2023 Stockbridge-**Munsee Primary Candidate List**

Vice President Duffek, Gregg Kroening, Craig (Tully) Miller, Greg Putnam, Matthew

Treasurer Bowman, Jolene Putnam, Sara Terrio, Terrie K

Tribal Council Member

Davids, Bert Duffek, Jill Gardner, Charles Kazik, Ella Malone, Jayci Malone, Marv (Buttons) Miller, Alan (AJ) Miller, Chad Miller, Joe Miller, Terrance (Moonie) Miller, Todd Miller, Willy Moede, Shawn Mohawk, Jeremy Schreiber Sr, Sterling Smith, Blake Terrio, William (Bill) Vele, Gloria Welch. Martin Williams, Regina **Bolded** names provided a platform to the Mohican News for this issue.

2023 Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council Candidates



Hello,

My name is Gregg W. Duffek and I am nominated and seeking your vote for the Council Vice-President position this fall. I am a proud father, grandfather and Veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

What do you want from a Tribal Leader? We are not here to advance our self as an individual, but rather advance our Community. Time to move forward. We need to allow every department to be led

based on knowledge by the Team. Making procedure work for your family and not others is about as old as it gets around here. It is time to make the managers manage and be held responsible for their Team's performance. Many Tribal members do not work here because the pay is so appealing. We work here because we want our Tribe to succeed

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Greetings to you all,

humbly accept the nomination and running for the esteemed position of Vice Chairman. While we may not be able to solve all the challenges we face on a daily basis, I firmly believe that we can address the core issues that afflict our Nation. We have forgotten the importance of relying on one another to progress and benefit the entire community, rather than just a select few. Merely throwing money at problems because we have it at the moment is not a viable solution. How can we build a strong foundation when we are in dire need of childcare or on the brink of losing headstart? As our ancestors knew, the elderly and children are the lifeblood of our community. We urgently require a Tribal Council that prioritizes the well-being of "WE the people" above all else. This fundamental principle seems to have been forgotten.



heart is full of love and appreciation. Serving on tribal council has 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 membership, to have had the opportunity to represent you on so many levels and capacities, it has truly been and honor and privilege and one of the most enriching experiences of my life. Thank you for the love support, teachings and honor.

The past several years has been tough and very and mentally challenging for so many, myself included. One of the biggest global crises generations, in the COVID-19 pandemic has had severe and farreaching repercussions health systems, economies and societies. Compounded by storm of 2022 that devastated our nation.

I've learned it's okay to recognize that self-worth comes wrapped in

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2023 FALL CLEANUP



- The Fall Cleanup will occur on two days (Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17) with curbside cleanup on Monday and appliance/electronics recycling on Tuesday. Curbside cleanup is open for Bartelme tribal members ONLY. Appliance/Electronics recycling is open to Bartelme AND Red Springs tribal members. Items not allowed in the curbside cleanup will NOT be picked up. Any curbside items not picked up must be removed from the end of your driveway and disposed of properly.
- All items collected curbside are <u>NOT RECYCLED</u>, 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. Anything that you can donate to Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity or schools can be reused.

Fall Cleanup

Curbside Cleanup: Monday, October 16

Appliance / Electronics

Tuesday, October 17

Recycling:

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEANUP MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

BARTELME TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

Place items curbside beginning Monday, October 9
Have **ALL** items curbside by <u>5:00 am on Monday of the Cleanup event</u>
Items not picked up <u>MUST</u> be removed from end of driveway at end of event

FREE pickup for **ONLY** the items listed below during Fall 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

Items Not Allowed: NO Construction Debris, Hazardous Material, Tires, Appliances or Electronics

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APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 FROM 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BARTELME AND RED SPRINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS

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North Star Mohican Casino Resort's 25th Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing Raises Almost \$24,000



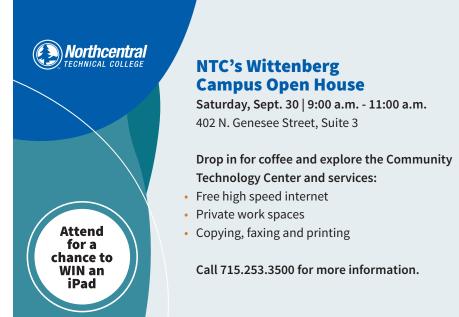
North Star Mohican Casino 25th annual Resort's golf outing raised nearly \$24,000 benefiting the Wolf River Habitat for Humanity and its vision to build strength, stability and self-reliance for families in Shawano and Menominee counties. This year's event took place at Pine Hills Golf Course in Gresham, Wisconsin, on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

"We are pleased to be hosting the 25th annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing at Pine Hills. North Mohican Casino's hosting of the Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing exemplifies our dedication to giving back to the community and supporting important causes" said Tony Granquist, North Star Mohican Casino Resorts General Manager. Through partnership, both this organizations were able to make a positive impact and

raise funds for affordable housing initiatives.

