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Indigenous Peoples' Day



October 9, 2023, we celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day a holiday intended both to honor Native cultures and to offer something of a rebuke to Columbus Day. In 2021, President Biden became the first U.S. president to formally recognize the holiday, a signal of its growing acceptance.

Christopher Columbus did not "discover" America. This day and every day, let's remember and celebrate the Peoples who were here first! It's time to recognize that celebrating the life of Christopher Columbus is the same as celebrating the erasure of Indigenous existence. It is an act of violence, not solidarity.

By commemorating Indigenous Peoples Day, we recognize colonization continues today and perpetuates oppression against Indigenous sovereignty and selfdetermination. Changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day is a step towards disrupting these oppressive systems and President



Terrio Barbara is Student Language new Teacher. Her job will be to learn the Munsee language and then set up learning tools for others.

Terrio has and Associate Degree and has previously worked at a Certified Nursing Assistant for 13 years, and a Massage Therapist for 14 years.

Barbara is married to William "Bill" Terrio and they have two children Tia and Sylas.

In her free time Barbara enjoys gardening veggies and flowers, spending time with their two dogs Dudley and Douglas.

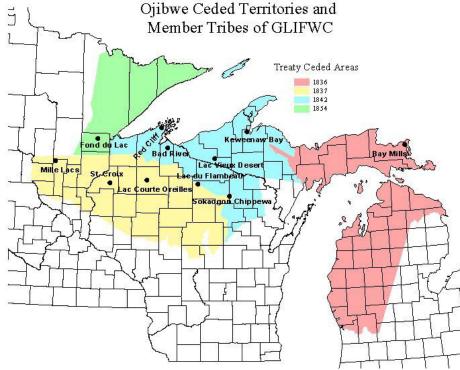
shifts focus to recognize, honor, and celebrate Indigenous Peoples, knowledge, histories, traditions, and lands. It is an opportunity to learn about the Peoples whose land we are on and to take- action in supporting the rights and sovereignty of all Indigenous Peoples.

Respectfully, Shannon Holsey,

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Tribe Files Amicus Brief on Pipeline



By Jeff Vele – Mohican support **News Editor**

joined a coalition of sixtyfiled an amicus brief in 5 dual pipelines pose an federal court,

of Michigan's Attorney General Dana Stockbridge-Munsee Nessel in her lawsuit to stop the Enbridge Pipeline. three tribes who recently The brief states "The Line showing **Oil cont on page Two**:

Beaulieu Lake Access Improvement Project



SMC The Department parcel on Beaulieu Lake. the slope of the approach

Ecology reduce the amount of recently erosion entering the lake completed a project at the and improve accessibility. Tribally-owned 20-acre To accomplish these goals, The project had two goals; Lake cont on page Eight:

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Oil cont from page One: unacceptable risk of an oil spill into the Great Lakes," and asks the court to reverse its decision to keep the lawsuit in federal court. Tribes have cultural, economic and treatyrelated interests in halting the pipeline.

The "dual pipelines" is a four-mile section of two parallel pipelines that run beneath the straits that connect Lake Michigan to Lake Huron.

President Holsey said "The Stockbridge Munsee Community recognizes the importance to protect the Great Lakes by signing on to an amicus brief regarding the Line 5 Dual Pipelines. This amicus brief will focus on the Michigan Attorney General's interlocutory challenging the federal district court's denial of the AG's motion to remand to state court her case that seeks to shut down operation Enbridge of

Offices or can be mailed to:

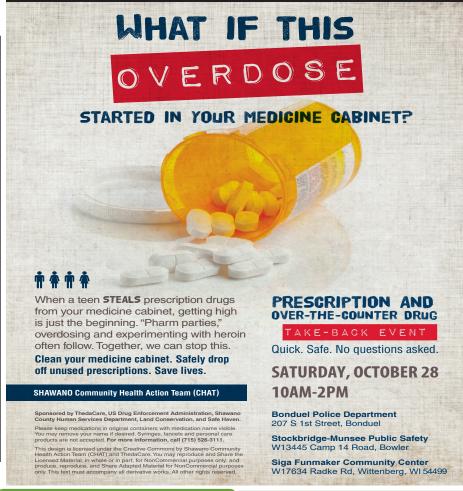
Energy's dual pipelines that run through the Straits of Mackinac".

