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HIV/AIDS Awareness Powwow at MFC

On March 16 the Mohican Family Center held a HIV/AIDS Awareness powwow. The event was held on the 16th because March 20 is National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The powwow was sponsored by the HIV/AIDS Capacity Grant, which is part of the Family Services Department to raise awareness on Native American HIV/AIDS awareness day. Educational booths were on display in the lobby, a luncheon was also held on Tuesday March 19.

Master of Ceremonies for the powwow was Harold Katchenago. Head dancers were Jani Webster and Jeremy Mohawk Jr. the three drum groups were: Iron Gate-Mark and Dave Shepard, Steve Price, Melvin Kazik, Boo, Waylon. Gii Taa'se, the Gordy Williams family. Shkodack, Jason Rosario, Shawn Stevens, Sam Grant. There was a feast held at the halfway point during the powwow. It was fry bread burgers, chips, cookies, and salad. There was also a giveaway for those in attendance.

Pictures are on the center pages of this issue.

New Executive Director



Rainer Shooter is the new Executive Director for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and will be starting his job April 10. The Executive Director acts as the chief Staff to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council and as such is responsible to perform capacity building within the operation of the tribal organization and develop strategies to achieve and progress the goals and objectives of the tribe. The Executive Director works closely with the division, department and staff leaders to meet the goals and objectives of the tribe through a team approach. The Executive Director is responsible for implementing, coordinating and monitoring policies approved by the Tribal Council and coordinating and analyzing the forecasting and budgeting

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Tribal Farm Grantor Visit



The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) is a private, charitable trust organization serving Native farmers to grant funding for agriculture business assistance, education, technical support, and advocacy services to

support and promote continued engagement in agriculture. "For too long, Native producers, communities, Tribes, and regions have not had the infrastructure necessary to create a resilient and

Visit cont on page Six:

Soul Fire Farm Programs Available

Soul Fire Farm is an Afro-Indigenous centered community farm committed to uprooting racism and seeding sovereignty in the food system. We raise and distribute life-giving food as a means to end food apartheid. With deep reverence for the land and wisdom of our ancestors, we work to reclaim our collective right to belong to the earth and to have agency in the food system. We bring diverse communities together on this healing land to share skills on sustainable agriculture, natural building, spiritual activism, health, and environmental justice. We are training the next generation of activist-

farmers and strengthening the movements for food sovereignty and community self-determination. We at Soul Fire Farm are deeply grateful to be in community with you. We are honored to give members of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans prioritized and no-cost admission to attend our programs, so you are the first to know about this year's offerings. There are so many fruitful ways to connect with Soul Fire Farm through programming this year. We are also offering L.O.L (Liberation on Land), an immersive 3-day program for BIPOC youth, ages

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Guest Editorial

When I cast my ballot, I think about my daughters. I'm using my voice to build a future they can thrive in and set an example for them. One day, they will be able to vote and this will be a tradition they will pass on to their children. So join me in voting for the seventh generation and building a future for our people.

from outside organizations or individuals to assist with election administration and restrict who can help with elections. During the pandemic, some municipalities were able to provide hand sanitizer and masks and use grant funds to hire more staff to minimize long lines and frustrating waits.

Vote NO on extreme ballot measures

On this April 2 ballot, there are two constitutional amendments that would be extremely limiting for local governments' ability to provide accessible elections.

We urge you to vote NO on both of these extreme ballot measures.

Learn more at the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin website: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/vote-no-2-april-constitutional-amendments>

If approved, these would limit local governments' ability to receive funds

Be sure to review your voter checklist before you vote:

- **First, check to see if you're registered to vote here.** If you're not registered, you can register in-person when you vote. Just make sure you have a proof of residence document for your registration and a valid photo ID to vote.
- **Know what's on your ballot.** You can find a sample ballot on MyVote. Research the candidates so you can walk in with a well-informed voting plan.
- If you plan to vote absentee, know that absentee ballot drop boxes are no longer legal. **You must personally drop off absentee ballots dropped at your clerk's office.**
- **You can vote early (also called in-person absentee voting)!** In some municipalities, early voting may go until March 29, but early voting hours and dates vary by municipality. To find your

early voting hours and location, visit this link or call your municipal clerk.

- **You can also vote in-person on Election Day on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.** Make sure you bring a valid photo ID and know where your polling place is (your polling location may have changed this year). **All polling locations are open from 7 am - 8 pm.**

We know elections are so important because we are voting for people who make decisions that directly impact our lives. Issues like the environment, healthcare, the opioid epidemic, human trafficking, education, and more are all influenced by our elected officials. Make sure you vote on April 2 to make your voice heard.