Pine Hills Golf course hosted the event and had all 72 carts on the course for the day. Raffle tickets, 50/50 and other fundraising efforts were made through out the day to raise as much as possible. Raffles prizes varied from golf related item to paintings and sponsor logoed items. The 50/50 raffle winner donated back the 300-dollar winnings.

Local fundraising events are the only financial support that Wolf River Habitat obtains, as does not receive any monies from the national organization. This year's event, with the help of North Star Mohican Casino Resort team members. Habitat For Humanity volunteers and numerous companies donating raised approximately \$24,000.





Thomas Kazik II

I'mhonored to be nominated to run for Tribal Council. Being 26 years young and hearing the support I have from the community makes my decision to decline running this year very hard. At this moment in time I

Duffek cont from pg One: as a community.

We cannot hire people with expertise, then turn around and tell them what to do. We should hire people with expertise and expect them to advise us. This only works if you are willing to accept advice from others. 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 recommend what is needed to make our community stronger. Let members know these recommendations and follow some advice of family leaders in our community. If you have a personal agenda, then you will probably not like what others have to say about moving forward.

The drug issues in our community are destroying families and our way of life as a tribe. Drug abuse affects every virtually family on our reservation. Children need a family to grow up with and parents to guide them. Elder abuse is worsened as family members steal and often throughout our Community. If you want to ask them to share their knowledge and experiences, then provide them an ear and actually listen to some good ideas. Maybe, just maybe they will not tell you what to do,

feel I can not fully fill the position needs as a council member. I look forward to running next election in 2024 and I hope that you will consider me for the future, when I can dedicate the time and effort needed to serve this tribe and our community the right way.

but will tell you what not to do!

If the sign of a Youth Treatment facility doesn't affect you, then who knows what will.

A strong workforce with a common objective can be achieved. Make wages coincide with responsibility to our Community.

Insist all of Tribal 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. We could use updates to all departments and from our leaders. Every Tribal employee should have their correct phone number listed on our website and in the signature line in their email. It should not be a game to contact any of our staff about our needs.

Look at what each current council member has done to advance our community not just their own family members. Do they bring force elders to give up their forth ideas? Do they listen medications or money. to your ideas? Free thinking Elders need to feel safe and speech are not only rights, but each are an essential trait for leading a nation. We have work to do here. I am willing to do it with those who see change is needed to strengthen our Community and repair our families.

Elders

Bowler School Ribbon Cutting



Bowler Public School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the additions located behind the school on Aug. 29. The project cost \$3.4 million, but providing an adequate facility to teach students about the different career opportunities available after high school is the end goal. the new 3,800-square-foot Tech Ed facility is expected to provide plenty of space for middle and high school students to learn about technology, automotive welding, machine tooling, fabrication and more. The agriculture facility, totaling 4,500 square feet, includes greenhouse, new along with facilities for aquaponics, an area for livestock animals and classrooms. Also due to a grant challenge won by the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), Bowler School helped build and will now get to utilize a finished newly mobile construction lab.

The Tech ed facility starts with the construction of a new classroom, from there you walk into the old shop garage. Built off the old is the new welding, fabrication bay loaded with all sorts of machinery for the students. Beyond that you notice the

new automotive bay fitted with a car lift and adequate space for students to work around and under vehicles and tools.

The Ag facility starts with wo different classrooms, then walking back into the new construction you can either head into the hydroponics specified room, that also leads you to the new and improved greenhouse. The other room leads you into a livestock area, fitted with stalls for livestock to be held in.

Glenda Superintendent Butterfield-Boldig noted "The primary responsibility of public school is to provide high quality education that allows a graduate to find success in whatever future they choose. The small rural districts, like bowler often find themselves at a disadvantage or and opportunity gap compared to larger districts".

The College of Menominee Nation, the National Indian Education Association, Core Learning Exchange, and Bowler School District will be officially revealing community the mobile newly finished construction lab, as well as showcase the programs, such as virtual reality, that are taking place.

