experience, not only contributing to the management of natural resources for future generations but also the opportunity to work with our tribal youth. If elected, I would do my best to uphold the constitution and represent the Tribe in a professional and proficient manner. I will always have an open door and will take time to listen to any concerns the community may have. While we

might not agree on every issue, we can have respectful and productive conversations in an attempt to come to an understanding. If you would like to reach out to me to discuss any questions you may have, or items of concern, please feel free to contact me at randall.wollenhaup@gmail.com

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for being nominated. It is truly an honor just to be nominated and I wish the best for all candidates. Regardless of who is voted in, we are all part of this community and we need to put aside our differences and work toward a better future for all members.

Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully,  
Randall Wollenhaup

**(2) Education Board Member grandparent/parent:**

**Editor's Note: Any names for this office will be posted on the relevant ballot.**

**At this time it is unknown as to who will be running for these two offices.**

**FACE MASKS**



**AVAILABLE**

If anyone is in need of masks, the clinic has a large supply and will make them available to the community. Please ask the pharmacy runners or the front desk for a box.

**PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE**

**Reminder!!!**

If you receive emergency room care, you must call the ER notification line at **1-877-898-4154** 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



**Shannon cont from page One:**  
we must redouble our efforts to come together and preserve our Nation as our ancestors intended—through love, unity and commitment to our shared values as native people.

### The Greater Good

I commend the past and present Councils on the areas we have improved upon and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of our achievements.

We have engaged in feasibility studies of community needs, including a new health care facility, a centralized tribal office, and the expansion of our businesses. We're also currently in the middle of a Housing Feasibility Study to help guide and determine the investment and housing and infrastructure needs of our citizens. This our fourth year of working on the Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center project with continuation of development with the other 10 tribes of Wisconsin; and we're making an investment of Ella Besaw Expansion to provide the much-needed facility to expand from a small operational to a large operation to include additional residential hospice and memory care.

Moreover, we have launched our language revitalization initiative, and we have placed more than 17,424 acres in into federal trust status, along with 7,348 acres in fee status for the continued growth and prosperity of our Nation. Knowing the continued acquisition and advancement provides more options for stewardship and development needs.

Throughout the pandemic, we have provided stable leadership to both our community and our non-Native neighbors by ensuring access to testing and vaccines, health information, and additional resources to help our membership through this unprecedented crisis. And though the pandemic did force the closures of our casinos at the end of fiscal year 2020, which impacted NSMCR and operations revenue, we continue to be the largest employer in Shawano County. Nonetheless, we will continue to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible during these times, and closely monitor expenses, to lessen the impact of decreased revenue on net profit and continue to monitor expenses through cost containment.

Moreover, I'm particularly proud of the efforts by our entire team to keep people employed and safe during these challenging times. In fact, we were able to increase our minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour to remain competitive and stabilize our workforce, while maintaining

the tribe's payroll and benefits at over \$37 million annually, without a single job loss during a pandemic. Critically, in these uncertain times, we stand ready to shift our resources to expand and meet the ongoing needs of our citizens. And though we continue to operate at a reduced capacity, I'm pleased to announce that Stockbridge-Munsee will pay its entire Casino debt this month. The tribe also made important investments in our Law Enforcement and Conservation Department by increasing wages to align with the market and we're very excited to being almost fully staffed.

Today, we are growing our economy, preparing our students to succeed, delivering high-quality health care, and solving the unique challenges facing our tribal community. We are proving that our government is far more effective than the federal government in meeting the needs of our people.

### The Future of Sovereignty

Our tribal sovereignty depends on our engagement not only with Congress and the Federal Administration, but also with county and state leaders as well. We elect these leaders to represent us, and by exercising our rights as co-equal sovereign nations, we will be the driving force behind positive change for our tribal communities by finding solutions in a strategic and bipartisan way. Because Native issues can no longer be an ancillary product of Congress, but must be addressed in concrete, tangible ways that have real meaning for our community.

The threats and challenges confronting Indian Country in our nation's courts are many and complex—most of which were designed specifically to erode our sovereignty.

For example, *Brackeen v. Haaland*, a case challenging the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) out of the federal Fifth Circuit in Texas is, in fact, a backdoor means to overturn and eliminate the federal status of tribes, as well as overturning all of federal Indian law. In short, it is a return to the Termination Era of the 1950s, only on a nationwide scale.

The reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to address protections of Native Communities is now three years overdue - and must be passed to ensure continued funding for law enforcement and other resources needed to combat the ongoing assaults to our communities.

We continue to urge swift action to address the issue of dual taxation in Indian Country. State taxation

of economic activities in Indian Country reduces tribal revenues necessary for government services, infrastructure development, creates uncertainty for businesses on tribal lands, and suppresses the economic activities that benefit tribal nations and the surrounding communities. Statutory authority for the Indian Trader Regulations (25 U.S.C. § 262) is broad and authorizes flexibility for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to adopt new regulations that would meet the economic development and tax revenue needs of tribal governments in the 21st Century.

We also have challenges that require us to look more deeply and address the perils of addiction. One such initiative finds a place of healing to combat addiction which builds upon the aggressive measures to combat the opioid crisis in Wisconsin. This is something our tribe has prioritized as critical and aligns with the tribe's initiative of building an Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center. This project has now moved on from the completion of the feasibility study and business plan to the next phase of the project, which is planning with the \$ 875,000 appropriation from Governor Evers budget for business operational build out and accreditation, which will continue to build upon an important resource that serves all tribal communities and expands economic diversity for the Mohican Nation.

In spite of our challenges, we must continue to hold federal and state governments accountable for honoring our rights as sovereign nations, and for meeting their trust obligations. For self-determination to be successful, it must be rooted in respect. We the people means everyone.

### The Way Forward

We have made incremental strides forward, and it is important to acknowledge our progress. But we cannot fix these problems unless we put our people before politics. We've become paralyzed by polarity and we've become content with division. We've gotten away from who we are as a Nation and the values that make us stronger—our native values of kindness, respect, empathy, compassion, and civility.