Maria Haskins
Lac Courte Oreilles-Ojibwe Native Vote Manager
Wisconsin Conservation Voices

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

Community Voices

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

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Vote 'no' on election amendments April 2

Voting is a fundamental right. However, the Republican-controlled Wisconsin Legislature has proposed two constitutional amendments which show a lack of concern for voters and our hard-working local election administrators. The changes would affect the safety and security of our elections and will prevent voters from making their voices heard.

These amendments are rooted in disinformation to sway voter opinion and foster voter apathy and confusion. Amendments are supposed to better the constitution, but these attempts at change restrict voting rights and undermine the foundations of our democracy. Governor Evers has already vetoed these same changes in a bill sent to him by the legislature.

The first question would limit critical funding for our elections without a plan to ensure election administrators have the tools they need. How long we wait in lines, how many voting locations are open, and the speed of the results are all determined by the amount of money that is set aside by the state to fund our election. Our elections

should be fully funded by the state government so municipalities don't have to rely on grants or donations to process elections.

The second question would deprive election officials of outside help. Clerks rely on experts in the field of election administration, volunteers, and community members to make sure our elections run smoothly and the results are accurate. A handful of Republican politicians would choose to make their jobs more difficult. It has already become an issue to maintain our clerks in these stressful positions with the hostilities directed at them.

These amendments will be voted upon soon! In the April 2nd spring election, we have the chance to come together and show that our votes matter. Join me in voting "NO" on both constitutional amendments. By doing so, you register your commitment to keep false information and conspiracies from undermining and degrading our elections and our form of government. Visit MyVote.WI.Gov to view your ballot and find your polling place.
Jan Koch

Notice from Enrollment Department

The Enrollment Department is not accepting applications for Enrollment and Family Tree requests at this time.

Descendant verifications and ID cards by appointment.

Burial assistance and requests for verification of tribal status are processed when received.

Please do not send in Enrollment Applications. We will be mailing them back.

We are revising the Enrollment application and will no longer accept the previous application.

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Hotchkiss School is looking for Native American teachers. The links below have the information about Hotchkiss School and information on how to apply; along with a link for a fellowship for graduate school while working at Hotchkiss.

Hotchkiss is also looking for students who are serious about their education to consider attending school there. There is a link below that provides information about the school. This is a boarding school located in Lakeville CT.

(Timeline: As soon as possible because we are always looking for great candidates)

Any links with experienced educators who identify Native/Native American/Indigenous/First Nations to apply for our Walter

Crain Fellowship (<https://www.hotchkiss.org/our-school/careers-at-hotchkiss/walter-crain-fellowship>) or even just applying to be an instructor <https://recruiting.ultipro.com/HOT1004HOTCH/JobBoard/4d8e81f7-e603-4a5c-8e0b-8635ed700c43/?q=&o=postedDateDesc> at The Hotchkiss School.

2) (Timeline: Before the end of August for the nominations in September). Any connections with students who might want to experience this incredible educational opportunity at [The Hotchkiss School](https://www.hotchkiss.org/admission/how-to-apply) (<https://www.hotchkiss.org/admission/how-to-apply>). Students who might get nominated for the Fly-In Program run by awesome colleague, Souleman Toure <stoure@hotchkiss.org>.

Alcohol, Vitamins and Supplements

A lot of people drink too much alcohol, even though they don't develop social problems from alcohol. If you drink more than seven drinks a week as a woman or 14 drinks a week as a man, that is too much.

Even if you are under that number, consider if you are binge drinking. Binge drinking is drinking more than three drinks of alcohol at a time as a woman or more than four drinks of alcohol at a time as a man. If you do that, that is considered too much alcohol and it is unhealthy.

It causes all sorts of health problems, such as problems with blood pressure.

Alcohol is a poison. If you have trouble reducing alcohol to acceptable levels, please see me or another provider for a four-day course of detox

medicines and a referral to the therapist.

Vitamins and supplements sometimes work but they can cause problems.

Biotin can interfere with labs; vitamin C can cause inflammation of your food pipe mimicking acid reflux or chest pain.

On the other hand, elders often need vitamins, especially because they are at high risk of having a diet low in nutrients.

People who drink too much alcohol (see above) should be taking vitamins.

Please discuss supplements with me or another provider, we are here to serve you.

Dr. Michael Lundin,
Medical Director



Take Control of Your Health: 6 Steps to Prevent a Fall

Every **11 seconds**, an older adult is seen in an emergency department for a fall-related injury. **Many falls are preventable.** Stay safe with these tips!

