

# MOHICAN NEWS

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## WIEA Conference

Stockbridge-Munsee trainers Donna Hora-Schwobe and Sandee Barton attended the 2023 Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) conference held in Madison, Wisconsin where Sandee presented a one-hour workshop on her Standard Model of Indigenous Learning. WIEA is a non-profit organization that was established in 1985 by a group of concerned Indian educators to promote educational opportunities for Indian people in Wisconsin. With a unified



effort by both Indian and non-Indian members, it has evolved into a proactive organization that continually works on the issues that affect Indian education. WIEA works with Wisconsin's state **WIEA cont on page Four:**

## Medication Disposal Options at Pharmacy

According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, "2,500 teenagers use prescription drugs to get high every day. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs are not usually locked up and can be found simply by opening the pantry, drawer or medicine cabinet." In an effort to reduce misuse of prescription and over the counter medications in the community, the SMHWC Pharmacy would like to take a moment to highlight three medication disposal options that are available in the clinic currently. All controlled substances that are dispensed from



the SMHWC Pharmacy are supplied along with a DisposeRX drug disposal packet for easy at home **Options cont on pg 3:**

## OCSS Comm'r Gray Visits Community



(L to R): Vaughn Miller, Central Office Program Spec.; Tristan Anderson, Region V Program Mngr; Lisa Marks, Ed Pniak, Supervisory Grants Management Spec., Morgan Miller; Crystal Malone; Office of Grants Management Office of Child Support Services OCSS Commissioner Tangler Gray; Gregg W. Duffek; and Lisa Vele.

As the National Tribal of tribal nations and get to know their history and how services are delivered. The Oneida Tribe hosted them during the conference and they came to the Stockbridge-Commissioner Gray wanted to visit a couple **Gray cont on page Six:**

## New Ella Besaw Center Photos



Maggie Bennet has provided photos to the Mohican News to share with the community as a fun way to see the progress that is happening with the new Ella Besaw Center. She has provided a link online that will let you see weekly updated pictures of the project (<https://arcg.is/1XL1m1>). You can also see current pictures on page Ten of this issue of the Mohican News to see the progress.

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**FREE ADMISSION  
FREE PARKING**

47TH ANNUAL

# MOHICAN POWWOW

HONORING GULF WAR VETERANS

Many Trails Campground, Bowler, WI

August 11-13, 2023

GRAND ENTRIES

FRIDAY - 7 PM

SATURDAY - 1 & 7 PM

SUNDAY - NOON

**HEAD VETERAN DANCERS**

Christopher "Bully" Tomaw  
Rose Mary Tourtillott

**HEAD DANCERS**

Leonard Welch Jr.  
Nicole Pecore

**TRADITIONAL FEAST**

Saturday - 5 PM

FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC

**Drum Registration Friday 5-6:45 p.m.**

*\*\*First five drums registered with a minimum of five singers will receive an honorarium on Sunday*

5k FUN RUN/WALK SATURDAY 8 - 10:30 AM

Rough Camping On-Site

**MC**

Marin "Mark" Denning

**AD**

Shane Webster

**HOST DRUM**

Medicine Bear

**INVITED DRUMS**

Wigwam Jr. Singers  
Young Standing Bear  
Wolf River Singers  
Medicine Rock  
Swamp Creek  
GiiTad'se

**\*\*\*NO alcohol, drugs, fireworks, pets or outside raffles\*\*\***



The Education Department would like to CONGRATULATE Elizabeth Kelley on her recent graduation with a Master's Degree and Quinton Creapeau on his recent graduation with an Associate Degree.



Thank you to Dennis Zack for donating two bath bomb gift sets for the ADRS Elder Picnic. Two door prize winners were picked. Both winners were excited to have been chosen. Here is the contact information, if you would like to inquire about his bath bomb sets. (920) 639-0496 email: [tribalsunsoap@gmail.com](mailto:tribalsunsoap@gmail.com). Dennis Zack is son of Zelda Zack. You may also find his products at the North Star Casino gift shop. Once again, Thank you from the Aging and Disability Staff Dennis for donating your products for the community elders.

## ELECTION UPDATE:

### Tribal Caucus

On the third Saturday of August at 2:00 P.M., a caucus shall be held at one of the recognized and established meeting places for the community.