v. Enbridge was filed in state court to stop further operation of the dual pipelines. In a move delaying the lawsuit for three Enbridge years, moved the case to federal court in 2020. The State of Michigan and the tribes who filed the breif believe the lawsuit could be resolved faster if it were returned to state court.

Line 5 is outdated and past the projected engineering 'lifespan' by 20 years. It was constructed in 1953 without the consent of Tribal nations whose lands and cultural landscapes it impacts. It carries crude oil and natural gas liquids appeal in the Sixth Circuit from western Canadasnaking through Wisconsin and Michigan- to Sarnia, Ontario. Along this path the pipeline passes through lakes, watersheds, and natural habitats.

also cuts through the lands Each side has time to file and waters reserved by a response, and once the Ojibwe tribes in the Treaty In June 2019, Nessel of 1837: 26.8 million acres (see graphic) in exchange for the rights to hunt, fish, gather and maintain their the briefs. way of life on these lands.

briefing is concluded the Court of Appeals will either hold an oral argument or decide the case based on



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Photos of community events or other artwork needed for new Ella Besaw Center

building project is expect- community events or loed to be completed in early cations or other artwork spring 2024. The construction is going quickly, and staff are busy planning.

Since this building is intended to be "home" for the residents, it's important that the building include pieces of our Community.

The Ella Besaw Center Please share photos of that could be added to the building. Think about the photos at Aspirus Langlade Hospital for inspiration.

> Digital prints are preferred, and can be sent to: Amanda.stevens@mohican-nsn.

News from Constitution Committee **Attention Tribal Members**

The Constitution Committee will be mailing, to adult members, a letter for your input regarding two important questions which have been repeatedly identified in the previous survey and from the August 26th meeting.

The purpose is to find what tribal members want to see changed in Article III Membership in the tribal constitution. Please fill out the form and mail back in the stampedself-addressed envelope.

The SMHWC clinic parking lot is undergoing construction

The parking lot will be currently is. demolished and replaced in October.

removed over the weekend. construction will include replacing healing way (the road from highway A to the parking lot). The clinic will remain open and patient parking will still be located in the front of the clinic as it

If you have an appointment in October, please plan to The center islands were arrive a little earlier than normal in case there is larger portion of any delays in parking. construction is expected to Patient parking will be start on October 4th. The marked by orange cones and signage. Melvin, our security guard, will be available if patients need extra assistance.

Andrew Miller

Director









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Open invitation for people to bring their kids to Ella Besaw for trick or treating this year on October 31, 2023 during the normal Trick or Treat hours in the Community.



On Tuesday, October 3rd, 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-**ADD:** Donation: Grafton Lands Peace Pagoda Judiciary Commission Vacancy

Tribal Member Request in **Executive Session**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda for October 3rd as amended. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-**MEETING MINUTES-**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, September 19th, 2023. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

EPA CLEAN WATER ACT GRANT-Alex Brauer, **Hydrologist**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve and accept the increase in base funding for EPA Clean Water Act Performance Partnership Grant. Base funding for Non-Point Pollution (319) portion of the grant was increased starting in FY23. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Roll Call: Jeremy yes, Randall abstains, Craig ves, Sara ves, Terrie yes, and Joe yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS JUNE & JULY GM REPORT

WITH FINANCIALS-Tony **Granquist, GM; Timothy** Magwitz, Director of Finance and Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the attached June Financials with the July GM Report along with the July 2023 Financials. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

EPA REGION ADDITIONAL FUNDING-Antoinette Tourtillott, EPA **Program Coordinator**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve and give authorization to the Environmental department to carry out the duties listed on the FY2023-FY2027 EPA GAP application and grant budget as listed and approved by the Region 5 EPA. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

BUDGETMODIFICATION-Jolene Bowman, Director I most of his life. In his free of Education & Career Services

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve modification as present to fund 204.

Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION: Proposed** 105(I) for Tribal Buildings-Allen Quinney, Executive Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution #001-24, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes Tribal Executive Director Allen Quinney to submit Section 105(I) lease proposal to the Secretary of the Interior for the following facilities pursuant to P.L. 93-638:

- Tribal Headquarters Office-N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI
- Legal-N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler,

On the Trail Home



Terry Rand Chicks

Terry Rand Chicks, age 73, passed away Tuesday October 3, 2023, surrounded by family in Milwaukee. Terry was born A funeral on July 1, 1950, in Shawano to the late Clarence and Sarah Chicks. (Miller) He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Mohican Lutheran Church in Gresham. Terry graduated from Franklin High School in 1968 and attended UW Milwaukee. He lived in Milwaukee for time, Terry enjoyed riding

bike and golfing.

Terry is survived by his sister, Susan (Marc) Chicks-Wojciechowski; nephew, Nathan (Jamie) Wojciechowski; greatniece and nephew, Allison and Eliot; and sister-inlaw, Rose. He is further survived by many other relatives and friends.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Sarah; and siblings, Marjorie Jean Chicks and Robert Chicks.

service for Terry was held at 11:00 am on Saturday October 2023, at Immanuel Mohican Lutheran Church in Gresham, with Lav Minister Ralph Beversdorf officiating. Visitation was held at the church until time of service. Burial will be at Red Springs Cemetery.

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- Administration-N8705 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI
- Public Safety-W13455 Camp 14 Road, Bowler,
- er, Wi
- W12635 County Highway K. Terrio, Motion carried. A, Bowler, WI
- Environmental/Conser- Lands vation/Forestry-N7689 Council Koan Tuk Drive. Bowler. WI

Seconded by Joe Miller. Resolution adopted.

CONTRACT EXTENSION MSA **ENGINEERING** SERVICES-Chad Miller, **Land Management**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve Amendment #1 of the MSA Agreement dated N8500 Moh He Con Nuck 12/22/2022. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

LAND COMMITTEE MINUTES-Chad Miller. **Land Management**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept Land Committee P&E/Roads-W13817 Meeting minutes of August County Highway A, Bowl- 17th, 2023, and approve motions the contained • Education/Konkapot- within. Seconded by Terrie

DONATION: Grafton Pagoda-Tribal

Motion by Joe Miller to Directives cont on pg 11:

Toxic Exposure Screening

As a Veteran, during your military service, you may have been exposed to environmental hazards, such as Agent Orange. To learn more about your exposures, you can have a toxic exposure screen (TES) during a routine health care appointment, which will allow your exposures to be documented in your record. The TES includes a series of questions that take about 5-10 minutes, and the potential exposures to various hazards are recorded. This screening is not meant for diagnostic purposes but can address concerns about your health and deployment. Following the screen, you will receive information about benefits, environmental health registry exams and clinical resources to address any concerns.

If you have any questions about the TES, you can contact your local VA health care team via Secure Message or call 1-800-MyVA411 and press 8. You can also inquire about the TES during your next VA health care appointment or contact your local VA facility and ask to be screened by the TES Navigator if you want to be screened sooner. It is important to note that you will be screened at least once every five years, even if you do not have any concerns at present. We recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity better understand your health.

Vietnam-era Veterans, the PACT Act, and the Agent Orange Registry

Do you know the difference between the PACT Act and the Agent Orange Registry? The PACT Act, more formally known as the Sergeant First Class Health Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, was

signed into law on August 10, 2022. It expands health care benefits for Veterans. The Agent Orange Registry helps Veterans understand possible long-term health problems that may be related to Agent Orange exposure.