This is bigger than any one person; this is about the people of our tribal nation. It's about setting aside political interests and personal ambitions to work together on solving problems collectively including challenges and long-term solutions to areas like enrollment, economic diversification, more resources for health care needs and expansion of affordable and diversified housing options a

larger commitment and response to the climate change crisis and embracing a greener community through renewable energy initiatives.

There continues to be health, education, and economic inequalities that the federal government is not adequately addressing. We have so much work ahead of us and we can never stop trying to improve our conditions.

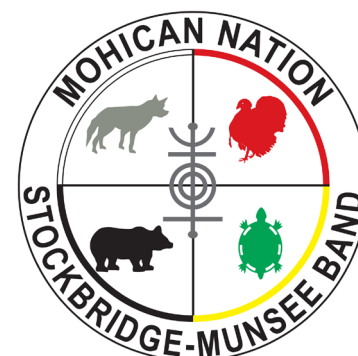
But I am hopeful and encouraged by the guidance of our elders and community members, and especially by the participation of our younger next generation. I appreciate everyone's engagement and exercise of democracy and in their involvement. They have called upon us to provide more information to educate us all around critical changes of ordinances like enrollment, hunting and fishing, taxation and policies like health care and land management with the goal of more information to guide those decisions and data that may impact future generations.

Through the many changes and challenges I have seen over the years—faith, family, and friendship have been not only a constant for me but a source of personal comfort and reassurance. Even the most deeply held differences, treating the other person with respect and as a fellow human-being is always a good first step towards great understanding. Unity does not have to mean uniformity.

Because these experiences have allowed me to challenge myself in a way I never imagined and to grow both personally and professionally. And I forever am indebted to our nation to have had the opportunity to represent you on so many levels and capacities, it has truly been and honor and one of the most enriching experiences of my life.

My heart is full of love and appreciation for this Nation and I am profoundly grateful to have served you. The highs, the lows, the blessings, the lessons, the setbacks, the comebacks, the love—all of it. It has been my pleasure to be in service of you, my magnificent Mohicans.

Eternally in your service,  
Shannon



**Sera Cont from page One:**

tribal members who are unable to make it to the meetings. There should be nothing to hide at the meetings. I know other tribes are doing it, so what is stopping us?

The tribal council members all need to actively participate and engage in the daily activities of the tribe. I am not by any means saying micromanage, but be present, and listen to employees, solving issues where they can. Being a representative on tribal council isn't just getting paid to sit in a meeting, it is a leadership role in our tribe.

We need to put an end to the constant reorganization of tribal departments, since it is a symptom of a larger issue - corruption. It causes undue stress on employees; as they have to navigate a constantly changing command structure. HR needs to hire advocates for the employees, so they can be helped with grievances and harassment claims; because most employees don't know what to do, and many have lost faith in HR. Daily, employees are being harassed, including sexual harassment, and they must deal with it because there is no recourse, no where to turn. If they do speak up, they worry about being terminated. All the stress this causes, is a health issue on its own.

Another issue is tribal preference, and how HR is working around it. There are so many supervisor and management positions that tribal members could do, but they are screened out ahead of time, or the job descriptions are purposefully written to exclude them. This should be investigated. These jobs were created for our community to prosper and for us to be self-sufficient.

Finally, tribal housing is always a concern. We have Konkapot Lodge turned into offices, when the community would benefit from more apartments. If we had leaders actively planning and thinking ahead, we could change our future for the better.

**Order cont from page One:**

6. Comply with quarantine and isolation orders. Persons who fail to comply with such orders are considered a public nuisance and subject to enforcement action(s).

7. Stay home when you have COVID-19 type symptoms except to seek medical care.

8. Use good hand hygiene practices. Wash hands when return home and after touching commonly touched public surfaces like doorknobs. Use an alcohol-based hand wash when soap and water is not available.

This Order is issued by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council,

**Matt cont from page One:**

allowed to take money from outside sources that influence decisions, which financially affect the tribe; along with intimidating employees or elders when it can benefit themselves or family. These are crimes that have been committed with no recourse.

Now that this has been addressed we must move onto some of the more important needs of our community such as long term strategic plan.

We have a serious lack of available housing, but plenty of land to repurpose and or develop. I am going to turn the clock back to two years ago when I served as Vice Chair. We (Council) began talks with Bay Bank about the option of section 184 home loans and our current tribal loan fund. Thus, allowing our membership the ability to purchase and or build a home depending on their financial situation, by working together and educating.

The second part to this was overhauling the loan fund. Making it open to purchase of homes in the surrounding counties as a start, then looking at specializing in a few other areas.

None of this has been followed thru with and we are in serious need. If this is home, then all must have the same opportunities to live here and prosper as a people.

We know that the elderly and the youth are the most important parts of our community/society. Is time that we 'invest' in a daycare for our children, grandchildren and alongside the opportunity for our non-tribal employees whom are local to use the same services at accommodating hours. This would go a long way in allowing people the much needed care, to work a full time job or to attend schooling and better ones self/family.

with the concurrence of the Health Director, under its inherent authority as a native sovereign nation, as well as the authority identified in its Public Health State of Emergency delegation on March 15, 2020, Resolution #044-20, and Title SAF, Chapter SAF.04 of Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Code, Communicable Disease, Vaccination, and Quarantine Ordinance.

These requirements are effective through 8 AM on October 6, 2021. It supersedes prior orders and may be cancelled or modified at any time by action of the Tribal President or Vice-President on behalf of the Tribal Council.

Shannon Holsey  
Tribal President

Who knows, maybe it could morph together with head start and even allow language emersion from birth. Allow those attending early childhood courses to get the necessary hours of training for their degrees. The sky is the limit.

Business:

During this pandemic we have seen the one trick pony our mighty casino cash cow stumble. It is time we move forward with a corporate side to our tribe that specifically deals with developing business venues that benefit our future generations.

We can open new doors building our community up through:

On the job training/mentoring  
Apprenticeships

Purposefully send tribal members to school for a specific job

Members who do not live here may have the opportunity to work for the tribe in the

State or city they reside in.