### Certified Candidate List And Need For Primary Election

(1) A primary shall be required for the offices of President, Vice-President or Treasurer when there are more than two (2) candidates running for the office.

(2) A primary shall be required for the office of Council member when there are more than eight (8) candidates running for office.

(b) When required, the primary election will be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday in September at the headquarters of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. The voting shall take place between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., and voting

shall be by secret ballot in booths provided for that purpose.

### General Election

The annual general election shall take place on the second Saturday of October, and shall be held at the headquarters of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. The voting shall take place between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., and voting shall be by secret ballot in booths provided for that purpose.

### Election Platforms

Election platforms need to be emailed to [mohican-news.submissions@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:mohican-news.submissions@mohican-nsn.gov) in WORD format and include a photo. Please use your own judgement in the length of your platform.

**Platforms need to be submitted by September 7, 2023** to be included in the Mohican News. There will be no other opportunity to have a platform in the paper outside of this date due to the time constraints of printing the paper.

**Options cont from pg 1:** disposal. These packets are added right into the medication vial along with a specified amount of water to form a gel around the unused medication once shaken. After the process is complete, the vial can be tossed into the trash. DisposeRX packets are also available by request at the pharmacy counter. This disposal method is best suited for small amounts of medication (1/3 of a prescription vial or less). For slightly larger amounts of medications in need of disposal, the pharmacy also offers Deterra drug deactivation systems free of charge by request at the pharmacy counter. These packets can be used to dispose of 45 tablets or capsules, 6 ounces of liquid, or 6 patches through

a neutralization process. To use the packet, place the medication in the packet and fill halfway with water. Next, wait 30 seconds and then seal the packet tightly before disposing in the normal trash container.

For large quantities of medications or multiple vials, the pharmacy suggests utilizing the Medsafe bin that is located within the clinic lobby. Leave medications in the original container when possible. No liquids over 4 ounces, sharps, or aerosols should be placed in the bin. Use of this bin is limited to clinic hours of 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

If you have questions about disposing of unused medications properly, please call the pharmacy at 715-793-5027.

### Kick the Habit

Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy began offering a commercial tobacco cessation and nicotine dependence program in March 2021. This twelve-week program offers both pharmaceutical and educational support through in-person and telephone appointments with a staff pharmacist.

Dr. Lindsey Janowski is certified as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist through the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Lindsey is passionate about smoking cessation and the potential to drastically improve the lives of her patients. Many patients who have participated in the program have had success in reducing their commercial tobacco use while others have

achieved full cessation.

Current standard of care for smoking cessation is to provide both pharmacotherapy (prescription and over-the-counter medications) and behavioral therapy to any patient seeking treatment in an effort to improve the chances of abstinence. The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center is equipped to provide our community with various support options in addition to these one-on-one meetings with a pharmacist. Patients have additional support options from behavioral health, community health, medical, and dental departments as well as a registered dietician. If you are ready to discuss your commercial tobacco or vape use, please call the pharmacy at 715-793-5027 for an appointment.





**From the Earth  
Mohican Nation**

**WEEKLY  
FARM MARKET**

FROM THE EARTH FARM / N7534 MAPLE ROAD

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
(from late june - early october)

**11:30 - 1:30**  
(no early sales)

**LOCATION**

**WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS MADE OUT TO SMC'S  
FARMERS MARKET NUTRITIONAL VOUCHERS!**

SMC's Tribal Farm Market is Weekly at Keek-Oche/ From the Earth Farm. Each week from late June to early October, the SMC's Tribal Farm Market will be from 11:30-1:30 at the Keek-Oche / From the Earth Farm on Maple Road. The farm market will feature whatever produce is ripe each week at the farm; tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, beans, peas, zucchini, broccoli, and more. We accept Farmers Market Nutritional Vouchers, cash & checks. We have moved the location of the market and CSA pick-up for many reasons, but primarily to keep your produce at its freshest. Whatever produce is not sold at the market is donated to the

Elderly Center, Head Start and other Community resources. Being close to refrigeration is crucial for the shelf-life of this fresh food, and hosting at this location means there will be less waste which can then be donated. This location also will allow our staff to spend time more tending to your produce instead of transporting to the previous market location of the Land Management Office. And lastly, it's beautiful at the farm and we welcome you to come take a look around. If any Community producer would like to sell their goods at the weekly Keek-Oche / From the Earth Farm Market, please reach out to Maria @ [maria.duits@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:maria.duits@mohican-nsn.gov)!