Learn more about the difference between these two initiatives.

The PACT Act

- The PACT Act is a law that empowers VA to provide expanded benefits and care to Veterans who were exposed to environmental hazards during military service.
- It ensures that every Veteran enrolled in VA health care can receive an initial toxic exposure screening at VA and followup screening at least every 5 years.
- solidifies VA's lt process for establishing presumptions of service connection of toxic exposure-related conditions.

Presumptive Conditions The PACT Act added to the list of health conditions that we assume (or "presume") are caused by military exposures. If you have a presumptive condition, you don't need to prove that your service caused the condition. You only need to meet the service requirements for the presumption. For Vietnam Veterans, the PACT Act added the following presumptive conditions:

- High blood pressure (also called hypertension)
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

Presumptive Locations locations as additional presumptive locations for Agent Orange exposure:

- Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976
- Laos from December 1, 1965, through Septem-



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- or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969
- Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 31, 1980
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30. 1977

Find additional locations and time frames.

If you served on active duty in any of these locations, VA will automatically presume that you had exposure to Agent Orange. **Health Care**

If you served on active duty in any of these locations during these time periods, you are eligible to apply for VA health care:

- The Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975
- Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base between January 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976
- Laos between De-The PACT Act added 5 cember 1, 1965, and September 30, 1969
 - Certain provinces in Cambodia between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969
 - Guam or American Samoa (or their territorial waters) between January 9, 1962, and July 31, 1980

Johnston Atoll (or on Cambodia at Mimot a ship that called at Johnston Atoll) between January 1, 1972, and September 30, 1977

> Learn more about health care eligibility and about the PACT Act.

"This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [SLFRP0135FAIN] awarded to [the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs via the Wisconsin Department of Administration] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."





New Boat luanch on Beaulieu Lake



Boat luanch before any work



The black Envirogrig material being filled with Gravel



The roller packing down the gravel



Filling the sides and and low points



Filling in the sides with riprap rock to help drain water and prevent erosion



Finished boat luanch



Rolling and flattening above the boat luanch



Starting to work on the driveway



Diggin out the corner to improve turning and water run off



Skid steer picking up gravel to fill the driveway



Rolling and flattening the drive way



P & E telling him he's doing it wrong (Just Jokes)



Removing silt fence from water



Finished driveway



Finished product, planting grass to regrow in the disturbed area

Enjoying the Fall Color Change































Lake cont from pg One:

road had to be reduced, rainwater runoff had to be directed off the road and away from the lake, and steps needed to be made to stabilize the boat ramp. After installing a silt fence along the lake to capture any runoff during construction, project started by excavating the existing boat launch area down 4 inches. The excavated area was compacted and (sloped away crowned from the center of the road) before an erosion control material called GeoCell was installed. This material is made of high-density poly ethylene (HDPE), consisting of a network of 4-inch deep cells that are filled with road material. Once the cells are filled with the road material, lateral movement of sediment and/or water is nearly eliminated and contained in place. Also, because of the structure of the cells, the finished road can support nearly double the weight of gravel at the same thickness alone. Larger sized rock, called rip-rap, was added to each side of the ramp to help slow down any runoff during heavy rain events.

The next step of the project was to shape the parking the lake. The parking area received a slope through the middle that directs runoff to an area of rip- reaching Tribal waters. rap where it is slowed For adjacent woods. parking area also received 4818.

an extended area to park vehicles and turn around boat/kayak trailers. The approach road down to the lake was excavated and resurfaced with new gravel to have a consistent and more gradual slope from top to bottom. This involved cutting down the crest of the hill and building up on the downslope side. Again, the road was crowned to divert water to the edges of the road and into the bordering riprap where runoff can be slowed before reaching the adjacent woods. small culvert was also installed to allow water to run underneath the road so heavy rain events don't cause any harmful erosion to the road.

