

Stockbridge-Munsee Honors Graduating Class of 2026 at Senior Recognition



Thomas Kazik- Reporter and academic Family members, tribal accomplishments while leaders, educators, and highlighting the importance of education within the community members of Stockbridge-Munsee Community. The event gathered at the North Star Mohican Casino Event Center on June 10 to celebrate the achievements of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's graduating Class of 2026 during the annual Senior Recognition Banquet. The evening recognized 17 graduating seniors for their dedication, perseverance, and academic accomplishments while highlighting the importance of education within the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. The event brought together students, families, elders, tribal leadership, and education staff in a celebration of achievement and future success. The graduating Class of 2026 included:

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Stone wall and sign feature Mohican designs in Williamstown, Mass.

By Sara Restrepo what was once an On an unassuming intersection between two roundabout on the edge of Bloedel Park, situated in Williamstown, Massachusetts, now sits a wall featuring stamps from Mohican black ash baskets. This project was initiated by Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in April of 2023 to transform

what was once an intersection between two major state roads into a roundabout. After receiving concurrence from the Tribal Historic Preservation Program that the project would not impact any resources of Tribal historic or cultural concern, they then worked with the program on designing

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Stockbridge-Munsee Election Update

According to Article V, Section 4 of the Tribal Constitution states: If a Council member should die...the Tribal Council shall declare the position vacant. The Tribal Council shall fill a vacancy by special election unless less than ninety (90) days remain in the term, in which case the Tribal Council shall leave the position vacant. The person who fills the vacant position shall only serve out the term of the person being replaced.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Election Board will be holding a Special Election to fill the vacant position on Tribal Council on July 25, 2026 at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal office. This position will be for the remainder of this election term (Ending October 2026).

If you are interested in filling this position, please submit a petition to the Tribal Secretary with signed by fifteen (15) qualified tribal voters with their name, enrollment number and date of birth. Please make sure names are legible. **Petitions need to be submitted to Tribal Secretary by July 10th, 2026 for an election to be held on July 25th, 2026 from 8:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M.**



(Editor's Note: It is the time of year, and the number of years has passed for us to take a look at John Quinney's Fourth of July Speech. Here it is below in its entirety).

Fourth of July Address at Reidsville, New York by John Quinney (Mahican, 1854)

It may appear to those whom I have the honor to address a singular taste for me, an Indian, to take an interest in the triumphal days of a people who occupy, by conquest or have usurped, the possessions of my fathers and have laid and carefully preserved a train of terrible miseries to end when my race ceased to exist. But thanks to the fortunate circumstances of my life I have been taught in the schools and been able to read your histories and accounts of Europeans, yourselves and the Red Man; which instruct me that while your rejoicings today are commemorative

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ATV SAFETY CLASS

DATE:

Monday: July 13, 2026 10:00 am- 12:00 pm
Tuesday: July 14, 2026 10:00 am- 12:00 pm
Wednesday: July 15, 2026 10:00 am- 12:00pm

Class will be held at The Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building, W13455 Camp 14 Road. All students are required to obtain Wisconsin DNR Customer ID # as part of the criteria to graduate from any recreational safety class. Students must have this number prior to coming to class on Monday and need to show their numbers to the instructor. Students can obtain a DNR customer ID# by calling 1-888-936-7463 from 7 am to 10 pm. Students can also visit a Wisconsin DNR service center during their regular scheduled hours. The cost of the ATV safety course is \$10.00.

Anyone of any age can take the class. Those that meet the course requirements will receive a safety education completion certificate. However, if the student is younger than 12 years of age their certificate is not valid until they turn 12.

To sign-up for the course, or if you have any questions you may contact us at 715-793-4364. We will need a name(s), address, and telephone number when registering. Please respond no later than July 11, 2026.

It is the student's responsibility to read the booklet in the packet and bring your packet to class. Parents and/or guardians must fill out and sign the registration card that is in the packet. Packets can be picked up at the Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Department (Public Safety Building). Parents and/or Guardians are encouraged to attend with their child.