On the Trail Home



Mary R. Miller

Mary Rose Miller, age 57, of Bowler, passed away surrounded family by on August 25, 2023, in Wausau. She was born on April 16, 1966, to the late Leonard "Jack" and Glenore "Betty" (Beauprey) Miller Jr. in Pontiac, MI. She attended Bowler High School and graduated in 1984. On August 3, 1985, she was united in marriage to the love of her life Wallace "Wally" Miller. She was dedicated to working for Stockbridge-Munsee the Tribe for 28 years. Mary's hobbies included riding her motorcycle, rummaging, camping, and cooking. Family and friends always came first in her life, and she loved watching her grandchildren, family, and

her friends play sports. She will be dearly missed.

survived Mary is by: her husband Wally; her children Kasha (Sloane) Coyhis and Cody Miller: her grandchildren Romeo Hill, Jaida Hill, Ella Covhis, Leon Miller, and Delylah Miller; her siblings Linda (David) Bounty, Leonard "John" (Cindy) Miller, and Terence "Terry" (Debbie) She is further Miller. survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by: her parents Jack and Betty; her grandparents Leonard (Leoris) Miller Sr.; her siblings Luke "Jerry" Beauprey, Trilby McIntosh, Emmeretta Miller, Jacqueline "Jackie" Miller: daughter Serenity her Hill; her grandson Avery Coyhis.

A funeral service for Mary was held on Wednesday August 30, 2023, at the Church of the wilderness with pastor Paul Johnson officiating. Visitation was held at Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham on Tuesday August 29, 2023 and again at the church until the time of service

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received \$500,000 and was one of 25 winners of the Catalyze Grant Challenge. The Challenge aims to fund and share ideas that rethink K-12, students in grades 6-14, with a focus on reaching students from historically underrepresented workforce backgrounds.

This project, "Building' NIEA Career Pathways for Native Stockbridge

Students," is a middle school to post-secondary pathway that utilizes community resources and partnerships to build the connections among interest and credentialing post-secondary for construction trades. education, and career for The project is open to all students, but emphasizes utilizing the tribal college access to build a Native Wisconsin tribal nations: Menominee, Oneida, and

2023 Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council Candidates



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

This success came from conducting intense

Bowman cont on pg 11:



My name is Sara Putnam and I am writing to ask for your support for Tribal Treasurer. parents are Joe and Rosie Putnam. My grandparents were Stephen and Thelma Putnam and Scivio and Loretta Onesti. I was born and raised here in Stockbridge-Munsee the Community, and I have also raised family а here, 4 daughters and a granddaughter.

I've worked for the tribe for most of my life in various capacities, most recently in Finance. I'm sure you can all identify with this: I started off as a teen working at the Family Center, then onto Star Club, Bingo Caller, Mail Girl, Economic Support Specialist, Elderly cooking with Randy (he taught me some stuff but I still can't cook), C-store, Pine Hills, Business Office Manager at the clinic, Accountant, Accountant Supervisor twice and waitressed at the casino. At times I have worked two jobs. I have a very good work ethic and have always done my best, no matter the type of job.

I currently work as an Accounting Manager for a different organization that is much larger than ours, it was a steep learning curve, but things are going well and I have been there about a year and a half now. I have some

S. Putnam cont on pg 11:



Greetings Tribal Members, I want to start this out by thanking everyone for the support I have received over the last 40 plus years in regards to representing our Tribe. I believe we have accomplished a lot in the last couple of years.

The new Ella Besaw center construction is progressing as it was planned, the apartment buildings are in the final planning for construction. With the high cost of construction, we are looking at double wide's or mobile homes for purchase. We are also finishing the plans for the family center remodel and addition with hope of housing a community pool. The plan is to get feedback from the community to see if there is interest in this endeavor. The remodel of the existing family center has to be done regardless of whether or not we put in a pool. I support the pool as something for all ages. We have folks of all ages traveling to outside facilities for this reason for recreation and health. The funds needed to pay for these projects with the exception of the home purchases is not coming out of the tribe.

In cooperation with all Tribes belonging to Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council we are celebrating the construction of an adolescence treatment facility built on land purchased for this reason.

I turned 68 years of age this past July and I am feeling good about my decision to run for the office of Tribal Treasurer. My plan if I am elected is to give up my accounting position and work full time as the Tribal Treasurer for the next two-year term and look at retirement after I turn 70 years of age, maybe.

I am asking for your support by casting a vote for me during the primaries and if I make it, then the election. There is a lot to do and I am willing and able to do it for our Tribe.

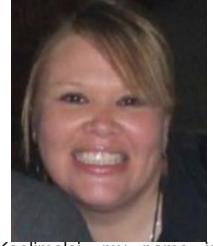
PRIMAL WOOD PRODUCTS
DELIVERY AREA

Respectfully, Terrie K. Terrio



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Koolimalsi, my name is Jayci Malone, and I am running for a Tribal Council member seat. I am the daughter of Randy and Kristy (Miller) Malone, granddaughter of Arvid Miller and Bernice (Davids) Miller Pigeon and Arthur and Cleo (Welch) Malone and a mother of three. I born and raised here but like many others moved away for a while for employment, experience, and opportunity. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and have worked for the tribe in the past as the Family Services Manager, Nurse Manager and Ella Besaw Center Manager. I also worked many years at our casino. In my professional career I have worked for other tribes as well as non-tribal entities gaining some valuable insight and experience along the way.