This last year the Western Delaware Nation offered to mentor our tribe in 8(a) government contracting. They never even received a reply.

Last but not least, its time that enrollment of our members is put to bed. It must be uniform, treating any and all equally. The only way this can be accomplished is by a secretarial vote and an amendment to our constitution, by the people.

Now is the time to take control of our destiny. We cannot afford to sit back and wait for the future to be handed to us. It is ours to control. The only way that can be accomplished is by like minded leadership with the heart of our people at the center.

Thank you for your time,  
Matt Putnam

**On Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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;	Absent
Terrie Terrio;	Present
Craig Kroening Jr.;	Present
Marv Malone;	Present
Joe Miller;	Present
Brock Schreiber;	Absent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

**STRIKE:** Tigerton Ambulance

**CORRECTION:** I.H.S Funding is BIA Funding

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Special Tribal Council Meeting

agenda of Tuesday, August 31, 2021, as amended. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

**LAND USE PERMIT-Chad Miller, Land Management**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the request of Wayne Murphy and authorize the visitors to permission to accompany Wayne on Tribal land during their visit. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**PTO BUYBACK-Amanda Stevens, CFO**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the annual PTO buyback program and allowing employees to receive up to 160 hours of payout. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**BIA FUNDING RESOLUTION-Amanda Stevens, CFO**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution 048-21 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe fully supports contracting for the one-time, non-recurring American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Housing Improvement Program funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe authorizes its signatory powers to negotiate and execute the contract and subsequent modification with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This resolution is effective until full expenditure of the ARP HIP funds. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Joe Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 10:06 AM.

Motion by Joe Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 10:29 AM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Contract Amendment, PHD Research MOU Amendment and a Reinstatement for Education.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve reinstatement of an individual who satisfied a debt for education grant for consideration as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried. Motion by Joe Miller to approve the first agreement to the Pharmacy Director's Service Agreement. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the second amendment to the agreement for the Research Collaboration Data Sharing as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion makers amends motion to add: Agreement is between SMC and UW-Madison. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried at 10:32 AM.

**Gregg cont from page Two:**

or hold meetings in little groups to plan their special interests without allowing representation by others on Council, we have an inconsistent way of being a Tribe. All informal/working meetings should be scheduled and available for all council members to attend. Attendance at these meetings must be recorded. Let our members know who is working for them and who is avoiding these meetings or being left out. We cannot hire people with supposed expertise, then turn around and tell them what to do. We should hire people with expertise and expect them to advise us. If you are paying someone to just run errands, then don't post for higher levels of experience and education. If you are looking for higher skills, then expect them to tell you what is needed to make our community stronger. We cannot hire a position with certain qualifications and a low wage, then hire and give them more assignments and wages without considering how many tribal members would have applied had the entire need for the position and wage been planned out and posted initially. Another area to be corrected in our hiring process is: We cannot tell tribal members "We don't pay those kind of wages", then turn around and pay a non-tribal member those wages.

- COVID-19 and subsequent strains of the virus have impacted our community and the world. Preparedness continues to be a struggle and although guidance from federal and regional sources and the state of Wisconsin help, we must train and create a tribal-wide preparedness, so everyone knows what to do when we face urgent, or emergency situations and every employee paid has a responsibility in the response and recovery efforts. A worldwide pandemic is a health concern and should not be intertwined with political considerations prior to the safety of life being assured.
- The drug issues in our community are destroying families and our way of life as a tribe. Drug abuse affects virtually every family on our reservation. Elder abuse is exacerbated as family members steal and often force elders to give up their medications or money.
- Activity has greatly increased in dealing of prescription drugs, and now as control is sought people are looking to other sources such as heroine and synthetic chemicals as alternatives. This puts a tremendous burden on the safety, health, and welfare of our community. Opioid abuse in combination with alcohol and other drugs is more prevalent and places a great strain on treatment resources especially detoxification.

- Although it cannot be verified, I believe that many recent deaths on the reservation have occurred due to the misuse of prescription medications in combination with street drugs and alcohol.
- Drug court, inpatient treatment, recovery homes, patient centered medical teams including child therapists, case managers, recovery coaches, psychiatric nurse practitioners and training resources to teach families how to change are needed now and must be supported by our tribe not just grants. We need to provide an education on sustainable recovery across all Stockbridge tribal systems simultaneously not just discussion topics when we see another drug death or someone laying along the road or in a driveway under a tree or pup tent.
- A strong workforce with a common objective can be achieved. Giving raises to some and not to others based on your like of them is wrong! Throwing more wages into recruitment is a short-lived act if current employee wages are not thoughtfully reviewed and adjusted accordingly. Additionally, we must treat everyone as an asset to the organization and express some gratitude and without seeming annoyed or insensitive.
- Business opportunities must be explored beyond Gaming. We have some great ideas to share and investigate. Feasibility is not difficult if you create and support an experienced Business Advisory Board of Tribal Members professionals. Recommendations should come from our experienced tribal members and the research and proposals they can create for our community. This way new ventures are our responsibility and path to new opportunities.
- Our payroll is a very significant amount annually. We must provide additional revenue for additional jobs and pay increases to stay competitive. Are benefits offered equal to or greater than surrounding employers? Show a break down of benefits to complete the picture of job opportunities here in our community.
- Insist Council be accountable, along with Directors. If staff need to be accountable, then lead by example. If there is no report of activity and all we get is "you elected me to make these decisions", then we need to reorganize our way of reporting on those decisions you are making. Provide updates good or bad. Check our website. The last Community Report is from 2015-2017.
- Look at what each current council member has done to advance our community not their own family members. Do they bring forth ideas? Do they just agree with

what is planted in their heads? Free thinking is not only a right, but a required trait for leading a nation.

I am willing to lead some changes for our Tribal Community. I think voices and opinions from others are needed to balance and build an equitable method for discussions and decisions.

**Tully cont from page Two:**

vote goes than we move forward together. We can all agree to disagree and that's fine, it's not personal nor attacking, but different paths to the same outcome. We all want what's best for the tribe and the future of our nation, I believe any former leader voted with that very intention.