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HUNTER'S SAFETY CLASS

DATES:

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Tuesday: July 14, 2026 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: July 15, 2026 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Class will be held at The Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building on Camp 14 Rd. All students are required to obtain Wisconsin DNR Customer ID # as part of the criteria to graduate from any recreational safety class. Students must have this number prior to coming to class on Friday and need to show their numbers to the instructor. Students can obtain a DNR customer ID# by calling 1-888-936-7463 from 7 am to 10 pm. Students can also visit a Wisconsin DNR service center during their regular scheduled hours. The cost of the hunter's safety course is \$10.00.

Anyone of any age can take the class. Those that meet the course requirements will receive a safety education completion certificate. However, it should be noted that persons younger than 12 years of age may lose some of the benefits of the certification (small game hunting privilege, authorization to shoot an antlerless deer during the first gun deer season after graduation) if they take the class before age 12.



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Fish and Wildlife Committee is proposing changes to Chapter ENV.01 Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. This is posted for public comment by tribal members. The posting date is June 5, 2026 and the **public comment post is to come down July 5, 2026. Please submit comments to Tribal Council Secretary. The proposed Fish and Wildlife Ordinance changes are posted in this issue of the Mohican News.**

The ordinance(with changes made) can be found in the 6-15-26 Mohican News on Pages: 6-8 and pages 14-17

The proposed changes can also be found on the Members only site:

- 1. Go to tribal website.**
- 2. click on the members only tab, sign in.**
- 3. the propoed changes will be under the "Posted for Comment section".**

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Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class!

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Quinney from page 1:

of the free birth of this giant nation, they simply convey to my mind the recollection of a transfer of the miserable weakness and dependence, of my race from one great power to another.

My friends, I am getting old and have witnessed for many years your increase in wealth and power while the steady consuming decline of my tribe admonishes me that their extinction is inevitable. They know it themselves and the reflection teaches them humility and resignation, directing their attention to the existence of those happy hunting grounds which the Great Father has prepared for all his red children.

In this spirit, my friends, as a Muh-he-con-new, and now standing upon the soil which once was and now ought to be the property of this tribe, I have thought for once and certainly the last time I would shake you by the hand and ask you to listen for a little while to what I have to say.

About the year 1645, when King Ben the last of the hereditary chiefs of the Muh-he-con-new nation was in his prime, grand council was convened of the Muh-he-con-new tribe for the purpose of conveying from the old to the young men a knowledge of the past.

Councils for this object especially had been held. Here for the space of two moons, the stores of memory were dispensed; corrections and comparisons made and the results committed to faithful breasts to be transmitted again to succeeding posterity.

Many years after, another and last council of this kind was held; and the traditions reduced to writing, by two of our young men who had been taught to read and write in the school of the Rev. John Sargent of Stockbridge, Mass. They were obtained in some way by a white man for publication, who soon after dying, all trace of them became lost. The traditions of the tribe, however, have mainly been preserved, of which I give you substantially, the following: A great people from the northwest crossed over the salt water, and after long and weary pilgrimage, planting many colonies on their track, took possession of and built their fires upon the Atlantic coast, extending from the Delaware on the south to the Penobscot on the north. They became in process of time different tribes and interests; all, however, speaking one common dialect.

This great Confederacy, Pequots, Penobscot, and many others (Delawares, Mohegans, Mances, Narragansetts) held its council fires once a year to deliberate on the general welfare.

Patriarchal delegates from each tribe attended, assisted by the priests and the wise men, who communicated the will and invoked the blessing of the Great and Good Spirit. The policies and decisions of this council were everywhere respected, and inviolably observed. Thus contentment smiled upon their existence and they were happy.

Their religion communicated by priest and prophet, was simple

and true. The manner of worship is imperfectly transmitted; but their reverence for a Great Spirit, the observance of feasts each year, the offering of beasts in thanksgiving and atonement is clearly expressed.

They believed the soul to be immortal—in the existence of a happy land beyond the view, inhabited by those whose lives had been blameless. While for the wicked had been reserved a region of misery covered with thorns and thistles, where comfort and pleasure were unknown. Time was divided into years and seasons; twelve moons for a year, a number of years by so many winters.