## On the Trail Home



Annette Belle Brussow  
"Two Bears Standing"

Annette Belle Brussow, age 97, passed away on Saturday July 15, 2023, in Shawano. Annette was born on September 28, 1925, to the late Arthur and Alice (Gardner) Bruette in Red Springs, WI. She attended high school in Sturgeon Bay. In 1962, Annette was united in marriage to Dwain Brussow who passed away in 1979. Annette spent a lot of her time traveling the world and lived in many US States

with her first husband who served in the Air Force. For the last 25 years, Annette has made her home in Shawano County. She was part of the Stockbridge Munsee tribe and was very active in the community.

Annette is survived by her daughter, Jean Baer; her sons, Samuel Brussow, and Paul (Penny) Brussow; seven grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Matthew, John, Gina, Sam Jr., and Adam; and several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Annette is preceded in death by two sons; Scott and Mike; her brothers and sisters, Eunice Stick, Felix Bruette, George Bruette, Jeannett Bruette, Wesley Bruette, and Betty Kirmse; and her grandson, Loren.

Family and friends gathered for Annette's burial on Monday July 17, 2023, at Red Springs Cemetery.

**WIEA cont from pg One:** legislators and annually addresses the state's governing bodies at the capitol (WIEA website). Governor Tony Evers addressed the conference attendees and stressed the importance of Indigenous education and renewed his support of Wisconsin Tribes and education. The conference theme was: In Beauty and Unity, We Walk the Healing Path. Education can be a healing path IF Indigenous education, education developed to uphold Indigenous values, is developed and implemented in educational institutions. In addition, our Indigenous ways of knowing and traditional methods of

instruction need to be recognized and accepted within the dominant culture. Workshops at the conference presented a range of topics such as: Pemmican Making, Teaching about Cultures vs Teaching Culturally, Native Music, History of Wisconsin Ojibwe Treaty Rights, How to Incorporate Wisconsin Native History into Classrooms among many other educational issues facing our Indigenous youth, faculty, support staff, and allies. Sandee's workshop was titled: The Standard Model of Indigenous Learning: A Framework to Support Indigenous Learners, Curriculum, and Instructors.



## Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

### General Information

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of the following deceased veterans:

- Military service member who died while on active duty, OR
- Veteran whose death resulted from a service related injury or disease, OR
- Veteran who was receiving VA compensation for a service-connected disability that was rated 100% permanent and total (cannot be a temporary 100% rating) for at least 10 years immediately before death even if the death was due to a non-service connected disability, OR

since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death, OR for at least one year before death if the veteran was a former Prisoner of War who died after September 30, 1999.

### Eligibility

The surviving spouse is eligible if he/she:

Was married to the veteran for at least one year, AND Cohabitated with the veteran continuously until the veteran's death or, if separated, was not at fault for the separation, AND is not currently remarried. If a child was born during the marriage, the one year of marriage requirement does not apply.

A surviving spouse who remarries on or after December 16, 2003, AND on or after attaining age 57, is entitled to continue receiving DIC. The surviving child(ren) would be eligible if he/she is: Unmarried, AND Under age 18 or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school. There are certain circumstances where a veteran would not have had to be service connected at the time of death in order for the survivors to receive this benefit. Certain medical conditions can be presumed to be caused by a veteran's ac-

tive service even after death. For example, if a veteran served in-country Vietnam and died of diabetes, ischemic heart disease or the numerous other disabilities presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure, the survivors may be eligible for DIC based on the fact the veteran could have been service connected had they filed a claim prior to their death. This is just an example; there are many other circumstances which could render a surviving spouse and/or child(ren) eligible for this benefit.