<p>1</p> <p>Find a good balance and exercise program</p>  <p>Look to build balance, strength, and flexibility. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging for referrals. Find a program you like and take a friend.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Talk to your health care provider</p>  <p>Ask for an assessment of your risk of falling. Share your history of recent falls.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Regularly review your medications with your doctor or pharmacist</p>  <p>Make sure side effects aren't increasing your risk of falling. Take medications only as prescribed.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Get your vision and hearing checked annually and update your eyeglasses</p>  <p>Your eyes and ears are key to keeping you on your feet.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Keep your home safe</p>  <p>Remove tripping hazards, increase lighting, make stairs safe, and install grab bars in key areas.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Talk to your family members</p>  <p>Enlist their support in taking simple steps to stay safe. Falls are not just a seniors' issue.</p>

2024 Summer Youth Program

Stockbridge-Munsee Education & Career Services

KONKAPOT Building, W12635 County Rd A, PO Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416

Phone 715-793-4353, Fax 715-253-2436, email: diane.burr@mohican-nsn.gov

Program Details

- **Eligible:** Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee youth, ages of 14-18 as of June 15, 2024. Direct descendants may participate, pending available space, if their established residency for the 2023-2024 school year is within the townships of Bartelme or Red Springs, excluding Middle Village and including Bowler and Gresham.
- Program starts June 17, 2024 and ends August 16, 2024
- Pay is \$15.00/hour for 80 hours
- Worksites available throughout the Stockbridge-Munsee Community
- Applications at the Konkapot Resource Center, Bowler School (see Abby Behnke), Gresham School (see Nancy Buettner), or online: <https://www.mohican.com/mt-content/uploads/2024/02/summer-youth-application-packet-2024.pdf>
- **Deadline** Completed applications must be certified with arrival date and time, as received by Friday, May 10th at 3:30 PM. Late applications will not be con-

New to Summer Youth 2024:

- 6/18/24 Field trip to Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council (GLITC) Tour and Career Day for Stockbridge-Munsee Summer Youth
- 6/28/24 Lunch and Learn in the Park
- 7/12/24 Lunch and Learn in the Park
- 7/26/24 Lunch and Learn in the Park
- 8/14/24 Collaborated Community Back to School Giveback Event



(Partnering with SMC Lenapehoking Project to expose the youth to career opportunities in fields such as archeology, anthropology, and natural & cultural resource management.)



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Grass and geese moon (April)

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Wuskiixaskwal-grass; waapsowihleewi-geese;
Niipaahum-moon; Siikwan-Spring; Sookulaan-it's raining;
Tha lahkameew-What is the weather like;
Waasulandeew-it's a sunny day; wulahkameew-it's a nice day;
Punaw na-look at that; pehpaxkwuleesh-flower;
awehleeshoosh-bird; chiishkohkoos-robin; paxkwuleew-it is blooming

Beginning March 5, 2024, VA is making all Veterans who meet the basic service and discharge requirements and were exposed to toxins while serving our country eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. We're using every tool at VA's disposal to ensure that as many of these Veterans as possible come to VA for their care.

This expansion of care means that all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror or any other combat zone after 9/11 will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll.

VA has prepared this PACT Act Stakeholder Toolkit for you to use and share information about VA's expansion of health care eligibility for Veterans. The Toolkit offers multiple communications resources you can use to reach your community members and help them better understand expanded care under PACT Act.

We value your support and thank you for sharing vital VA health information with your constituents to assist Veterans, their families and survivors in receiving the care they deserve. If a Veteran community member asks you about the PACT Act, please direct them to www.va.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MyVA411.

Key messages

• Beginning March 5, we're making millions of

Veterans eligible for VA health care years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.

• Specifically, all Veterans who meet the basic service and discharge requirements and were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving our country—at home or abroad—will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

• That includes all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11.

• It includes all Veterans who deployed in support of the Global War on Terror.

• And it includes Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty here at home, including those who worked with chemicals, pesticides, lead, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, x-rays and more.

• We're doing this because VA care is proven to be the best, most affordable health care in America for Veterans and we want as many Veterans as possible to come to us for their care.

• So, to all the Veterans out there: don't wait, apply for the care you deserve at VA.gov/PACT.

• Even if you don't need this care today, you might need it tomorrow, or the next day, or 30 years from now. It's quick and easy to apply. And once you're in, you have access for life.



Veterans Corner

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TVSO Update:

Consider coming to see me as soon as possible after returning home from active service or even if you are serving or have served in the National Guard or Reserve to see if you can qualify for VA Benefits. I've been told there were National Guard members

who did 20 years that have Line of Duty (LOD) injuries but NEVER got a disability rating. They just didn't know they qualified. I think it could help those nearing end of active duty or recently discharged service members to hear and learn about the benefits they can receive after service.



"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."