The tribe to which your speaker belongs and of which there were many bands, occupied and possessed the country from the seashore at Manhattan to Lake Champlain. Having found the ebb and flow of the tide, they said: "This is Muh-he-con-new," "Like our waters which are never still." From this expression and by this name they were afterwards known, until the removal to Stockbridge in the year 1630.

Housatonic River Indians, Mohegans, Mannhattans, were all names of bands in different localities, but bound together as one family by blood and descent.

At a remote period, before the advent of the European their wise men foretold the coming of a strange race from the sunrise, as numerous as the leaves upon the trees, who would eventually crowd them from their fair land possessions. But apprehension was

mitigated by the knowledge and belief at that time entertained, that they originally were not there, and after a period of years they would return to the west from which they had come. And they moreover said all Red Men are sprung from a common ancestor, made by the Great Spirit from red clay, who will unite their strength to avert a common calamity. This tradition is confirmed by the common belief, which prevails in our day with all the Indian tribes; for they recognize one another by their color, as brothers and acknowledge one Great Creator.

Two hundred and fifty winters ago, this prophecy was verified and the Muh-he-con-new for the first time beheld the paleface. Their number was small, but their canoes were big. In the select and exclusive circles of your rich men of the present day I should encounter the gaze of curiosity, but not such as overwhelmed the senses of the Aborigines, my ancestors. Our visitors were white and must be sick. They asked for rest and kindness; we gave them both. They were strangers, and we took them in; naked and we clothed them.

The first impression of astonishment and pity was succeeded by awe and admiration of superior intelligence and address. A passion for information and improvement possessed the Indians. A residence was given—territory offered—and covenants of friendship exchanged.

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Ayasha Bowman Daughter of Sonja Bowman and Brad Welch

Ella Coyhis Daughter of Kasha and Sloane Coyhis Dante Dublin Son of Josh Dublin and Stacy Attocknie, and Steve and Antoinette Davids

Anthony Geske Son of Brianne Brown

Melaina Granquist Daughter of Tony and Maunee Granquist

Treyvon Granquist Son of Desaray Granquist

Christopher Kelley Son of Elizabeth Creapeau and Michael Kelley and stepson to Justin Busch

Bryce Malone Son of Darcy and Kelli Malone

Jylian Malone-Thiex Daughter of Melodi Malone and Jonathon Thiex

Emmalie McDowell Daughter of Robert and Jessica McDowell

Jordan Mendez Jr. Son of Dayna Shawano and Jordan Mendez Sr.

Desirae Miller Daughter of Amanda Clancy

Kevin Miller Son of Warren and Markie Miller

Kobe Miller Son of Robert and Tonya Miller

Cierra Ninham Daughter of Jami and Robert "Mooner" Ninham

Devlin Vele Son of Trestarska Vele

Lillian Welch Daughter of Bradley Welch and Kristi Block

Chloe Wescott Daughter of Chenoa Martin and Christopher Wescott Sr.

Education Board Chairperson Roberta Carrington served as Master of Ceremonies and guided attendees through the evening's program. Tribal President Shannon Holsey welcomed guests and offered words of encouragement to the graduating seniors, emphasizing the importance of education, leadership, and service to the community. The meal blessing was offered by a Councilman Terrence Miller before attendees shared a meal together.

The evening's featured guest speaker was Dr. Avari Miller, a proud Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member whose educational journey served as an inspiration to graduates and their families. Miller graduated with honors from Shawano Community High School in 2011 before earning a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2015. She later completed her Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Northwestern Health Sciences University in 2020.

Today, Dr. Miller uses her professional expertise to serve Native American communities and currently serves as chair of the Health Board. During her address, she encouraged students to pursue higher education, remain committed to their goals, and use their talents



to make a positive impact in their communities.

The elder of the year Recognition highlights the efforts and life of a tribal elder. This year the recognition goes to an elder who emphasized the importance of education, led by example and was a trail blazer for the tribe. The 2026 Elder of the year was Leah "Mahwaewinokwe" Miller. The following is the recognition biography by the Education Committee: This elder was one of 10 children. Although our Elder was born in Milwaukee she lived most of her life here on the Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Reservation. She is Mahican through and through.