We have a big step, historic step, in front of us now. What we give ourselves is the opportunity to change and fit who we are now and the future with the history in mind of how we got here today. Everyone has a voice and should be heard to write our history, not faction or divide, but more unique perspectives and the ability to see from different views. Compromise and work as one is always a step towards a better future. We need all generations to speak, write, and show the future.

I will not be long winded, so with that said, please vote and I am asking for your support this year again. Also, with Covid-19 continuing to show itself in the community, I wish you all good health in the time to come.

Anushiik,  
Craig Kroening Jr "Tully"

**Moonie cont from page Two:**

family of farmers, mechanics, military veterans, paper makers, accountants, carpenters, boiler makers, teachers, and business owners. I learned quickly what hard work and dedication was, the importance of strong work ethics, and making good on your word.

I have 30 years of proven leadership experience at an executive level, had the opportunity to attend and graduate from college, and have served on numerous tribal, technical college, high school, civic, and industry boards and committees. Despite such white-collar opportunities, I remain blue collar and "a local son" at heart. As your next Tribal Vice President, I would continue to lead by positive example, based on the following leadership traits-

- Confidence** – not just internally but in a manner that rubs off on the people instilling confidence in the Tribal organization, and the Tribal Community as a whole.
- A decisive decision maker** – not just quick but in an effective manner with timely input from the Tribal Community and peers, utilizing proper insight and knowledge.
- Display a genuinely positive attitude** – believing in what is

possible with enthusiasm and remain distant from the naysayers knowing that a person's attitude can make all the difference.

- A person who follows through** – not just practicing what is preached but also requiring peers and subordinates to follow through, a person who plans the work, then works the plan.
- A person who can understand a problem at the grass root level** – the ability to see the bigger picture and the larger issues underlying a situation. The ability to diagnose and treat the problem rather than just continually addressing the symptoms.
- Trustworthy** – a person that can be relied upon to keep commitments made and conduct the business of the Tribe in a trustworthy and ethical manner.
- Shares leadership** – understands that leadership of the Tribe is not theirs alone nor limited to the Tribal Council. Knowing that involvement at all levels within the Tribal Community and Tribal Organization strengthens individual buy-in and increased involvement, making a better form of Tribal Government and improving Tribal Community satisfaction.
- Agrees to disagree** – A person that understands that it's ok to disagree but to do so respectfully, in a positive manner, and focus on what can be agreed upon, to find common ground and cooperation.

I am not seeking to be your next politician. Rather, I am looking to reinvest all the opportunities, training, education, and positive leadership examples once afforded to me, towards the leadership of the Tribe and conducting the business of the Tribe in a professional and principle-based manner. Thank you for your time and I would be honored to serve as your next Tribal Vice President, Terrance (Moonie) Miller

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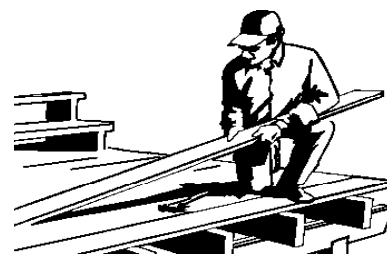
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**Sterling SR cont from page Three:**

that the others couldn't possibly know, because they are not privy to those conversations. How do you ever get a feeling of being part of a team when you are excluded?

I feel bad for my son Brock. He went into this year thinking he could make a difference and he got an education in dirty tribal politics and manipulation from the master manipulator. As I write this I really don't know if he is even going to run this year, that's sad. He is smart, caring and has a real sense of the importance of community. His exposure to their deception and blatant lies changed his outlook on things. This Tribal Council has taken something from him and I resent those that are responsible for it.

Many of the people you elected aren't really the people that you think they are and they seemingly operate without rules. It's expected that there are to be rules for all of us tribal members and employees. Some Tribal Council members think they are above the tribal laws, ordinances and common decency. Some of them adhere to the old adage, "Do as I say and not as I do." Tribal governments can be corrupt, but only if the people allow them to be. Every year the election brings the hope of change.

Shortly after the election the prospect of having virtual meetings became a topic of debate. Because of the pandemic and the uncertainty of COVID-19, very low meeting attendance and gathering restrictions, live virtual Tribal Council meetings were discussed as a way to keep tribal members informed and involved. The pros and cons were discussed, and it was easy to see it would not be supported. They appointed one Tribal Council member to spearhead the efforts. He was supposed to work with the appropriate staff and come up with options and financial numbers. Sad to say, they stacked the deck against him right out of the gates. It was a way to occupy this young energetic mind so they could continue on their path of deception. Five of the seven members knew before they sent him on the wild goose chase that they weren't supporting it regardless of the results. And when the IT Director began discussing it, it was obvious he had been given a stern talk by those not wanting it to happen. If you look close enough you can see the puppet strings on some of our high-ranking employees. Wouldn't it be nice to see those strings removed and let them do the job that they were hired to do? So many games are played at the Tribal Council level that

most people are unaware of. I have seen many of them and can recognize a load of crap when I see it.

Let's expose the real reasons they were against virtual meetings. Keeping tribal members in the dark is the main reason. This is by far the most secretive Tribal Council to my memory in the last 25 years. Hard to be accountable when meeting attendance is low because of the pandemic and they get questioned by the same few people in attendance. The same people that continually see the eye rolls, the infamous huffing sound, bullying and condescending attitude of some of the Tribal Council members. What are they afraid of? Tribal members will be able to see firsthand how the Tribal Council members that they voted for conduct themselves in a real meeting. I guarantee it would be an eye-opening experience.

They may question why they voted for a person or persons who never seem to have an opinion on anything. They would question why the Tribal Council is seemingly controlled by just a couple of people. It's all about exposure. Their weaknesses would be exposed and they are afraid of that. There shouldn't be a question that any one of those Tribal Council members should be afraid to answer. It's hard not to notice the dread on their faces when questions begin in the open session portion of the meeting. Spoiler alert Tribal Council, that's part of being elected is to field questions from your tribal members. They aren't all going to be easy questions, some will actually make you have to think and develop your own opinion. Be truthful, there should be nothing to hide. You were hypothetically elected because people may have perceived you to be honest, smart or fair. Virtual meetings would give tribal members a chance to watch their Tribal Council in action and be assured that their election day vote wasn't wasted. Welcome to the 21st century. Even the Oneida and Menominee tribes have recognized the wisdom of having virtual meetings.