I hesitated with my decision to accept this nomination, but after much thought I felt the need to use this opportunity to bring forth matters that are quite concerning as a Tribal member, stakeholder to the largest employer in and Shawano County, community member. My hope is that our community will see the need for change and vote accordingly.

When accepting roles in public service, as a public servant, you are exactly that... A Public Servant to the community that elected you. With that being said,

we currently have a Tribal President and Council Members who have lost sight of what it means to serve in these capacities. Especially when it comes transparency and reporting to the very constituents that elected them. No documents or information should ever be withheld or hard to access for Tribal Members. (e.g., financial statements, membership records, land records, special projects, funding requests, monthly meetings, etc.) It is time for new people with new vision, new experiences, and a desire to be honest and true to our people to have a seat at the table.

I am not against enrollment reform, however, what I am against, is Tribal Council disregarding our own constitutional laws. This should be a red flag in all our minds. If they chose to ignore one law or code, what is stopping them from another and another and another? The referendum question regarding the 1940 Roll was not the appropriate legal avenue to change our membership. We must adhere to our constitution and make changes legally through our membership's voice. The BIA had to explain to our constitution says and how to change it. How embarrassing for us members to know that the leaders we have elected are unable to follow our laws. Right now, we have five people picking who they want to be enrolled. this number because she does nothing to stop the TC members from acting against the constitution. The president can vote on experienced this in my

application for my son. My son's late greatgrandfather. an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, was counted as a full blood SMC Tribal member by Tribal Council to enroll exactly one greatgrandchild. His other greatgrandchildren, whose enrollment apps were acted on after, were denied. The blood quantum I received for my baby does not count any blood from this greatgrandfather. This be proven with minutes, directives, and enrollment documents that I have and am willing to share with anyone who doesn't want to believe what this Tribal Council does with our membership.

There have been incidents of enrolling people who have been dually enrolled in our Tribe and another (constitutional violation), raising and creating blood quantum of people who have been deceased for decades and even an instance of enrolling someone with no SMC blood at all. All these actions are violations of our constitution. Why are we allowing Tribal Council to single handedly DECIDE who is or is not a member of our community? What authority do they have to our Tribal Council what rewrite, misinterpret, or not share genealogical records of the membership they are elected to serve? WE as a membership have to address this issue and change it the right way. Only then can our community begin to heal from this huge divide the president our employees of this but I include the president in and her TC members, past also protect them from and present, have created. I believe that all information about our tribe belongs to us. Sadly, information is not shared and roadblocks an issue at any time, not are put up to prevent us just to break a tie. I have from accessing it. Open agenda was changed to own personal life when 5PM and if you ask too submitting an enrollment many questions, they will

end it. The membership minutes are done meetings" held "special during working hours of the day making it difficult for people to attend. Our leaders add things to the agenda last minute, so no one knows they are being acted on. Some things are just done under the radar altogether, for example: Do you know at some

point the tribal president gave herself a huge wage increase? The stipends and pay for TC were increased significantly as well, but why was the membership not consulted? How were these "raises" quantified? How were they justified? As a stakeholder, we have the right to know this information when we ask.

Our constitution is in dire need of updating. However, it is still our constitution, and every tribal council member takes an oath to uphold it. The role of the president was not meant to be the boss over everyone and everything. That is a dictator. The President is NOT the CEO of our Nation. There shouldn't be directives to employees from the president or any individual TC member without the rest of tribal council knowing (a constitution **Employees** violation). should also not be handing over information unless it is a request from TC as a whole and required to carry out their (TC) official duties. This is specified in the constitution! We need to not only educate this abuse of power. How many employees have heard, "tribal council wants this," from a member of the president's executive team, only to ask a TC member individually and find out they knew nothing about it? I know as a former

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Malone cont from pg 6:

tribal manager, I have! When you read the platforms of veteran TC members, some who have served for decades, ask yourself how they do not know the constitution after all these years.

to have We deserve leaders that work for us because they want to make our tribe a good place to live, contribute to and work for. We deserve leaders who are fair and honest. Leaders who truly care about our people and our employees. We need a President who is here for us, someone who wants to solve our issues first, not just talk about them out in the public as a means of self-promotion. We have many Tribal members with expertise in all different industries who we should be working to include in our workforce, not working to exclude! We need leaders who will stop putting up roadblocks to information that rightfully belongs to the people. In the healthcare world we can share information securely electronically. Why can't the tribe do the same?