She has always kept her community and her people close to her heart and she has devoted so much of her life to her beloved community. But if you asked what her biggest accomplishment is in life, she would undoubtedly say her children and grandchildren. Our Elder has always been a very family-oriented person, she also holds her fellow Mohicans in just as high a regard. She has proven so by serving her people for over 25 years.

This elder is a hard worker. After a divorce left her with four children to care for she made the decision to go to college and earn her bachelor's degree. One

of our Elders daughters remembers counting down the minutes waiting for her mom to pick her up after classes. This elder didn't like being away from her children so much while attending classes, but she knew a better future was worth the temporary sacrifice.

After she earned her degree and got a good job her son joked that he knew things were going well when she stopped buying generic cereal and started getting the "good stuff." He remembers all of his friends and cousins wanting to spend the night so they could eat the good cereal. Even by her teenage son's metrics her career was thriving.

Without saying it outright this elder has always emphasized the importance of education. She led by example and always encouraged her kids to stay curious and keep on learning. All four of this Elders kids have earned their bachelor's degrees. Her kids and grandkids collectively have an MBA, a master's degree, 2 nursing degrees, eight bachelor's degrees (with one in progress), three associates degrees in progress and one medical degree in progress. These results clearly illustrate this elder's emphasis on education. She is very

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Banquet from pg 5: proud that her kids and grandkids have carried on her educational legacy. Mahican women have always been leaders. In 1994 this amazing elder continued that tradition when she was the first woman to be elected as Tribal President. She had already been a member of tribal council, serving from 1982 through 2001 with a stint as Tribal President and a break from politics sprinkled in. After serving on council she took on a leadership role as executive director for the tribe from 2001 until her retirement in 2006. During her time in tribal politics her job didn't end at 4:30. Not only was she involved with numerous committees and councils (she was a founding member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Historical Committee), but her evenings were often filled with impromptu visits by fellow mahicans coming to talk politics. Her daughters remember people coming over to talk politics while chugging coffee and chain-smoking cigarettes. She always put her people first and was lauded for her integrity. She is a leader and always tried to make the best decisions for her people. During this Elders time serving the tribe our Elder was instrumental in starting our tribal court, is a founding member of the Historical Committee, helped to create a land-use code that used a community-based

approach, and starting the Mohican News, which was a lifetime goal. In her retirement she enjoys spending time with said grandkids, playing words with friends and browsing social media so she can keep up with the lives of her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Her family is what makes her most proud. She's a natural leader and she has shown how a good education can enhance your natural gifts. She's strong. She's resilient. And she has exemplified what it means to be a strong Mahican woman. The banquet was organized by the Stockbridge-Munsee Education and Career Services Department, with support from the Education Board, tribal leadership, school personnel, and community volunteers. Education leaders noted that the annual recognition banquet serves not only as a celebration of academic achievement but also as a reminder of the community's commitment to supporting students throughout their educational journeys. As graduates crossed the stage and were recognized by family, friends, and tribal leaders, the evening reflected a shared sense of pride and optimism. The Class of 2026 now moves forward toward college, career training, military service, and other opportunities, carrying with them the encouragement and support of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.



Stone Wall from pg 1: an appropriate aesthetic installation in recognition of the Tribe. The program also gave input into an interpretative sign about the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe today. This project's content was reviewed and approved by Tribal Council and given the Tribal Seal to use. The project has been completed now in June 2026. The new retaining wall for the park showcases two designs often found on Mohican black ash splint baskets, and the accompanying sign discusses the practice of basketmaking in more

detail, including the revitalization of the practice today and community returns to homeland. The designs are known as "potato stamps," reminiscent of when basket makers would carve stamp designs into actual potatoes before dipping them into the dyes used to create colorful patterns that can still be seen or brought out today. The Five Corners Roundabout in Williamstown is now proudly one more location in the homelands with an opportunity to learn about the Tribe.