If you are an incumbent Tribal Council member seeking office again this year, you should be judged on what you accomplished last term, not what you are promising this year. You had an entire year you to do something, tell us what you did. If you can't easily list the accomplishments, then maybe you really didn't accomplish anything. The absolute worst thing our Tribe needs is a stagnant, unmotivated government. Every year goals and objectives need to be identified with tribal member input.

It's disturbing how they sometimes ask for tribal member input but it is all for show when they already have their minds made up as to the direction they are going with an item. More of the tribal political game. Sometimes they actually try to convince tribal members that they are part of the decisions, but the tribal members attending the Tribal Council meetings know better. That decision was made already when they had their "pre-meeting" meeting to the Tribal Council meeting. Yeah, those meetings really happen and often.

The financial shortcomings of this administration have gone mostly unnoticed because of the pandemic. The Tribe has received such a large amount of COVID Relief monies from the federal government and the money has been used in many ways, some good and some may leave you scratching your head. A true financial picture of the Tribe may not be realized for years. The pandemic has taken a big toll on the casino net earnings and healthcare costs continue to climb. It would be helpful for tribal members to see an actual breakdown of all COVID Relief money received and an itemized list of where it was spent and what is still remaining. And not just listed as "Infrastructure" with no real explanation of the type of projects it really is. Because if you verbally ask them what projects the infrastructure entails, they have no answer.

I find it amusing how some of the Tribal Council members regularly refer to themselves as leaders. The title of leader is given by others, not self-proclaimed. We mostly have followers, and they may not even be wise enough to recognize it. We do need leaders to step up, not self-proclaimed leaders but people who earn that title over time by their actions. To be able to participate in the tribal election process is a privilege. Exercise your privilege and vote on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**S. Vele cont from page Three:**

Grandmother or Grandfather never had to stand in line for food, housing or to hunt their own lands. And now we must carry these ill-gotten advances of your new "Identity" and whom you NOW want to be and WHY!

I used to have an elder friend and he MIGHT be one quarter Stockbridge Munsee MAYBE- his father was ALWAYS completely white and his mother was maybe half and now all of a sudden he states- "oh my one daughter would like to be Indian now if she could", "but my other kids they don't care to be any part Indian". My dear deceased Sister ALWAYS stated that her "family was lying" about

her Great Grandmother being Indian (especially Mohican) she stated it's been proven she is "Irish" and for whatever reason they (last elected tribal council against the direction of that year's enrollment committee) made this full-blooded white woman a full blood Stockbridge Munsee woman-what-how? Don't your parents have any morals to teach you to believe in a lie? You can only be what you were born to be, don't be afraid of being white, Mexican, black or Irish! Years ago I sat in my cousins office down at finance and I asked her co-worker "are your children enrolled Stockbridge Munsee?" and this lady stated "No, oh my am not even enough Indian to be enrolled, am Brotherton and white"- fast forward to several years ago-not only did she now fill out and apply for membership, but she got illegally enrolled and someone took a copy of her family tree and placed it on the tribal bulletin board and it showed her nationality! Just because you and your family live here within our boundaries or that you work for the Nation, that don't make you Mohican/Indian! Just because you have a significant other that maybe Native, that don't make you Native. People waited until their Mothers passed away and then had others carry forward lies and dishonest truths to get their adult children enrolled- "my mother and uncle had relationships and I was born so I should get the blood from both my mother and my father/uncle" What? Is that's what's on your birth certificate? Keep going to church and keep praying you are the one teaching your adult children no matter the cost "we going to be Indian and get our share!" Sorry legally you chose a non-native and your children haven't earned a right to a share of this Stockbridge Munsee blood. Call me all the names you want to behind my back, that don't faze me because when I have something to say I say it and am always available to stand behind it. Just as I am one of several people that have filed a Tribal Court case against these enrollment violations of this Nations Constitution. If there is a "goodwill" "God" "Higher Power" "a right versus a wrong" we that have fought the fights and stand behind the Constitution as its written will continue to think positive thoughts about what is true and what isn't. You can't or shouldn't get mad at the truth, each and every one of you that filled out those application's knowing that what you were claiming to be false, fake and dishonest enrollment claims to someone else's blood, you did it and it wasn't true-so if you wanna be mad get mad at yourself. People waited fifty, sixty and seventy years to now say they are or was full blood? How can

**S. Vele cont on pg Fifteen:**

**S. Vele cont from pg Fourteen:** this tribal council or the last three tribal councils make a deceased enrolled Oneida gentleman a full blood Stockbridge Munsee Community member? It's not possible! It's a lie to help create more lies to get your white children enrolled where they don't belong. The BIA, the United States of America, a tribal council can't ask or demand that Nations live by certain rules and laws and then all of a sudden you think you are going to lose your identity, so we will chance our laws against the Constitution. The Mohican Constitution is ours; we were born up under it and have lived under it since its inception and now you all of a sudden don't like it because it don't fit your needs.

My Grandmother Ella was NOT full blood, my other Grandmother Irene was full blood, my Grandfather Steve was full blooded white, and I cherish them equally and hold very highly what each have given my family—we aren't going to lie, cheat and steal someone else's blood to make my Grandchildren eligible now after all these years to become eligible for enrollment. If my children or Grandchildren need something we will educate them and respect them to earn what they need and not attempt to steal it from a Nation of people that fought hard to get to where they are today. Your ancestor's stole enough from our People, blood, land, life, children and now you think you are owed something more from our Nation? Go home and ask yourself why you are afraid of being whom you were born and then do the right thing and **relinquish** your ill-gotten gains, just because one person's jumps off a cliff doesn't mean you have to!