### Amount of Payments

DIC is paid to a spouse at the monthly rate determined by the VA. For each dependent child, the monthly rate is determined by the VA. There is a different pay scale if the veteran's death occurred prior to January 1, 1993 or after January 1, 1993. If the veteran was in receipt of, or entitled to receive, VA compensation for a service-connected disability that was rated 100% permanent and total (cannot be a temporary 100% rating) at the time of death for a continuous period of at least eight years immediately preceding death AND the surviving spouse was married to the veteran for those same eight years.

If the surviving spouse is deemed by the VA to be permanently housebound, add additional money to the basic monthly rate.

If the surviving spouse is deemed by the VA to need Aid and Attendance, VA will add to the basic monthly rate.

Once DIC is approved, there may be additional benefits to which the surviving spouse and/or children may be eligible for. They are: CHAMPVA (health insurance)-if not receiving Tricare. Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)-for surviving spouses and children



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### Obtaining a Veteran ID in Wisconsin

Being a veteran can bring perks such as exclusive discounts and special services from businesses, but very often obtaining these perks requires showing proof of service. One way to prove veteran status is to present a discharge paper (form DD214), which all veterans receive when separating from the military. However, carrying this document around is both impractical and an identity-theft risk. Luckily, in Wisconsin there are several options to obtain an identification card that provides proof of military service. These options are:

- 1) Requesting the State of Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), put a veteran identifier (the word Veteran) on driver's license/state ID card.
  - 2) Applying online at [vets.gov](https://vets.gov) for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issued Veterans Identification Card (VIC).
  - 3) Enrolling in the VA Health Care System.
- For Wisconsin residents, option one is probably the quickest and easiest option with few eligibility requirements (requirements are: two years active duty during peacetime or 90 days during wartime, and an honorable discharge). It also has the added benefit of eliminating the need to carry a second/separate ID. Before a veteran goes to the DVM to get the veteran identifier on their driver license or state ID card they need to verify eligibility with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. They can do this by contacting the Veterans

Benefits Resource Center at: 1-800-WIS-VETS or by contacting the local County or Tribal Veteran Service Officer. In the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Community this is Gregg W. Duffek at: 715-793-4036, located at 203 W. Main St Bowler, WI. 54416.

After establishing VA eligibility, veterans can go to the Wisconsin DMV to get the identifier put on their license. If renewing a license there is no extra charge but there is a fee if requesting a replacement outside of the renewal dates. Remember to take a certified birth certificate with you to the DMV. Options two and three are more difficult to use. Option two was experiencing technical difficulties last year and only recently started receiving applications after placing the program on hold for several months. To get the federally issued ID veterans must apply online through [vets.gov](https://vets.gov). They must also upload a photo that meets passport-type qualifications. Option three is not open to all veterans and determining eligibility is a longer and more complicated process. However, if a veteran would like to explore these two options the Veteran Service Office is available to answer questions and to veterans through these processes as well. Having a veteran ID is a safer and more convenient way for veterans to carry proof that they are a veteran than carrying discharge papers and in Wisconsin it is relatively easy to obtain one. Veterans who get one can more easily enjoy using the special offers and discounts available to them!



**Gray cont from pg One:** Munsee Community on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 and discussed Child Support and outreach efforts made by our Community.

The team welcoming the Commissioner and her team were Gregg W. Duffek, Lisa Vele, Morgan Miller, Crystal Malone, and Vaughn Miller. Lisa made a board of past events to show the visitors and there was a ribbon shirt and Color Walk shirt on display. The guests received a copy of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal history and a flyer made by the agency for local families based on the national workgroups for infographics created by the Commissioner's new initiatives.

The flyer explains how Child Support works and provides an overview of services performed for families served.

The Commissioner had hit

the ground running when she was appointed and created several workgroups to make recommendations on tribal specific matters.

The Child Support group let her know they appreciated the Streamlined Tribal Plan option now available to all Tribes, the Child Support 101 flyer made by yet another Tribal workgroup and especially the proposal to eliminate Tribal match requirements, which if approved should open up additional funds for Tribes to enhance services.

The meeting included some difficult information regarding the IRS legislative issue which, if not corrected, could eliminate their ability to intercept taxes and verify IRS data in their KIDS system used to manage cases. The Stockbridge-Munsee tribe and many others are in the legislative process to correct the IRS access issue. Local

families rely on funds intercepted from taxes and to make access for tribes even harder would be a detriment to their ability to help families.