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Quinney from pg 4:

Your written accounts of events at this period are familiar to you, my friends. Your children read them every day in their school books; but they do not read—no mind at this time can conceive, and no pen record, the terrible story of recompense for kindness, which for two hundred years has been paid the simple, guileless Muh-he-con-new.

I have seen much myself—1 have been connected with more—and I tell you I know all. The tradition of the wise men is figuratively true that our home at last will be found in the west; for another tradition informs us that far beyond the setting sun, upon the smiling happy lands, we shall be gathered with our fathers, and be at rest.

Promises and professions were freely given and ruthlessly and intentionally broken. To kindle your fires was sought as a privilege; and yet at that moment you were transmitting to your kings intelligence of our possessions, “by right of discovery,” and demanding assistance to assert your hold.

Where are the 25,000 in number, and the 4,000 warriors, who constituted the power and population of the great Muh-he-con’new nation in 1604?

They have been victims to vice and disease, which the white men imported. Smallpox, measles and firewater have done the work of annihilation. Divisions and feuds were insidiously promoted between the several bands. They were induced to thin each others ranks without just cause;

and subsequently were defeated and disorganized in detail.

It is curious, the history of my tribe, in its decline, in the last two centuries and a half. Nothing that deserved the name of purchase was made. From various causes, they were induced to abandon their territory at intervals and retire farther inland. Deeds were given indifferently to the government by individuals, for which little or no compensation was paid.

The Indians were informed, in many instances, that they were selling one piece of land when they were conveying another and much larger limits. Should a particular band, for purposes of hunting or fishing, for a time leave its usual place of residence, the land was said to be abandoned, and the Indian claim extinguished. To legalize and confirm titles thus acquired, laws and edicts were subsequently passed, and these laws were said then to be, and are now called, justice.

Oh, what mockery to confound justice with law! Will you look steadily at the intrigues, bargains, corruptions and log rollings of your present legislatures, and see any trace of justice? And by what test shall be tried the acts of the colonial courts and councils?

Let it not surprise you, my friends, when I say that the spot upon which I stand has never been rightly purchased or obtained. And by justice, human and Divine, is the property of the remnant of the great people from whom I am

descended. They left it in the tortures of starvation and to improve their miserable existence; but a cession was never made, and their title was never extinguished.

The Indian is said to be the ward of the white man, and the negro his slave. Has it ever occurred to you, my friend, that while the negro is increasing and increased by every appliance, the Indian is left to rot and die before the inhumanities of this model republic?

You have your tears and groans and mobs and riots for the individuals of the former, while your indifference of purpose and vacillation of policy is hurrying to extinction whole communities of the latter.

What are the treaties of the general government? How often and when has its plighted faith been kept? Indian occupation is forever

next year, or one removal follows another, or by the next commissioner, more wise than his predecessor, repurchased, and thus your sympathies and justice are evinced in speedily fulfilling the terrible destinies of our race.

My friends, your Holy Book, the Bible, teaches us that individual offenses are punished in an existence—when time shall be no more—and the annals of the earth are equally instructive that national wrongs are avenged, and national crimes atoned for in this world to which alone the conformation of existence adapts them. These events are above our comprehension, and for a wise purpose; for myself and for my tribe I ask for justice—I believe it will sooner or later occur, and may the Great Spirit enable me to die in hope.

2026 TRIBAL ELDER FOOD BOX NEWSLETTER



Stockbridge-Munsee

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Thursdays 10-10:30am:

May 28th
June 11th & 25th
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Each box will contain proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items, sourced from Indigenous and non-Indigenous local producers and will be representative of traditional foods whenever possible. The average box will be 20 pounds. The contents of the boxes will change for each distribution based on what is available seasonally for the given distribution week.

PLEASE NOTE: Food provided is for Tribal members, 55 years and older. This project is funded by the Intertribal Local Food Purchasing Agreement and the FY26 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Tribal Elder Community Food Box Grant.

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Chemon Memorial Picnic





The Family of Doug (Grump) and Chenda Miller want to wish the couple a happy 70th Wedding Anniversary. Doug and Chenda celebrated 70 years of Marriage June 1st. The Mohican News wanted to mark some Historical events to show just how long Doug and Chenda have been Married:

Elvis Presley Made his first TV appearance on September 9, 1956- Doug and Chenda were already married for 100 days when this happened.