Visit cont from pg One: thriving regional food system. A regional food system grounded in Native culture, that provides economic opportunities and diversification for Tribes and producers to feed their communities is necessary. It is clear that feeding our people is one of the most essential functions of our society and requires a new solution.” - NAAF

Since 2019, the SMC Ag Department has received three grants from NAAF. These have provided the funding to install a well in at the garden, build our shed, help purchase a tractor, support processing of traditional foods, fund education classes, offset Tribal Contribution for payroll, and purchase seeds and garden supplies. NAAF is also the funding behind the Native Farmer & Producer Re-grant program which began in 2021 and has awarded 18 grants to Tribal Members totaling \$21,000. The 2024 re-grant program will be posted in April. Dr. Joe L. Graham is *Kawaik’kome*, a person of the Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico, and serves as NAAF’s Senior

Program Officer. He felt the SMC’s grant projects have been “interesting and innovative.” He visited Keek-Oche/From the Earth Tribal Farm on March 19th for a tour. He was impressed with our beekeeping, traditional foods, and community involvement. A tour of the Tribal farm on the first day of spring showed a few signs of life including orchard trees beginning to bud, garlic sprouting, cover crop starting to come back, and one dandelion and Mullen growing in the high tunnel. He was proud to see how NAAF’s funding is being spent to help feed and support the Community.

The Ag Department is excited to start the 2024 growing season. Phase one of a Food Hub will take place this summer (with NAAF funding,) as well as a construction a third high tunnel (with NRCS funding.) The CSA and weekly farm market will continue to take place on Wednesday’s starting in late June. We are taking applications for CSA Memberships now at www.mohicanAG.com/csa.

Director cont from One: requirements of the designated division and departments. The Executive Director works with the team of Tribal Treasurer, Tribal Administrator and CFO to develop the annual comprehensive tribal budget. Rainer is the son to the late Jerilyn Johnson and Garrett Shooter. Step-Son to Scott Johnson. He is one of three boys (brothers, Walker Miller and Thomas Kazik II) that Jerilyn and Scott raised along with his little sister Tynea Johnson. He has a three-year-old daughter, Adeloia Shooter, whose namesake was Ataloa Wadzinski and in the heat of the moment at the hospital, he ended up spelling Loa’s name differently. They had just gotten off the phone with Ivan (Ataloa’s husband) sharing the news that they had a girl and they would be going through with naming her after his wife/beloved community member and had forgotten to ask for the correct spelling! Nonetheless, her name holds a special meaning to their family as Ataloa and Ivan became great friends

of the family and made it to almost every home basketball game of his and those of his brothers and sister. Shooter has a bachelor’s degree in Fire Science and Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2019 and has a Masters of Forest Resource in Forest Business 2021. Rainer is coming from two years at Menominee Tribal Enterprises where he held the position of Log Value Manager and then Chief Operating Officer of the company. Prior to that he have worked seasonal positions with the United States Forest Service in Cook, Minnesota and Springfield, Colorado while in his Undergrad and Graduate summers. Since moving home and working as a fully functional adult, Rainer has picked up golfing more with his siblings and friends. Traveling to various locations for lumberjack competitions every summer is still on his itinerary but out of all the traveling he does, he enjoys the memories he gets to make with his daughter Adeloia.

Bridge the Gap

Bridge the Gap, Inc.’s mission is to provide a safe, nonjudgmental environment for those with autism and all special abilities to reach their full potential as they journey from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood. Our purpose is to provide individualized client programs and therapeutic interventions, strengthen familial ties through education, and raise public awareness of autism and other special abilities.

Our program is related to our mission by providing

direct support and education to families, teachers, neighbors, community members, etc. regarding autism and other varying disabilities, sensory processing disorders and self-regulation. We have created a non-judgmental environment for individuals and families to receive support by expressing their feelings and concerns and networking/connecting with others in similar situations. *Please note, even though Bridge the Gap’s (BTG) primary focus is autism, our programs are open to those with all varying disabilities.

Since 2008, BTG has

assisted individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. BTG has two Community Outreach Centers which are in Shawano and Green Bay, Wisconsin. Our nonprofit Community Outreach Centers aid those in need in Northeast Wisconsin and particularly to the counties of Shawano, Menominee, Oconto, Brown and Waupaca.

BTG will be holding a Sportsman for Autism banquet on April 13, 2024, at Romy’s Holiday Inn at 9600 County Rd E, Kelly Lake, WI. The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has provided

BTG with a sponsorship for this event. BTG would like to wholeheartedly thank the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for their generous funding for this event. All proceeds will be used for client programs such as our children, teen/young adult, adult daily living skills programs, and many more.

For more information regarding BTG or event tickets, please contact the Shawano BTG Community Outreach Center at 715-526-3791.

Bridge the Gap office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Offices located in Shawano, WI

Soul cont from pg One: 14-16, that harvests the power of land as a tool for personal and collective liberation. **The application deadline for the L.O.L. Youth Immersion has been extended to Wednesday, April 10th at 5:00 PM EST.**

3DSkillSharesaredesigned for BIPOC to deepen skills in specific farming and land stewardship practices in a culturally relevant, supportive, and joyful environment. These skill shares are held virtually and in person at Soul Fire Farm. Our 2024 offerings include dynamic deep dives into Orchard, Beekeeping, and Mushroom.