The group spoke of ribbon shirts and ribbon skirts, Color Walk fun and the collaboration Human Services teams used to make as many services available to families as possible.

Additionally, the group discussed the need for additional mental health and behavioral health services to keep local families intact and to overcome drug barriers seen every day in the Community.

The Commissioner and her team were taken to the Tribal farm on Maple Road and besides enjoying some beans, the Commissioner purchased some honey from the Farm.

Duffek said "It is good to have forward thinking

leaders in federal government positions willing to make changes specifically affecting our tribal families. When we have these opportunities to set down with national level leaders it is always good for a Nation of Statesmen to speak our minds on what we need. Sweet visit from our federal leaders and partners".



**Tribal Seal Lapel Pins are available at the Library/Museum gift shop for \$3.00**

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

### Community Voices

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# YOUR HEALTHY SMILE IS OUR PRIORITY



## LUNCH & LEARN

AUGUST 30TH, 2023 12:00-1:00 PM

Join us as at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center as Chrystal Wedde, Dental Hygienist shares her knowledge of the impacts of obesity, diabetes and gum disease on dental health.

The Lunch & Learn will take place in the lower level conference room of the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by August 25th by contacting Anita Mihtukwsun at (715)793-3018.

CONTACT US

715-793-3018



MOHICAN POW WOW  
FUN RUN/WALK 2023

## A Community Health Event

JOIN US SATURDAY AUG. 12TH AT THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE MANY TRAILS PARK FOR OUR ANNUAL POWWOW FUN RUN/WALK.

PARTICIPANTS CAN REGISTER THE MORNING OF AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH TENT. THEY ARE ABLE TO RUN/WALK AT THEIR OWN PACE AND MAY BEGIN ANYTIME AFTER 8:00AM. THE EVENT WILL CLOSE AT 10:30AM, PARTICIPANTS MUST BE COMPLETED WITH THE COURSE BY THAT TIME.

CONTACT ANITA MIHTUKWSUN WITH ANY QUESTIONS @ 715.793.3018.



THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



## Digital Storytelling Workshop

Help us connect individuals and communities to their roots and each other



August 22-24, 2023

Radisson Hotel - Green Bay WI  
9:00AM-3:30PM (tentative)

Register Here

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/form-6390868/native-breastfeeding-coalition-digital-storytelling-workshop>



Join us as we begin the journey of growing by connecting with others through storytelling and oral traditions. We are looking for 12 Indigenous participants willing to share their breastfeeding story. Over the course of 3 days we will be creating their personal digital stories to honor our traditions and connect our communities.

- **Participants must be comfortable using technology**  
Elders who are not tech-savvy are encouraged to participate if they can be accompanied by someone who can assist them.
- **We ask that participants come prepared with the story they would like to share.**  
Facilitators are available to assist with development of their script, image selection and creating their digital story.
- **Participants will need to bring their own images, ideas for music or their own music and have an accessible email.**  
If able we ask that participants bring their own headphones and laptop.

These stories will be utilized through the Native Breastfeeding Coalition of Wisconsin.

## Water Safety Jackets Save Lives Who Should Wear A Life Jacket?

01. Anyone participating in any boating, paddling or towed water sports regardless of swimming ability.

Wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved properly fitted life jacket is the simplest life-saving strategy for recreational boating, paddling or towed water sports.

02. Inexperienced or non-swimmers in pools or open water situations when other layers of protection are limited.

Inexperienced or non-swimmers, particularly children, are at risk in these settings when supervision lapses or the venue is very crowded. Life jackets provide an additional layer of protection in these situations.

03. Preschool children- those 5 and under- who are not protected by touch supervision either in or near the water.

Swimming aids and water toys, such as water wings, and inflatable water wings and rings, are toys. They may provide some buoyancy in the water, but they do not prevent drowning.