The first publicized Mobile Phone call happened on April 3, 1973- Doug and Chenda Celebrated were already married for 16 years when this happened.

Mohican NorthStar Casino first opened in 1992- Doug and Chenda had been married 35 Years already.

The Family celebrated with Doug and Chenda at NorthStar Casino for their 70th surrounded by friends and loved ones.

Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary Doug and Chenda Love: Your kids, Grand kids, Great Grandkids and Great Great Grandkids.

Garden Soft Opening and Tree Planting Memorial



Talking Circle

With **Rainer Posselt LPC-IT**
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Tuesday, July 14th 5PM



Where: Mohican Family Center

Snacks will be provided

Questions: Call Jo Ann

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Roots & Beyond

Exploring the
Wisdom Within

Talking Circle with *Jerusha Kosbab*

Wednesday, July 22nd
5PM

Located at the Arvid E. Miller
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Snacks will be provided

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Questions call Jo Ann Schedler 715-793-4143 or joann.schedler@mohican.com



FAMILY

Photo Scavenger Hunt

During the week of **July 19th - 25th**, take a picture of your family or yourself doing as many activities as possible from the list below. Each picture will earn you/your family an entry into our prize drawing.

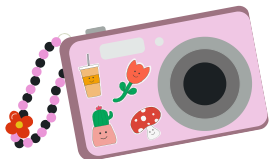
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| ☐ Take a walk | ☐ Create sidewalk chalk art |
| ☐ Strike a yoga pose | ☐ Take a picture on a bridge |
| ☐ Cook a traditional food | ☐ Attend Fit Family Fun Day on July 25 th |
| ☐ Have fun swimming | ☐ Be physically active as a family |
| ☐ Enjoy a popsicle or ice cream | ☐ Watch the sunrise or sunset |
| ☐ Enjoy a campfire & s'mores | ☐ Go to the river or a beach |
| ☐ Go on a nature hike | ☐ Read a book |
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July 2026

Make & Take

Sweet Chili Roasted Chicken & Vegetables

Prep Time: 5minutes minutes Cook Time: 15minutes minutes Total Time: 20minutes minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 1.25 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced into bite-sized pieces
- 3 cups broccoli florets
- 3 cups cauliflower florets
- 2 large carrots, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds on the bias
- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
- 10- ounces sweet chili sauce, or as desired; divided

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 425°F. If you have a convection oven, use it; if not a conventional oven is fine.
- Line a sheet pan with aluminum foil for easier cleanup and to it add the chicken, vegetables, evenly drizzle with olive oil, season with pepper, evenly drizzle with 3/4 of the chili sauce, toss with your hands to combine, and roast for about 14-15 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are crisp-tender. If baking in a conventional oven, you may need to bake slightly longer, 17-18 minutes, but watch your food and not the clock.
- Evenly drizzle with the remaining chili sauce, if desired, and serve immediately. Recipe will keep airtight in the fridge for up to 5 days or in the freezer for up to 4 months.



On Tuesday, June 3rd, 2026, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey; Absent
William Miller; Present
Crystal L Malone Present
Terrie Terrio; Present
Terrance Miller, Jr. Present
Rainer Shooter Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-STRIKE: IHS Phase 2 Produce Prescription Pilot Program Grant

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, as amended. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF VACANCY-

Motion by Terrance Miller to declare the Tribal Council seat held formerly by Mrs. Ellie Kazik as vacant and to direct a special election to be held in July to fill the seat for the remainder of the 1 year term consistent with Article V, Section 4 of the Stockbridge-Munsee Constitution, further the Election Board appointed in 2025 shall be responsible to conduct this election. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve June 2nd, 2026, Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal Malone to approve Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Rainer abstains (*was a part of the hearing*), Terrie yes, Crystal yes and Terrance yes. Motion car-

ried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-March 2026 (for posting)-

Motion by Crystal Malone to approve financial statements for March 2026 for posting. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION MONUMENT MOUNTAIN-Sharon Greene, Legal

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Attached Draft of Conservation Restriction (CR) for Fenn Farm (Monument Mountain) Property and authorize for signature. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

APARTMENT COMPLEX CHANGE ORDER-Randy Young, Housing Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Change Order #3, to come out of Unallocated. Seconded by Terrance Miller.