Please vote for change at the highest level. Our ancestors never intended for us to be a dictatorship. Tribal members and tribal employees should be able to express their opinions without retaliation against themselves or their loved ones. We deserve leaders who are going to be willing to read, learn and respect our constitution, ordinances and policies and apply them fairly across the board. Let's bring back pride, honesty, and integrity to our community and with our employees. Vote for change! "Withholding information is the essence of tyranny. Control of the Thank you, flow of information is the AJ tool of dictatorship." -Bruce Coville



Greetings,

My name is AJ Miller and I am humbly asking for your vote in the 2023 Primary Election.

I am the son of Alan and Beverly (Welch) Miller. grandson of Paul and Myrtle (Lemieux) Welch. My wife Kathleen and I have been married for 11 years and have two beautiful daughters; Maggie and Moxie.

I have been working for the Tribe for many years in a number of different roles. Over the past six plus years, I have been the Player Development Manager at the North Star Mohican Casino-Resort. I also serve the community as a member of the Investment Committee and the Education Board.

I have associate degrees Business Administration and Public Administration. Being involved in the community is important for my family and I.

As a Tribal member, I recognize the need for leadership, positive politics, group economics, and business development to achieve growth for the community and our people. This is my priority. I am asking for your support to represent you as a member of the Tribal Council.



Often term times the thrown around especially during election time, transparency government but what does it mean?

My name is Chad Miller and I am running for tribal Council. My parents are Donnie and Chris Miller and am the grand child of Lucille "Cille" an Corlyss Miller. Transparency to means you can't l me hide behind executive privilege or fail to explain how decisions are made. Broad interpretations of confidentiality or "what is confidential" "what and is not" can be misused to muddy the waters and mislead the public an or their interpretation of the truth. There are things from a legal perspective that are indeed confidential but a Council should never use the guise of executive privilege to hide behind their choices.

My the promise to community is to ensure transparent and honest leadership and forthcoming with any decision I make no matter how difficult. I believe our community deserves leadership that is not only clear and concise but also humble and empathetic. If elected I will carry myself in those terms.

Thank for the you nomination and for your consideration.

Annishiik



Koolamalsi: Greetings Too all my fellow Community Members, a warm and thoughtful Hello. Not being "long winded" I wish to express my gratitude for my continued allowing service to the entire community. I look at this as a great Honor, never to be taken for granted. I would also like to take a moment to thank my Facebook critics, even thou may not realize, they do me a great service by keeping me, ever vigilant. Remember, when you point your finger at someone, look down, there are 3 fingers pointing back at you. Opinions shared are what make a community strong.

Speaking of community, the great storm of June 22 2022 brought this community together in ways not seen in many life times, not only our service workers, but citizens young and old came together to see to the needs of those less fortunate, helping when and where ever needed. The true meaning of community. We continue Forest salvage with operations, affects of which will be felt for generations. The 2 large projects, the new Ella Besaw Assisted living Center, & the Family Center expansion will serve our future needs very well, we look forward to their completion in 2024.

addition, the reacquisition of lands in our ancestral home lands represent our continued long-standing historic preservation efforts. Look forward to a full story in upcoming Mohican News. With that said, Ann-nii-shik, thank you for your support. JOE

Bowler School Ribbon Cutting



























Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing



































Stockbridge-Munsee Community Members – Greetings. My name Terrance "Moonie" Miller, and I am seeking your support and vote Tribal this year's election(s) to become your representative on the SMC

Tribal Council. proven As and а successful leader of Tribal Businesses for over 30 vears, I understand the value and powerful results of working cooperatively to find the right answers by first understanding the root cause or problem instead of just only seeing and addressing the symptoms. I understand that seeking advice and suggestions from others to find those right answers is not a sign of weakness but instead how servant leadership representative and government is supposed to I realize that as a work. leader what I do and say, be it at work, out in public, or on social media matters and it should because elected Tribal as an representative I would also be representing you. am college educated, yet strongly rooted in common sense. I place value on a person's word and work hard to keep mine. I am respectful of others. strive to put Tribal business

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and strive to be exceptional

be the exception. I also

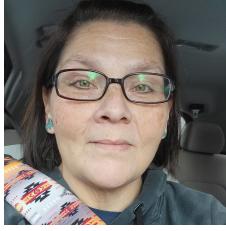
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understand that none of us are as smart as all of us working together to achieve common goal(s). As your next representative of the Tribal Community and its government, I will

- Seek to promote a positive image of the Tribal Community.
- Work cooperatively to create the greatest good for the greater good of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.
- Listen to shared thoughts and ideas regarding the Tribal Community, businesses, assets, and its government.
- Seek out and learn from others with relevant information and knowledge on subjects brought to the Tribal Council before decisions are made.
- Put the Interests of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community over special interests.
- Seek to make consistent, rational, and timely decisions (with input) on behalf of the Tribal Community.

Thank you for your time, your support, and for your vote.