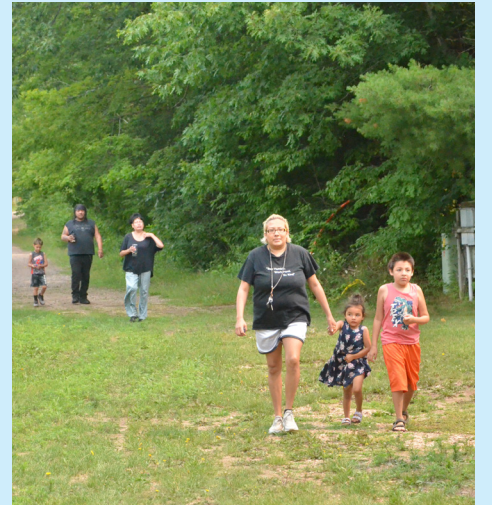
04. It is recommended that everyone who is in or around open water wear a life jacket as an extra layer of protection.

Open water, which includes lakes, oceans, ponds, reservoirs and rivers, has hidden hazards that can increase the risk of drowning. These environmental differences from the pool setting make it important for people who want to swim, wade, or just play in open water to find designated areas for swimming. If swimming outside of a designated area or in an area without lifeguards, people should always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved properly fitted life jacket appropriate for their weight and water activity.



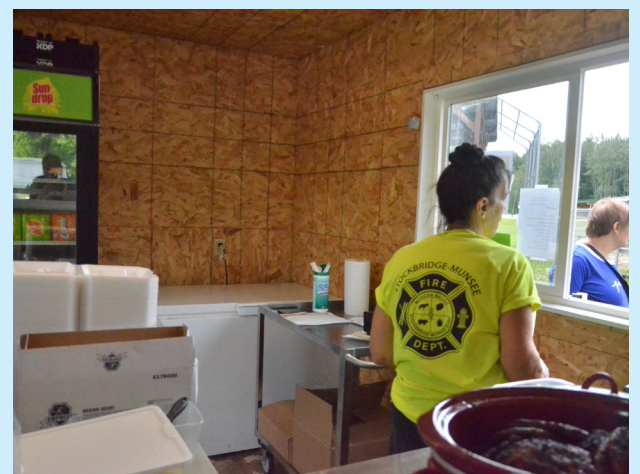


# Community Health Family Fun Day





# Firemans Picnic





# New Ella Besaw Center





# STEPPING ON

## A FALLS PREVENTION PROGRAM

This program is designed to educate and build self-confidence to reduce and eliminate falls.

**COME JOIN US!**

- Every Thursday starting September 21st–November 2nd
- 1:30–3:30pm
- Lower level conference room at the Stockbridge–Munsee Health & Wellness Center

Learn how you can prevent falls to stay healthy and independent!

Call Cami to register  
715-793-5064





GIFT CARD DRAWING FOR THOSE WHO COMPLETE ALL SESSIONS



**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
**5:00-6:30**

**STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE PUBLIC SAFETY INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND THEIR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT**

Theme: "Stopping Crime in our community"  
Events:

Kids Poster Contest-Poster must include our theme and be delivered to Public safety by 4:00 on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Indian Taco Cookoff-make your best Indian Taco and bring with you by 5:00 for judging.

Family Cake Decorating-using our theme decorate a cake with the family and bring with you by 5:00 for judging.

Crime Prevention Presentation

Door Prize Drawing and Prizes awarded

Community patrol around the housing walk

MCGRUFF THE CRIME DOG

Sponsored by Stockbridge-Munsee Police and Conservation Department and Community Housing Department

Light lunch will be served.



**On Friday, July 14th, 2023, 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  
Craig Kroening, Jr. Present  
Sara Putnam Absent  
Joe Miller Present

Jeremy Mohawk Absent  
Terrie K. Terrio Present  
Randall Wollenhaup Present  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD: Funding for Facility Maintenance Projects Resolution for KeyBank**  
Motion by Joe Miller to approve today's Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda as amended. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Mo-

tion carried.  
**FY2024 BUDGETS-**  
**Amanda Stevens, CFO; Tony Granquist, Interim GM and Cindy Creapeau, Comptroller - Casino**  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 North Star Casino budget. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Bingo budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 North Star Casino Capital Expenditure requests. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.  
**Enterprises & Other Departments**  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Little Star Convenience Store budget. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Shawano Retail Building budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 22/29 Retail Building budget. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Mohican LP Gas FY 2024 budget. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Apartments budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Mohican Loan Department budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve FY 2024 Surveillance Department budget. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.  
**Indirect Cost Pool**  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to