On farm / in person programs:

L.O.L. (Liberation on Land) Youth Immersion is an immersive 3-day program for BIPOC youth, ages 14-16. We will engage in creative and healing arts, farming, whole foods cooking, political education, nature play, mindfulness practices, and physical activities.

Soul Fire in the City: We provide raised bed gardens to community members and groups in the 518 at no-cost to support folks to grow their own food and medicine.

Work-and-Learn Days: These community farm days allow participants to learn about some of our farming practices while supporting our work and getting your hands on the land from 10am-3:30pm.

Farm Tours: Throughout the farming season, we invite our community to experience some of the plants, animals and humans that grow here, on Fridays, 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Youth Programs: We offer a limited number of customized workshops for youth and intergenerational groups between May and October. We are already

booked for the 2024 season. Check out our webpage for curriculum ideas and to join the waitlist for 2025.

3D Skill Shares in person: Hands-on workshops by and for BIPOC that dive deep into specialized topics in specific farming and land stewardship practices from mushroom cultivation to agroforestry.

Building Skills are a series of opportunities to develop carpentry skills, practice tool use, learn about natural building, and get inspired by Soul Fire Farm's ecologically-sustainable campus design. Current offerings include open shop days, skills days, tours, and a day-long, hands-on introduction to carpentry.

SOULstice Party Our biggest, and longest running event, Soul Fire Farm's annual summer solstice celebration features live music, food vendors, sacred play, camp fire, and the most lit dance party of the year! Save the dates for this year's SOULstice Party June 22-23, and for the 4th Saturday of June far into the future!

Virtual programs: 3D Skill Shares Virtual, interactive workshops by and for BIPOC that dive deep into land-based skills with specialized topics from farm business planning to soil health.

Liberation on Land Skillshare Video Series: Featuring BIPOC farmers and land stewards, each "how to" video tutorial demonstrates practical, hands-on skills for making life and livelihood on land while paying homage to legacies of African Diasporic and Indigenous wisdom and innovation.

Farming While Black Instagram Live: Every month, experienced Black farmers and food systems experts share

their knowledge about agriculture, land tenure, markets, food policy, co-ops, cultural foods, and more. @soulfirefarm

Formerly Ask a Sista Farmer.

Uprooting Racism in the Food System: A theory and action workshop to develop tangible action plans to uproot systemic racism in food and land systems.

Virtual keynotes: Powerful storytelling about Black ecological thought, the history of racism and resistance in the food system, and the roots of Soul Fire Farm's strategies for sovereignty. Screen Black Earth Wisdom or Uprooting Racism, Seeding Sovereignty for your community.

TREAT CLOTHING WITH PERMETHRIN



Lyme (and other tick disease) Prevention

We have a lot of ticks around here which spread Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, and other infections. If you are interested, here is tick disease prevention advice from the CDC (the same people who tell us what to do with the coronavirus). This is adopted from the CDC.

If spending time in the forest or tall grass, you can treat clothing and gear by spraying on them 0.5% permethrin (at Walmart, \$10 dollars for a 24 ounce spray. Can also buy on amazon and elsewhere)

- Permethrin kills ticks on contact.
- Permethrin can be used

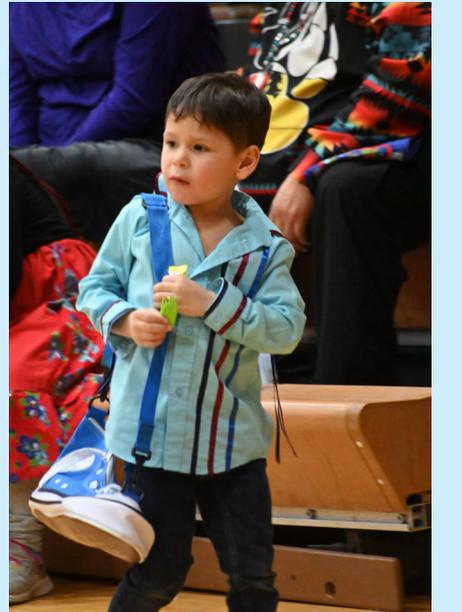
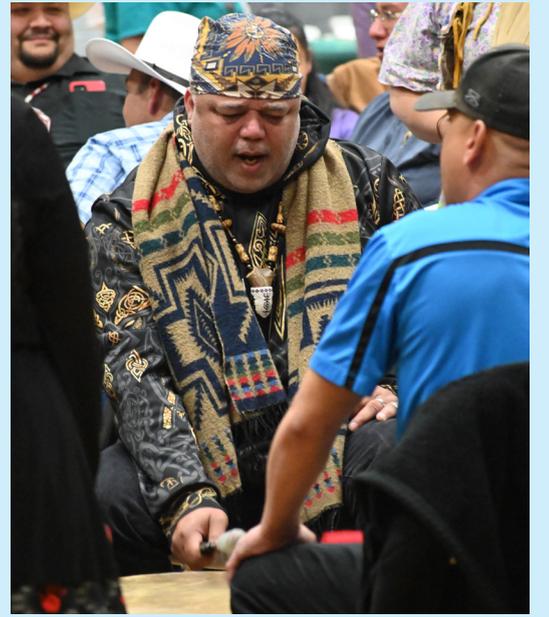
to treat shoes, clothing, and gear but **should not be used on skin.**