Terrance "Moonie" Miller



Hello Community! I would first like to thank anyone who even considers me for my community as Tribal Council. I have lived here my whole life and I love this community. I have worked at the Housing Office since 1996...going on 27 years instead of expecting to and I love my job. Every year I hear this community

expressing how we need change. I think it's time to give some other tribal members a chance to represent this community. We will not see any change unless we are brave enough to move forward and hear from other people. Let's move forward as the strong community that I know we are, let's give some new people a chance to make a difference. Our representatives need to listen to the people, take everyone into consideration and make decisions that are best for everyone. I do not have an educational degree, but I am a hard worker and very passionate about this community. I don't think you need a degree to listen to people, show respect, be kind and include opinions of others. for your consideration,

Shawn Moede.



Regina My name is Williams, and I would appreciate your support in the upcoming elections. My parents are Joe and Rosie Putnam and my grandparents were Thelma and Stephen Putnam and Loretta and Scivio Onesti. I am married to Guy Williams and we have raised our children here for most of their lives. I have lived and the position to represent worked in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community much of my life but have also lived and worked outside of the Tribe. Both my on and off reservation experiences have taught me lessons that are valuable in my everyday life.

My educational background consists of: Associate's in Biological Science. Associate's Administration, Business Bachelor's in Business Administration, Master's in Business Administration with emphasis Healthcare Administration and Human Resources and I am currently working on a Doctor of Public Administration. Outside of formal education I try to take every opportunity to learn new things.

My employment background consists of: Table Games Dealer & Supervisor, Child support Specialist, Child Support Director, Director of Human Services, Human Resource Manager and most recently Thanks again I I am working as the Director of Hospitality at North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

> As a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee community I have sat on several boards: Head Start Policy Council, Election Board, Health Center Board and I am currently serving on the Education Board. I also try to take an active role in the community by attending most Tribal Council meetings when able to, outside of when I worked or lived outside of the area. I feel that tribal member engagement is very important, the Tribal Council is there to act in the best interests of the people, it is important to know what the people think and what they need. It is also the best way to advocate for change within our community.

> Some areas that I believe important this will be coming year are housing. expanding our current businesses. providing opportunities for the youth, finding new business

> R. Putnam cont on pg 11:

R. Putnam cont from 10: opportunities, Tribal engagement, Member Tribal prioritizing Member employment in management positions, recruitment, and retention of employees and those are just a few!

I am a hard worker in any job that I do and lead by example. I have high expectations of myself and my teams because I want the best for the organizations I work for and that is even more important to me working for my own Tribe. I pride myself on providing clear, direct, honest communication even when it is hard, or passing along information that people may not want to hear. I also value accountability, we are all human and make mistakes, it is important to take responsibility when that happens. Although I work in gaming, I am still active in the human services realm, assisting with problems and projects and I have been serving on the National Tribal Child Support board for the past 4 years.

In closing I cannot make any promises other than to work hard, be honest, research the information that gets voted on and listen to any feedback provided, both the good and the bad.

Thank you for taking the time to read!

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name is Sterling My Schreiber and I am running for a seat on the Tribal Council. 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 have resided on the reservation nearly my entire life. My Stockbridge-Munsee blood comes from the Mohawk and Welch bloodlines.

I am employed by the Tribe full-time as a Game Warden and have been in that position for fifteen vears. I have worked for the Tribe in various positions for over thirty years. have previously served on several Tribal Councils for approximately ten years. I have always prided myself on keeping up with current events and paying close attention to the details and asking many, many questions. You can never ask too many questions. It is the sworn duty of the Tribal Council to keep tribal members informed

and make sound decisions regarding the future wellbeing of the tribe and its tribal members. Hold them to it. If you see something you don't agree with, speak out and let them know. Silence won't solve the issues that this Tribe faces, it will take the voice of its people. In a small community like ours it is so important for tribal members to get out and VOTE!!!

Thank You

Sterling L. Schreiber

M. Putnam cont from 1: achieve this is through transparency:

Daytime Council meetings The excessive use should only be held in cases emergency. experiences have shown that council members only recap what happened scheduled at regularly meetings if it benefits them, such as giving themselves raises.

The cost of all travel must role of the Tribal Council be shared upon request, along with a justification and subsequent report. No one should be exempt from this.

must be resolved. regardless of the outcome, in order for us to progress. It is currently being used as a means of control, creating divisions between the "haves and have nots."

Our police should prioritize being community officers first Shawano and County need Shawano County's traffic stings and excessive ticketing. The future lies in hands-on community involvement.

Banishment should implemented for individuals who pose a threat to the welfare of our Community.

have a working strategic plan that is readily available to all members. It is time for change. This will keep everyone informed about ongoing Matthew J. Putnam

activities and future plans The only way we can for expansion, such as creating our own affordable housing units.