approve the FY 2024 MIS Department budget and a portion will be covered by Tribal Contribution, the remaining money will be covered by indirect cost. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Human Resources Department budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Finance Department budget. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Administration Department budget. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.  
**Capital Expenditures**  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Governmental Capital Expenditure requests for FY 2024. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the addition of unused Capital Expenditure dollars to the Unallocated Pool in FY 2024.  
**Governmental**  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 General Welfare budget. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Economic Development budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Tribal Government requested budget which includes funding PTO buyback program at not-to-exceed 160 hour per employee and capital expenditures as requested. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Donations budget. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.  
**Directives cont on pg12:**



**Directives cont from pg 11:** Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the FY 2024 Per Capita budget to each eligible Tribal Member made payable on or after October 30, 2023. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve investment of 9.09% of Royalty Transfers into Long-Term Investments in accordance with the Revenue Allocation Plan. 3.59% of the royalty transfer will be set aside for future Administrative Building projects. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**FUNDING FOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS-Amanda Stevens, CFO; Tony Granquist, Interim GM and Cindy Creapeau, Comptroller**

For the record "There is a long lead-time for some of these projects, which provides the Community with an opportunity to financially prepare for the projects". Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize Finance to do the items listed in 1 & 2 for facilities improvements:

1. Investing money of unrestricted cash in an ultra-short account would provide approximately more money in available cash 16 months from now.

2. Invest additional money annual using a long-term investment strategy from excess Tribal cash accounts for future facility improvements. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

Motion maker amends motion to add: Parking Ramp-Storm water drain pipe HVAC-Replacement of roof top units Generator-ASCO Switch Gear. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: KeyBank** Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 040-23. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Ran-

dall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 10:39 AM.

**On Tuesday, July 18h, 2023, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:**

Roll Call:  
Shannon Holsey Present  
Craig Kroening, Jr. Present  
Sara Putnam Present  
Joe Miller Present  
Jeremy Mohawk Present  
Terrie K. Terrio Present  
Randall Wollenhaup Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - STRIKE:** Casino Kiosk Replacement Project

Guaranteed 40 Hours  
**ADD:** Mohican Nation Insurance Budget FY2024

Contract Amendment in Executive Session

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the regular council agenda for Tuesday July 18th, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**OPEN AGENDA - MEETING MINUTES -**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Wednesday July 5th, 2023. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

Roll Call: Randall yes, Craig abstains, Sara yes, Terrie yes, Joe yes, (Jeremy had briefly stepped out). Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: April 30, 2023 (for posting) -**

Motion by Joe Miller to post. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST: Wittenberg-Birnamwood Area Youth Football & Cheer - Alecia Webster**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**TRIBAL PRIMARY PREVENTION GRANT -Alexia Dellemann, ICW Manager**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the request for the application for tribal grant

as recommended by Indian Child Welfare.

Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie no, Sara yes, Craig yes, Randall yes, Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

**CFS-101 FUNDING - Alexia Dellemann, ICW Manager**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the ICW Manager requesting Tribal Council approval request for funding through Children's Bureau Administration for Children and Families with money which is already in the 2024 ICW budget. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**BEAULIEU LAKE ACCESS PROJECT - Randall Wollenhaup, Wildlife Biologist**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the performance of maintenance to Beaulieu Lake access road to reduce runoff and erosion into the lake. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION FUNDING - Randall Wollenhaup, Wildlife Biologist**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt Resolution 041-23 WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to accept funding through the BIA Natural Resources Fund, via a Public Law 93-638 contract, for the years 2023-2024, to fund the management of natural resources on Tribal Land; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes the acceptance of the FY2023/2024 BIA Tribal Priority Allocation funds. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Resolution adopted. Motion by Joe Miller to authorize President's signature on a letter of support. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**CASINO CONFERENCE ROOM AUDIO VISUAL REPLACEMENT - Robert Kowsowski, IT Director**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the request for casino conference room audio visual lifecycle replacement. Seconded by Terrie. Motion carried.