- One application of permethrin to pants, socks, and shoes remains protective through several washings.

This is besides doing some behavioral things

1. shower after spending time in the forest or tall grass. In the shower, check your body for ticks
2. wear light-colored clothing so you can more easily spot ticks
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College Internship Program

Summer 2024 Program:
June 3, 2024 - August 16, 2024

Applications DUE by:
May 3, 2024

No exceptions made for late applications.
Placements limited-first come, first served basis.

Who is Eligible: Stockbridge-Munsee members enrolled in a part-time or full-time College or University.
Must have completed at least 12 credits with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0



The College Internship Program gives Undergraduate students practical work experience while gaining skills and building networks with potential employers.

Applications available at Stockbridge-Munsee Education and Career Services Office (located at Konkapot) or online at Mohican.com

With questions or to turn in applications, please contact:

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Students!!
Want to get paid this summer?
College Internship Program is offering \$20/hour up to 200 hours this summer!

Senior Graduation Banquet

When: June 12th, 2024

Where: North Star Mohican Casino

The deadline to submit the Participation Application is May 12th, 2024, Please submit application along with a 5x7 picture to the SM Education Office. Applications are available at the Education Office, Bowler, Gresham and Shawano High Schools.

For more information contact Kim Taylor at 715-793-4100 or kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov

To be eligible you must submit a Senior Graduation Banquet Participation application.

1. Student must be enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; or
2. Student must be a member of the community who has a parent or grandparent on the rolls of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and who is attending Bowler, Gresham, or Shawano Schools or attended one or more of these schools for a total of at least three of the four years of High School.

If student is in an alternative learning program that student must receive a diploma on/or before their classes scheduled graduation date. The Education Department will NOT be responsible for any travel expenses accrued by the student and/or their families to attend the banquet.

Community is Invited



Please join us for our first presentation with a general question and answer session on building the Mohican 101 Curriculum for High School and beyond.



When: Monday, April 15th

Where: Mohican Family Center

(N8605 Oak Street Bowler WI 54416)

Time: 4:00 pm—5:00 pm

Concerns with Certain Cinnamon Products due to Presence of Elevated Levels of Lead

FDA ALERT: Cinnamon Products and Lead



FDA is advising consumers to stop using and dispose of affected products.



Consumers should not eat, sell, or serve ground cinnamon products listed in the affected products table and should discard them.



These products have a long shelf life. Consumers should check their homes and discard these products if found.



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Presented by
Shawano Menominee Resiliency Coalition



MEASLES OUTBREAK ALERT

Measles is a highly contagious and severe viral respiratory illness. It is spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It is so contagious that if one person has it, people around them will also get infected if they are not protected.

MEASLES CASES IN 2024

Measles cases have been reported across the U.S., including in Arizona.

How measles can spread:

- An increase in the number of travelers who get measles abroad and bring it into the U.S.
- Spread of measles in U.S. communities where there may be unvaccinated people.

Measles causes fever, cough, rash, runny nose and red, watery eyes. Complications can include ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia, brain damage and death.

MEASLES IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS

Exposure from an infected person can occur two hours after they have left the area. Symptoms may not appear until 21 days after exposure. This increases the risk of spreading measles at an alarming rate.

The best way to protect yourself and others is to receive the MMR vaccine

Who should be vaccinated:

- Children need 2 doses of the MMR vaccine:
- First dose: 12-15 months of age
- Second dose: 4-6 years of age

Adults not immune to measles, mumps, and rubella should get vaccinated.

If you or a family member suspect or had a known exposure to measles, please begin self-isolation and contact your health care provider or nearest health care facility for further instructions on when you may be able to visit without exposing others.

Did You Get Your Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccine?

What is the MMR Vaccine?

The MMR vaccine can prevent measles, mumps and rubella. Most people who get the MMR Vaccine are protected for life.



What is Measles?

Measles causes fever, cough, rash, runny nose and red, watery eyes. Complications can include ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia, brain damage and death.

What is Mumps?