> executive sessions must Recent come to an end. There is no need for a Council Meeting if the majority of it is conducted in secret. Stand behind your word in front of the people, not behind closed doors.

I firmly believe that the is to address the will and needs of the people. The council itself is not qualified to oversee the day-to-day business side of our Nation. In the future, The issue of enrollment we must establish two separate bodies, one to address physical needs and the other to handle financial matters.

For those who know me, it is evident that I have always placed the Community first, department and that has never been questioned. Now, there is another way to ensure the majority's voice is heard. officers second. We do not As an elected official, I will open up the Event Center or the tribal office Saturday morning one each month for genuine Community discussions and listening sessions. be This may be an unofficial gathering, but it provide an opportunity for all voices to be heard, and it will compel other Council The Tribal Council must Members to step up or reveal their true intentions.

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vulnerability, mistakes I've made them, lessons I've learned them, and that what we share as humans on this earth is the impulse to strive for better, always and no matter what, we become bolder in brightness. If you know your light, you know yourself. You know your way. In my experience, this type of self-knowledge builds confidence, which in turn breeds calmness and an ability to maintain perspective, which leads, finally, to being able to connect meaningfully with others—and this to me is the bedrock of all things.

This is bigger than any one person; this is about the people of our tribal nation. It's about setting aside interests and personal ambitions work together on solving collectively problems including challenges and solutions long-term enrollment, areas like diversification, economic more resources for health identifying care needs. ways sustain workforce and assist our citizens, expansion of housing options a larger for telehealth purposes, commitment and response to the climate change crisis embracing and community greener through renewable energy initiatives to name a few. We have made strides

to celebrate our progress. But we know there is much more that we need to do together. If asked if we did enough, the answer will enough.

Α few highlights include provide the much-needed 21-million-dollar facility to expand from funded Youth a small operational to a centric large operation to include treatment facility additional residential is

Holsey cont from pg One: hospice and memory care that will be open in early spring of 2024.

The recent reclamation of 351 acres of our homelands original land Stockbridge, in Massachusetts known as Monument Mountain through а grant received in the amount of own story in an honest 2.6 million dollars from the state of Massachusetts Monument Mountain is an original historical landmark, and sacred place for the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican people of the or the Upper Housatonic Valley for over thousands of years, a place where someone could climb to the exposed rocky peak and view the length and breadth of our Housatonic homeland.

Award of the NTIA Tribal to Broadband Connectivity Program, which has allowed the Stockbridge-Munsee Community to make a massive step towards closing that digital divide by providing 24 months of free broadband services for 650 of our our households. In addition, we will be the providing tablets for the elderly and affordable and diversified immunocompromised closing yet another barrier to quality care in the community.

The ongoing recovery of the devastating storm of 2022 which impacted over 50 percent of our natural forward, and it is important forest. With gratitude for the overwhelming response assistance of action, and a plan forward, by Community, our staff, and forestry committee always be we can never do in the assistance to our citizen after the storm and Community development of harvesting the and reforestation.

Ella Besaw Expansion to Ground breaking of the state culturally Wellness which I collaborative project

through the tribal nations of GLITC in Tomahawk, WI.

The threats and challenges confronting our nation are many and complex—most of which were designed specifically to erode our sovereignty. We have so much work ahead of us and we can never stop trying to improve our conditions. Even the most deeply held differences, treating the other person with respect and as a fellow humanbeing is always a good first step towards great kind because tomorrow understanding. We've paralyzed become by polarity and we've become content with 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 and love.

I watch as each As generation breaks new paradigms and overturns old ways of doing things as a matter of course. This isn't gratuitous — it's how we move forward as a

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society. Each generation of kids will remake the world, and from this we'll gain all kinds of new discoveries. So, as we age, we have a choice: we can either cling to the world as we shaped it and refuse to engage in the new world our kids' and next generations are creating, or we can adapt to their world and remain curious, active participants in it.

I will continue to work hard, be humble, İS not promised realize that we must take every opportunity to say division. I love you, because I do, and give our loved ones the time they deserve. because nothing in life is more important than your family and community. I am profoundly grateful to have been in service to you. The highs, the lows, the blessings, the lessons, the setbacks, the comebacks, the love—all of it, much love to all.

Most ardently, Shannon



Bowman cont from pg 5: research and having rich partial awards of funding. In addition, my experience included working closely with the Finance I Department monitoring the working Federal Cash Report and completing drawdowns/ collecting interest instead of somewhere else.

foundational experience continued into my current position as Director of Education it backward. and Career Services with an additional 17 years of 1 administering 11 Education Career and Services programs.

These programs integrate high quality services to 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 mindful continuously monitoring the financial sustainability of our future. It is vital that If you we spend with a purpose and not just because to secure sustainability.