**RADON MITIGATION ASSISTANCE POLICY - Antoinette Tourtillott, EPC**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve policy EN-01-01.00; Radon Mitigation Assistance Policy as present with the strike out of #3. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**ELECTRONIC USAGE POLICY - Kori Price, Family Center Manager**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the Personal Electronic policy for staff of Family Services/Family Center policy FC-01-20.00. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

**Roll Call:** Jeremy yes, Randall yes, Craig opposed, Sara yes, Terrie yes, Joe abstains. Motion carried.

**GM'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2023 - Tony Granquist, Interim GM**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve GM's Monthly Report for April 2023. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**TITLE 31 COMPLIANCE OFFICER - Regina Williams, HR Manager NSMCR**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the revised job description for Title 31 Compliance Officer. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**PBS WISCONSIN EDUCATION - Monique Tyndall, Cultural Affairs Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve Stockbridge-Munsee Cultural Affairs to participate in The Look Back Project as proposed by PBS Wisconsin Education. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**USE OF TRIBAL SEAL - Monique Tyndall, Cultural Affairs Director**

Directives cont on page 13:



**Directives cont from 12:**  
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve use of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Seal in the National Park Service Paterson Great Falls' Lenape Exhibit. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**SMC HISTORY PRESENTATION - Monique Tyn-dall, Cultural Affairs Director**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Director of Cultural Affairs to represent the Stockbridge-Munsee Community at the Oneida Bicentennial. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**ORTHO-CLINICAL LAB ANALYZER - Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the signing of an agreement with Ortho-Clinical to provide a newer lab analyzer. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**105L - FINAL OFFER - Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve sending to IHS a notice of final offer for the clinic's 105L lease proposal as recommended by the Health Director. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**BUDGET MODIFICATION - Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve budget modification to budget the M&I funds from IHS. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**SHARED SAVINGS INITIATIVE CONTRACT - Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve sending the revised care coordination agreement to Wisconsin DHS for review and implementation. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**HANDBOOK UPDATES**

**- Carolyn Miller, Ella Kazik, and Regina Williams, Education Board Members**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the amendments to the handbook that were done on June 30, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: Home Conveyance**

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt Resolution 042-23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council supports the recommendation of the Division of Community Housing that the Lease-Purchase Agreement with Tenant #101-01, Lawrence Jacobs, is satisfied and authorizes the conveyance of the house purchased thereunder. The Tribal Council recognizes that, while the named tenant, Mr. Lawrence Jacobs, is now deceased, the Lease-Purchase Agreement had continued with the tenant's spouse who holds an interest in the house subject to the Agreement and a life estate in the land assignment in accordance with tribal law. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Resolution is adopted.

**MOHICAN NATION INSURANCE BUDGET FY 2024**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2024 insurance budget. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Fish & Wildlife Board**

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to appoint Marie Lenz and Todd Miller to the Fish & Wildlife Board. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**Family Center Board**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Emerson Price and to post for the other youth position. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion is carried.

**Election Board**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Jeff Vele and Jess Mohawk to the Election Board and to post for the other vacancies. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

**Roll Call:** Jeremy abstains (family member), Randall yes, Craig yes, Sara yes, Terrie yes, Joe yes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Joe Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 5:42 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:14 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on an internal audit, a compact issue, legal issues, and

contract amendment. Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize Medical Director to amend contract as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt Resolution No. 043-23 for 2-year renewal in legal as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

**Roll Call:** Joe abstains, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Craig yes, Randall yes, Jeremy yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Sara Putnam to accept the audit recommendation for Program: 262 Language. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:16 PM.



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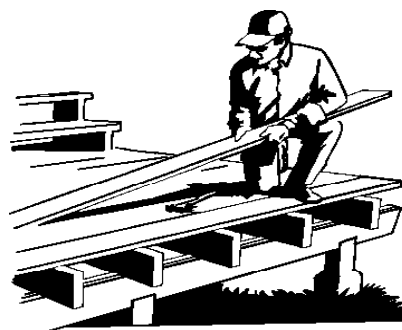
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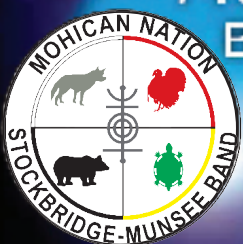
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