Mumps causes fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, loss of appetite, and swollen and tender salivary glands under the ears. Complications can lead to deafness, swelling of the brain and/or spinal cord, painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, and rarely, death.

What is Rubella?

Rubella causes fever, sore throat, rash, headache, and red, itchy eyes. It can cause arthritis in half of teenage and adult women. If rubella is caught during pregnancy, it can result in a miscarriage or the baby could be born with serious birth defects.

Who should get vaccinated?

- Children need 2 doses of the MMR vaccine:
- First dose: 12-15 months of age
 - Second dose: 4-6 years of age

Adults who are not already immune to measles, mumps, and rubella should get at least 1 dose of MMR vaccine. Certain adults may need 2 doses. Your health care provider will help determine the number of doses needed.



For more information on MMR vaccination, please speak with your health care provider.



Purchased/Referred Care

Please acknowledge that receiving a referral from a provider at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center does not conclude that it will be paid for by Purchased/Referred Care. You are required to call or see PRC staff to make sure you are eligible for PRC. Per PRC Policy #202PRC0002.

PRC Staff:
Kasha Coyhis PRC Manager 715-793-5011
Ronni James PRC Assistant 715-793-5010
CJ Komanekin PRC Assistant 715-793-3015

Reminder!!!

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

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

Thank You,
PRC Staff



On Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 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
Ella Kazik	Present
Terrance Miller	Present
Willy Miller:	Present
Shawn Moede	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-STRIKE: Ice Maker

Tribal Member Request in Executive Session Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 19th with the changes. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the meeting minutes from February 29th, 2024. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Roll Call: Terrance yes,

Ellie yes, Sara abstains, Craig yes, Willy abstains and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. Seconded by Shawn Moede.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Sara yes, Craig yes, Willy abstains (*had to leave early*) and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (for approval)-September 30, 2023, October 31, 2023, and December 31, 2023

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the financial statements for September, October, November, and December 2023. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST-American Cancer Society-Relay for Life-Jenny Mailahn, Tribal Member

Motion by Willy Miller to

approve the donation request for the American Cancer Society. Seconded by Shawn Moede.

Motion maker amends motion to add in the amount. Second concurs. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Project Monitor/Inspector-Randy Young, Housing Director Maintenance Supervisor Resident Services/Occupancy Specialist 1

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the job descriptions for the Housing Department for the Project Monitor/Inspector and the Maintenance Supervisor. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve for posting the Resident Services/Occupancy Specialist 1 job description.

Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Roll Call: Shawn abstains, Willy yes, Craig yes, Sara yes, Ellie yes and Terrance yes. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Data Entry Specialist-Tony Granquist, GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the Data Entry Specialist for the Casino Finance Department.

Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

HIGH TUNNEL QUOTES-Maria Duits, Ag. Manager

Motion by Willy Miller to approve the high tunnel from Zimmerman's High Tunnel

. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

AGRICULTURE LEASE LAND-Bid for Approval-Maria Duits, Ag. Manager

Motion by Terrance Miller to award the highest bid submitted per acre for the lease period of 2024-2026 leasable agriculture land in the townships of Red Springs and Bartelme to Greg Schmidt which includes approximately 467 acres.

Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TRAILER-Alex Brauer, Hydrologist

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the purchase 83'x20' with a 16-pound gross vehicle weight, purchase from The King Company using NPS grant funds. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

BIA CTG BUDGET MOD #12-Paul Koll, Tribal Forester

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the Forestry Department's budget mod to place monies received from the BIA into the revenue to offset Tribal Contribution. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

AT RISK ELDER HOME RESTORATION FUND 2ND AWARD-ARPA CAPEX Workgroup

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the At-Risk Elder Home Restoration 2nd round of funding Award Policy and approve mailing applications to eligible Tribal Members by accessing the information from the Enrollment Office.

Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

HANDBOOK UPDATES: Lifetime Basic Education-Roberta Carrington, Chairperson

Motion by Sara Putnam to go along with the Education Board recommendation to support the updates to the Lifetime Basic Education.

Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

RFP CASINO STORMWATER ENGINEERING-Tony Granquist, GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to send out the RFP for Casino Stormwater Engineering Services to address issues with the parking ramp and parking lot drainage. Seconded by Shawn Moede.