This can be done with right-sized budgeting and looking within to assess needs the true and wants for sustaining and ANUSHIIK prioritizing services and Munsee-We are grateful business ventures, while **ONEEWE** simultaneously rebalancing our investment allocations through measurable thresholds or tactically in response to the market trends incoming and dividends.

Leadership should never put themselves above the

people or use implicit bias in decisions. Instead they dialogue with government should be seeking the partners to ensure we voice of the people for use received full awards and not of their resources that are outside of the day to day operations.

envision leadership collectively moving the tribe as a whole forward while preserving invoices to ensure our resources for those not yet funding was in our bank born and for the upcoming generations.

> Our ancestors sacrificed, so that we would have a work better place in the world and it is time to pay it forward while remembering to pay

see leadership not infiltrating their opinions in the day to day operations, getting but rather informed on the topic and gathering data that drives their direction. Without illuminate pathways that informing oneself or having data no one is working for the greater good of all, but rather individual positions, power, or control.

> My leadership strengths are built on a solid foundation that consists of a higher education, 33-plus years of tribal work experience, spending while and tribal leadership with values, vision, and vitality.

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

> > Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Mohican – Thank you

Jolene Bowman



S. Putnam cont from 5: wonderful mentors there that have helped me to be the best I can be at what I do. I believe great mentors Treasurer for the last two are very important to have appreciate them.

in Business Administration and Bachelor's Business Management, but like a lot of us, I never a really knew what I wanted to understand how to read "do", I ended up in Finance financial statements, for and Accounting is really interesting to me because I Expense summary, Income think it is a lot like detective Statement, Balance Sheet work. It's not as routine as you would think, because there is always something investigate, example, if a subsystem every Investment (like accounts receivable, payables, payroll, separate software utilized term, I have also attended by one of our departments, etc.) balance of an account Financial you doesn't come out to zero conferences, which cover when checking it against financial topics affecting the General Ledger (the Indian Country. main books), you need to entry, so you have to learn attended every regular will make your account years. not balance between all the transactions that are Round table meetings on happening in an out of that Friday mornings, however account in both ledgers.

time I became Treasurer I and did not attend these for decided to go back to school for a second Bachelor's Accounting because I really wanted to learn I will do my best; with the more about topics I didn't information I'm given - to fully understand, enhance my skillset, and further my for us. career. I take one class at a time, so I can really absorb more people get involved and apply the material.

I just finished Auditing Theory and Practice and my current class is Advanced Financial Reporting, I have four classes left to complete this degree. I appreciate my education more now than in the past because it

directly relates to my work; and this has helped me a great deal.

I have been Tribal years. I am well-versed in to be successful and I the contracts and grants our tribe receives, as well I have an associates as the enterprises and proprietary funds of our tribe.

> I know how to do balanced budget. example, Revenue and and Cash Flow and how they correlate and work with each other.

I have tried to attend 401k Committee meeting scheduled. During this a few Native American Officers reconciling Association (NAFOA)

My job is demanding, figure out why. Most of so I don't often take off the time it is some kind of during the day for meetings human error with the debit scheduled during work or credit or timing of the hours, however I have to recognize the patterns meeting with the exception of things to watch for that of a couple in these two

> I also attend our I did have a period where At about the same I had to focus on my job, several months.

> > In closing, the only promise I can make is that make the best decisions

> > I would love to see and attend meetings and push for what we need. I wish you all well, no matter the outcome.

> > > -Sara



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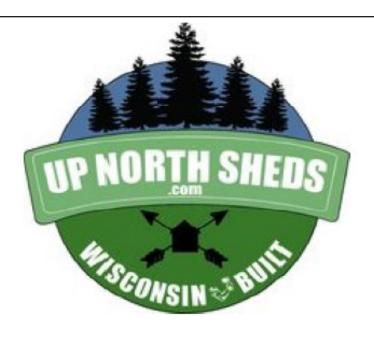
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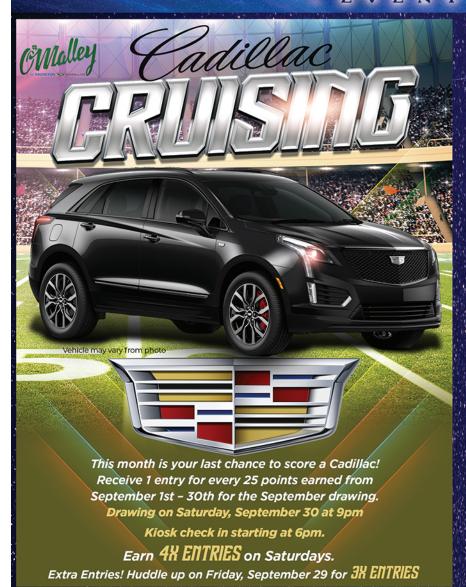




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