You don't even know how to add much less alone help run a multimillion-dollar government, what is indirect cost? Who pays for our member's health care, first line descendant's health care, what role does the Indian Health Services pay in Indian Country, how does the land to trust process work, what is sovereignty, can you stand up in a small crowd or a large crowd and introduce yourself without choking or going home saying you are sick and can't make that "welcome" to other tribal nations that are visiting? What is your elected role with the United States Government? What is your responsibilities with this Nation, a while back there was a very heated issue before the tribal council that I was one of seven to serve on and I asked one of the elected male persons the following question; "you see the room with maybe thirty to forty tribal members and you have another five elected officials next to you getting ready to fall to the crowds requests/

screams to do something that only benefits those in attendance, what do you do?" He stated, "well if am out voted, I don't want to look like an a—hole so I'd vote with the majority". That's what is wrong with people in general afraid to fight and do the right thing, I was shocked he said what he did and now I see his Caucasian adult children living the same cowardly lives. Seems like John Wayne and Custer are back here within our reservation, we bought you in and shared what we have with you, fed you, gave you jobs, paid for your children's education and all you can do is scream more!

"The cycle of oppression", it's like they have been doing for hundreds of years Mohican's from the Catskills, New York forced all the way here to Central Wisconsin and placed upon a swamp only to be given a gaming operation and now they even want more shares of that. It's all about money and lies. Our Nations money and resources and your lies.... the history books told lies....and now some of you are living the lies. It's too funny, because even some of my family has started to think "well if they are doing it, why shouldn't we?"—you have to explain that to your children and grandchildren, how after fifty, sixty, seventy and eighty years you now magically become eligible for enrollment. First it was "can we get enrolled at 1/8 you are letting everyone else enrolled at that level", to "Well it doesn't say she isn't Indian, just like it doesn't say she is Indian" The Constitution covers those incidents and that is why you should run for tribal council to protect what the Constitution states the picture I chose to run under is my Grandmothers faces and look at their wrinkles and that will explain their contributions to this Nation. Keep your head held high and fight the good fight just as they did prior.



I can't promise a chicken in every pot, but what I can promise is that I would do the correct constitutionally right thing when it comes before an elected body. Should illegally enrolled people be dis-enrolled? I would support dis-enrolling fakes and frauds and banishing them from our lands, clinics and places of employment forever. A person doesn't have to dislike someone to ask them to tell the truth, "The truth will set you free". For those of you that go to church praying next Sunday—think of my election platform and where you and yours fit in your prayers!

This is our home forever – not yours and not your fraudulently enrolled families and friends.

Thank you for reading and hopefully voting.  
Scott R. Vele Enrollment number 001254

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**Bowman cont from page Four:** monitoring the Federal Cash Report and completing drawdowns/invoices to ensure our funding was in our bank collecting interest instead of somewhere else.

This foundational work experience continued into my current position as Director of Education and Career Services with an additional 15 years of administering 11 Education and Career Services programs. These programs integrate high quality services to illuminate pathways that promote and advance individual sustainability for approximately 250 youth and adults annually, with an annual budget of \$0.5 million.

My goals for this year, if elected as Treasurer, are to continue towards more mindful spending while continuously monitoring the financial sustainability of our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because. This can be done with right-sized budgeting and looking within to assess the true needs and wants for sustaining and prioritizing services and business ventures, while simultaneously rebalancing our investment allocations through measurable thresholds or tactically in response to the market trends and incoming dividends.

This past year as Vice President was a historic time of recovery, healing, and resetting. It is essential that we look forward and rebuild our future to be better than ever with strong and prosperous days ahead of us. We need leadership with values, vision, and vitality. Leaders with these qualities are fit to work for the people, by the people and with the people.

We collectively continued to advance the broadband project, the building of a comprehensive tribal housing plan, and an exploration of our original boundaries as defined within the 1856 treaty.

While navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic we learned immediately that access to affordable broadband was no longer a goal, but rather a necessary lifeline to end the slow or limited access to internet connections within our community.

The intent of the Tribal Housing Plan is that it be a stand-alone program. This started with joining the County-Wide Housing Study and Needs Assessment to explore the market for answers to unmet housing demand, not only by housing type, household type, or income level, but a plan that takes into consideration the demand for housing in the next 5-10 years.

The exploration of our original boundaries as defined within 1856 is an inherent desire to right the wrongs of a judicial error and bring equity to the generations to come. This is why it is vital and important that we sort through all the options available to us.

As the Tribal Treasurer retires from seeking re-election in this position, I would like to extend a sincere appreciation of thanks for her extensive years of dedication and hard work. She leaves behind a deep imprint to fill, but I know she will continue to be a valuable resource for us all.

My strengths are built on a solid foundation that consists of a higher education, 29-plus years of tribal work experience, and tribal leadership with values, vision, and vitality.

If you support these leadership qualities, support me in the Stockbridge-Munsee tribal elections as Treasurer.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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Mohican – Thank you

Jolene Bowman

**Moderson cont from pg Four** when you are wrong and that every decision requires compromise. I believe in ones right to have a different opinion and the need to respectively discuss all options when solving problems. I believe in honesty. I believe in Integrity. I believe in Community! If elected, I will use these qualities to promote fair and consistent decision making while acting on the Tribes behalf.

**S. Putnam cont from pg Four** can count on me to do the research to find the correct information rather than giving an off the cuff answer. I think when critical decisions are made there should be an explanation so everyone can see what the thought process was. There are really, a lot of times, so many different factors involved in deciding and getting something done, that everyone may not understand. Everyone should understand how we came

to the decision. I also think we should have a tribal business council with members who have knowledge and education in the business field to get some projects going. With COVID this may not be the right time to get this off the ground, but it is something we could at least develop a plan to make it a reality. We have so many smart tribal members that we can utilize. I don't feel we need to hire a person to do that for us. Our people will have OUR OWN best interests in mind!