Lastly, excess material from re-sloping the road was used to build a berm along the slope between the pavilion and the lake. The berm was seeded in native pollinator mix and will help capture any runoff from the lawn around the pavilion. Native plant plugs will be installed in 2024 to speed up establishment of the pollinator friendly prairie.

The project was funded using EPA 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution grant. The **SMC Ecology** area and approach road department's Clean Water to direct runoff away from Program receives annual base funds through this grant to complete projects aimed at reducing pollution

more information down before entering the contact the SMC Ecology The Department at 715-793-

HEAD START

October

Last month we celebrated **Grandparents** day and each child got to invite someone special to come eat with them!







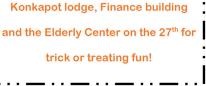






Family Involvement:

Come join us on October 20th at 10:30 am to make a paper plate Mummy! Then enjoy a home cooked meal for lunch



This month we are excited to visit

Important Dates

Oct. 17th- Snap education Oct. 20th- Family involvement activity
Oct. 25th- Nutrition education
Oct. 27th- Trick or Treating







watching grandparents do some art with their grandkids!

It was so much fun





Head Start

Corner

Important reminder

According to Stockbridge Munsee tribal ordinances - Chapter 56 Food Service Code – all vendors selling food on the Stockbridge Munsee reservation must comply with our food code.

Chapter 56.2 speaks specifically to the point of obtaining Food Service Permits. Food Service Permits are **mandatory** for food service operation.

- Food Service Permits will not be issued unless the vendors comply with all aspects of our food code.
- Our Food Code requires all food handlers to have documentation of a current FOOD HANDLER CARD and food stands must submit to inspection prior to any sales.

Further information on our tribal food code may be found on our tribal website: https://www.mohican.com/ordinances/



For more information on how to obtain food service permits, please call:

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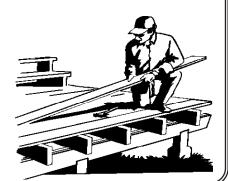
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Directives cont from 4:

a land transfer surrounding Peace Pagoda in Grafton, NY to come out Joe Miller. Motion carried. of Unallocated but as a Seconded by donation. carried.

JUDICIARYCOMMISSION VACANCY-Tribal Council Motion by Joe Miller to to the Judiciary Commission due to a conflict of interest Motion and post the vacancy. Seconded Randall by Wollenhaup.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Joe Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 5:15 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Seconded by Session. Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 5:58 PM.

discussion was held on Amendment an Internal Audit, Iribal Member Requests, a Land Acquisition and Contract Matters.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr., to grant an employment Constitution. discussed waiver as Session. Executive in Jeremy Seconded by Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio authorize a wire transfer for to grant the requests of 2 Guardianships for the Per Capita 2023. Seconded by

Motion Randall by Wollenhaup to allow the Terrie K. Terrio. Motion Land Manager to negotiate for the parcel discussed at the negotiated price as discussed in Executive Seconded Session. vacate the last appointment Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

> Joe Miller by authorize contract amendment related to PTO as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded Jeremy Mohawk.

> Motion maker amends motion to add: to adopt resolution #002-24. NOW THEREFOR IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Council Tribal hereby approves and authorizes the Tribal President or. in his/her absence the Vice-President, to sign the First Amendment as stipulated, and

BE **FURTHER** ΙT While in Executive Session RESOLVED that the First shall forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval as required under Article VII, Section (1)(b) of the Stockbridge-Munsee Second concurs. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the contract

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Session. Seconded carried.

For the record: The Tribal Seconded Council thanked Randall Mohawk. Motion carried. for his years of service and wish him the best and hopes that he will sit on Tribal Council again in the near future.

Motion by Sara Putnam accept audit to the recommendations for Program 601 Little Star and

as discussed in Executive that management respond by how they are going to Craig Kroening Jr. Motion follow through with the audit recommendations. by Jeremy

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to Seconded adjourn. Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:01 PM.





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