Directives cont on pg 13:

**Directives cont from 12:
Roll Call: Terrance ab-**
stains, Ellie yes, Sara yes,
Craig yes, Willy yes and
Shawn yes. Motion carried.
FY2024 CAPITAL PUR-
CHASE-Tony Granquist,
GM and Paul Bowman,
Slot Manager

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the FY2024 Capital Purchase of 45 Slot Gaming Machines that was in the CapEx Budget for this year. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

JANUARY 2024 GM RE-
PORT WITH FINAN-
CIALS-Tony Granquist,
GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the January 2024 GM Report with Financials. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

BIG LAKE PROPERTY
OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
REQUEST-Randall Wol-
lenhaupt, Ecology

Motion by Terrance Miller to grant permission to the Big Lake Property Owner's Association to use the boat landing to access Big Lake to treat Eurasian Water Milfoil dependent on Big Lake Property Owner's Association representative agreeing to authorization form created by Tribal Legal Staff. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Native
American Fish & Wildlife
Society-Randall Wollen-
haupt, Ecology

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve and sign resolution 017-24, as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community fully supports the efforts and activities of the NAFWS as stated above and in the Society's Articles of Incorporations to benefit from the above listed services, a membership in the Society. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION & APPLI-
CATION ERIF TAP-Mo-
nique Tyndall, Director of
Cultural Affairs

Motion by Terrance Miller

to adopt resolution and approving submission of Environmental Review Improvement Fund for Tribal Assistance Program funding application and authorize the Tribal Historic Preservations Program to submit the application would be eligible for project costs and contract support costs over a 3-year period and adoption of resolution 018-24. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

RFP IMLS-Monique Tyn-
dall, Director of Cultural
Affairs

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve posting of RFP for Institute for Museum and Library Services FY23 Basic Grant Archival Training Resource Development Services. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

FORGE PROJECT MOU-
Monique Tyndall, Direc-
tor of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Ellie Kazik to approve and authorize the Tribal President to sign the MOU between Forge Project and S-M Community. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

VIDEO GAME PROJECT
REQUEST-Monique Tyn-
dall, Tribal Member

Motion by Terrance Miller to support Ms. Tyndall to continue working with PBS on this digital game, part of the upcoming Molly of Denali season on PBS. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

CLINIC 105L LEASE
AGREEMENT FOR
FY2024-Andrew Miller,
SMHWC Director

Motion by Ellie Kazik for approval to sign the 105L lease agreement for the clinic for FY2024. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

IHS FY24 EQUIPMENT
FUNDING GRANT-An-
drew Miller, SMHWC Di-
rector

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve Andrew to apply for the IHS FY2024 Equip-

ment Funding Grant for the Family Center. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

USE OF SEAL-Andrew
Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Ellie Kazik to give Andrew approval to use the S-M Community seal on the public health vending machine. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

POLICY: Admission
Priority-Andrew Miller,
SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the revised Admission Priority policy for the new Ella Besaw Center, the policy defines priority as enrolled members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, partners of an enrolled members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and their partners, enrolled members of other tribes and residents will also be offered a room selection using the same preference system. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

POLICY: Ella B Fee
Schedule and Payment-
Andrew Miller, SMHWC
Director

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the policy to implement the new Ella B Fee Schedule and Payment policy at the new Ella Besaw Center. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL AMENITY
IN THE FAMILY CENTER
EXPANSION-Shawn Mo-
ede, TC Member

Tabled, will be brought back at the next Tribal Council Meeting.

BOARD/COMMITTEE
MINUTES-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to accept the Forestry Meeting Minutes of February 7th, 2024 with the recommendations included. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellie Kazik to ac-

cept the Land Committee Minutes with the actions contained within, January 18th, 2024. Seconded Willy Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to accept the Fish & Wildlife minutes of March 13th, 2024, and action contained within to post the amendments of ENV.01 for 30-day public comment. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO
ENV.01, FISH & WILD-
LIFE ORDINANCE-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. for clarification on the second agenda item for Environmental Fish & Game Wildlife Committee to post for 30-days the ENV.01 for public comment.

OPEN AGENDA-
EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried at 7:26 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Land Acquisition, Correction to Committee Minutes, At Risk Funding Request, a Contract and Enrollment Appeal Hearing.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the contract as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to authorize the Land Manager to negotiate as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie abstains, Sara yes, Craig yes, Willy abstains, and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to adjourn. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried at 7:28 PM.



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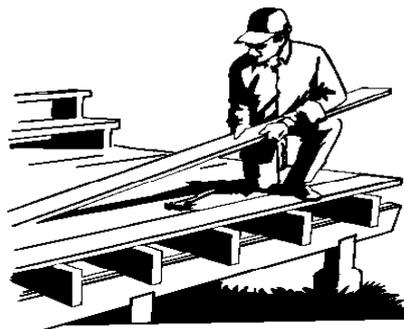
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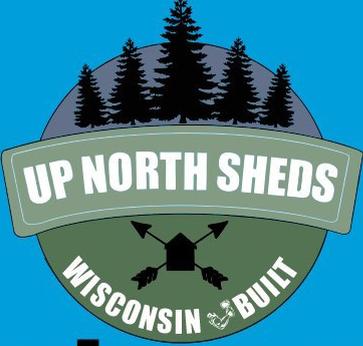


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