Resume:

**Capabilities:**

- Possess strong oral and written communication skills
- Proficient in excel, other Microsoft software programs, fast to adapt to new software's used in a business setting
- Able to handle stressful situations and assess top priorities in such, to eliminate stress
- Identify problems and implement solutions
- Suggest new ideas to be as efficient as possible and streamline the workload
- Able to work as an individual or in a team with professionalism and respect for others
- Excellent problem solving and critical thinking skills (accounting isn't easy)!

Work Experience:

Accounting Supervisor 2017 to present

- Perform accounting functions for Little Star Convenience Store, Pine Hills Golf Course, Stockbridge-Munsee loan department, Mohican Nation Insurance, LP Gas Company, grant funds, tribal funds, and indirect cost fund budgets
- Responsible for all CARS state grant reporting (Income Maintenance, FSET, Family Services, etc.)
- Responsible for data collection for Federal Cash Transaction report
- Supervise indirect cost and revenue due posting and the posting of other necessary journal entries
- Supervise grant reporting, i.e., SF 425, 196T and other report forms due on quarterly/yearly basis
- Monitor budgets for all funds, suggest budget modifications, look thru detail of expenses monthly, reclass any mistakes
- Process Invoices for payment, create invoices for payments due to us
- Reconcile all the tribal credit card payments
- Monitor accounts receivable, do adjustments ac-

cordingly

- Reconcile bank accounts to our accounting system: deposits, checks, eft's, increase and decrease adjustments
- Work with other software's within the tribe i.e., Fuel-pak-LP Gas Downhome-Loan Dept.
- Recognize and solve issues in all programs
- Assist with information needed for yearly audit
- Perform the duties of any of the employees I supervise in their absence

Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center, Bowler, WI

**Business Office Manager**, 2013 to 2017

- Responsible for monitoring, reporting, and managing the business office functions of the Health Center
- Process claims to third party payers
- Prepare deposit on all monies received at the Health Center
- Assure all EOB's received from third party payers are correct and mistakes are investigated before posting on patient accounts
- Analyze revenue cycle and suggest and/or implement changes
- Prepare the needed applications to bill for our providers services
- Assist patients and insurance companies with questions on their accounts
- Supervise the work of the business office and patient registration staff
- Prepare monthly financial reports and quarterly and yearly FQHC reimbursement reports
- Perform the job of any of my employees in their absence
- Navigate the Forward Health Portal (Medicaid), and Medicare connex, along with many other insurance company portals and web services to process claims, research claim denials and get remittances
- Much, much more including following through with our migration to the RPMS billing package and Intergy EMR billing package

Stockbridge Munsee Community, Bowler, WI

**Accounting Supervisor, Business Division**, 2011-2013

- Perform accounting functions for Little Star Convenience Store, Pine Hills Golf Course, Stockbridge-Munsee loan department,

**S. Putnam cont on pg 17**



**S. Putnam cont from pg 16**

- Mohican Nation Insurance and LP Gas Company
- Supervise everyday financial activity for said businesses
- Supervise accountants on other tribal department budget transactions, closing entries and reporting

Stockbridge Munsee Community, Bowler, WI

**Accountant, 2010-2011**

- Ensure that department budgets are correct and budget numbers are used correctly
- Assemble monthly reports on expenses and revenue to calculate indirect costs and revenue due monthly for all programs and grants
- Prepare financial reports for tribal program directors and federal and state government agencies for grants in a timely manner
- Compile and enter data to maintain excel spreadsheets for all programs
- Reconcile all bank statements for the tribe and its businesses

Little Star Convenience store

**Salesclerk/supervisor 2006-2010**

- Reconcile tills daily and prepared deposit to the bank
- Supervise other employees
- Process orders for the store
- Process invoices to finance for vendor payments and to cigarette vendors for reimbursements
- Assist manager in day-to-day operations
- Train new employees

Currently I am the Accounting Supervisor in the tribe's finance department, and I supervise the work of the accountants, and 2 other employees in the department. I also have worked at the casino for the last 4 years as a waitress in the Groove, which I really miss and hope we can get the casino back to pre-covid days soon.

Understanding everyone's roles in our finance department, and all the other departments throughout the tribe, and how they do their work is essential to being able to understand what we do. For example, reconciling is often like being a detective. If the account you're working on is off, you got to start your search, it's difficult if you don't understand the big picture of where every transaction is coming from, but over time you start to recognize how to find the errors, correct them and get the accounts to balance.

I take my work very seriously and

try to do the best job possible, I've really learned so much more just in the last year or so with employee covid leaves and retirements from our department. I kept at it and used a lot of Google for understanding some of these grants. As accountants we really must know about every grant/funding agency, sometimes a lot more than you would think, just to get paid and do our reporting correctly. I feel we have really good communication between the accountants and I, and I help as much and if I need to, to help our new employees be successful. Our department is full of smart people, and I appreciate everyone I work with and their help. My personality is ISTP, see the excerpt below:

You are a great problem-solver. No task is too hard for you! You are very resourceful and easily able to adapt when necessary. You tend to think critically and logically when making decisions, rarely letting your emotions cloud your judgment. When confronted with a problem, you try to use the information available to make the best decision, hoping for the best. You place a great deal of trust your own judgement, which is based solely off unbiased logic and reasoning. You have initiative. You are very curious and want to learn as much as you can about the world around you. Oftentimes, you become very interested in one topic and can learn a great deal about it in a short amount of time. This passion for learning often makes you very successful in your education and your career. Initially, you can appear to be very reserved. However, once others get to know you, you are an excellent friend. You are accepting of all others and rarely judgmental. You are not a strong conversationalist, but you are great communicator when it comes to working as a team to solve a problem. -Myers-Briggs

**If elected I hope to use my skills and experience to help us in any way I can! Thanks for reading!**

**Schrieber Jr cont from pg Four**

Meetings. If elected, I will present a detailed Treasurer's report at every Tribal Council Meeting. There are many issues that will require forward thinking and collaboration with our Membership that I would like to tackle this year. We are faced with issues like the need for housing, elder and aging services, revenue diversification and business development, drug prevention and rehabilitation, public safety, cultural preservation, and many others. I am sure that many candidates will include some of these issues in their campaign platforms. A question to consider is how many of these candidates

will still remember these issues once they are elected.

The need for housing is an issue we addressed at our August 27th Housing Commission Meeting when we passed a motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Department of Community Housing's \$369,995.00 plan for the construction of elderly/disabled rental homes during the 2022 calendar year using CARES funding. We then passed a second motion to recommend to Tribal Council that we match the Cares funding with Tribal funds to double the number of rental homes built. This alone will not satisfy all of our housing needs, but it is a step in the right direction.

Statistically, Native Americans are at a disadvantage when it comes to home ownership compared to White Americans. Our current Tribal housing loan interest rate is 3% which is higher than the interest rate available from local banks, and since local banks do not provide mortgage loans on Indian Reservations, our Tribal Members are put at a further disadvantage. Our current housing loan rate is 3% which equates to a \$421.60 monthly payment on a \$100,000.00 loan. If we can lower the interest rate on our tribal home loans to 1%, the monthly payment on that same loan would become \$321.64. This also will not solely satisfy our current housing need, but it is also another step in the right direction.

I firmly believe that one of the most important responsibilities my generation has it to provide our elders with the best quality of life possible. It bothers me to see us continue to increase the eligibility age for elderly services while at the same time reducing the level of the services we currently provide. The Housing Commission has addressed this issue and had passed a motion to recommend to Tribal Council that in order to avoid reducing services we hire an additional Elderly Chore Worker. The Tribal Council chose not to implement the recommendation and the elderly services were reduced.

Our "baby boomer" generation of Tribal Elders is a very large demographic of our Tribal Membership and the services that they require are beginning to exceed some of our current capabilities. Our Community-Based Care Facility (Ella Besaw Center) is a great asset to our Community, but the needs of our aging population will require a larger facility that offers more care services. The Tribal Council has authorized a Request for Proposal to be conducted on a larger facility. This will be the second such RFP conducted on expanding the Ella Besaw Center in the last decade. I truly hope something materializes out of this RFP because we cannot

with good conscience make our elders go another ten years without an expanded facility.

We cannot continue to depend solely on gaming revenues. We have to diversify our sources of revenue. We all watch as Tribes all over the United States take advantage of gaming revenues by reinvesting them in business enterprises that in turn generate additional revenues. We absolutely need to expand our non-gaming business holdings. However, we must do so with complete fiscal transparency and complete separation from our Tribal government. Our Tribal business enterprises must be able to stand on their own and should report to our Tribal Membership in the same manner that non-Tribal corporations report to their stakeholders. Tribal Members should receive detailed quarterly financial reports so that they can monitor the return on their investments.

We see state after state beginning to legalize THC and we see business in the THC market booming in those states. Illinois legalized THC on January 1, 2020 and according to the Illinois Department of Revenue Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020, the State of Illinois collected \$52,698,872.72 in tax revenue alone from the production and sale of THC. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation reported \$669,084,410.12 in THC sales for the 2020 calendar year. It is only a matter of time before Wisconsin legalizes THC and opportunities for businesses to capitalize on this new market will present themselves. We need to prepare for this by proactively developing and approving a Cannabis (THC) Ordinance regulating the production, sale, and use of THC ahead of time. This way as soon as THC becomes legal we can hit the ground running. As a Tribal government, we have the opportunity to generate revenues not only through the retail/wholesale market, but also through permits, licensing, and taxation. This could provide us with a competitive advantage against privately owned competition. However, we cannot afford to put ourselves a year behind the market by waiting until Wisconsin approves the legalization of THC to finally begin drafting our applicable ordinances.

I strongly feel we need to cultivate an environment where our Tribal Members are welcomed to be involved in the discussions leading to decisions. There is no combination of seven individuals we can elect that would be the most qualified, knowledgeable, or experienced persons to tackle every single issue our Tribe will

**Schrieber Jr cont on pg 18**

face. However, if we elect leaders who are willing put their personal prides aside and recognize that the strength of our Tribal Nation lies in the combined strengths of our Membership, we could much more efficiently and effectively tackle every issue we face. In closing, Tribal Council Members should never require or receive preferential treatment. The moment that a serving Tribal Council Member feels they are above the rest of the Tribal Membership or entitled to special treatment is the moment they are no longer fit to serve our Tribe. If I am elected, I will serve with honesty, integrity, transparency, and accountability. Thank You,  
 Sterling Schrieber Jr.

**L. Vele cont from pg 4**  
 our own food and supply our own power. We are a strong nation and can become even stronger as we rely less on others and again become self-sustaining. Please let me be your voice and know that I am open to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our tribe. Sincerely,  
 Lisa Vele

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Micheal Miller With a Largemouth Bass Caught in Gresham

**Summer Fishing Club**

Thomas Kazik II – News Reporter  
 During the summer the Mohican Family Center (MFC) offered a program to try and navigate how things would work with Covid-19. They offered a fishing club and a this was for children ages 12 and up. MFC staff members took the children around to area fishing spots. This club was offered as a learning experience for todays youth. Each week they were given a packet which showed types of fish in the area, the food/bait those fish eat, and other things of fishing knowledge. Some of the secret fishing spots the Family Center staff took these kids fishing are very local to the community. The Family Center staff members showed these children how to do everything fishing related. They started by showing them how to put line on a pole, select the proper hook size for their target fish, and the bait to go with it. Once they were out by the water, they would show the kids things to look for when fishing that would benefit them in catching

the species they were looking for. These teens also received lessons from the Family Services Department prior to hitting the fishing holes. Drug and Alcohol Prevention lessons were taught. This was all part of a team effort between the Mohican Family Center Staff and the Family Services workers to help keep all Children and Employees safe through Covid. The fishing club is somethings that the teens look forward to next summer as it was a good way to get outdoors learn some new things. Michael Miller says, "I am hoping to catch a big Musky before the club ends or it can wait for next year so it can get bigger". There were many Panfish, and Largemouth Bass caught this summer. The fishing club staff teachers were Craig "Tully" Kroening and Steven Duffek, the Family Services prevention worker was Jadin Parker. These three men worked hard to teach the children and keep them safe this summer.



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