Motion maker amends motion: that after review of the plans to make sure they are not already in there. Second concurs. Motion carried.

RFP FOR PLAYGROUND DESIGN, EQUIPMENT & DESIGN-Daniel Burr, Project Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to honor the request and send out the RFP for Park/Playground Design, equipment, and Construction Services for playground improvements across six tribal community parks/playground sites. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

RFP FOR HEAD START PROGRAM PLAYGROUND-Daniel Burr, Project Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to honor the request to send out the RFP for Head

Start Program Playground Design, Equipment, and Installation Services Ages 3-5 years, Playground Improvement Project. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE POLICY-Cash Transactions: Pennies-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Crystal Malone to approve Accounting and Finance Policy-Cash Transactions: Pennies as presented. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE POLICIES-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve Accounting and Finance Policies as listed by the CFO:

- Timely Completion and Submission of Single Audit Reporting Package
- Fund Balance Classification and Reporting
- Program Income Recognition, Use and Transfer
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
- Grant Performance Reporting and Compliance. Second by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT-Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Ecology Department to submit a request for Invasive Species Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct invasive species control on the reservation lands. The request is asking for funds to cover equipment and supplies. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

ENDANGERED SPECIES GRANT-Randall Wollen-

haup, Ecology

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve the Ecology Department to submit a request for Endangered Species Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct acoustic bat surveys on reservation lands. The request is asking for funds. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

LEASE CANCELLATIONS-Chad Miller, Land Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution #040-26, Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Council authorizes the Tribal President, or in her absence, the Vice President, and the Tribal Secretary to execute and submit all necessary documentation to cancel the Lease of Land with Carmen Cornelius. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve resolution #041-26, Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Council authorizes the Tribal President, or in her absence, the Vice President, and the Tribal Secretary to execute and submit all necessary documentation to cancel the Lease of Land with Jermain Davids. Seconded by Crystal Malone.

Roll Call: Terrance abstains (*Family Member*), Crystal yes, Terrie yes and Rainer yes. Resolution adopted.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES-

Forestry Committee

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the Regular Forestry Meeting from May 12th with the motion identified within.

- Thurner Lane Timber

Directives cont. on 13:

Directives from pg 12:

Harvest Advertisement Request. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Chenoa Martin to the Editorial Board and to post for the vacancy. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Cassandra Komanekin to the Family Center Board. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION-

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried at 5:59 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried at 6:48 PM.

While in Executive discussion was held on a Tribal Member Request, Internal Audit, Committee Minutes and Personnel Matters.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the nurse personnel item as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

Motion by Crystal Malone to accept the audit recommendations following Program 220, Head Start. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the wage carry-over as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Rainer abstains, Terrie yes, Crystal yes and Terrance yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rainer Shooter

to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of the Land Committee for Thursday, April 23rd, 2026, and all actions contained within. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adjourn. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried at 6:50 PM.

On Monday, June 22nd, 2026, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey;	Present
William Miller;	Present
Crystal L Malone	Present
Terrie Terrio;	Present
Terrance Miller, Jr.	Present
Rainer Shooter	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD: Cultural Affairs Committee By-Laws

Personnel Matter in Executive Session

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Monday, June 22nd, 2026, with the additions as noted. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

BOWLER SCHOOL REQUEST-Jackie Miller and Rolanda Bierman, School Board Members

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to waive the policy and to make an Aid to Local Government Donation to Bowler School in the amount of Funds. Seconded by Willy Miller.

Motion maker amends motion: to offset the general operating budget deficit for the Bowler School District. Second concurs.

Roll Call: Terrance opposed, Crystal opposed, Willy yes, Terrie yes and Rainer yes. Motion carried.

For the record Terrance and Crystal's opposition was not against providing financial assistance but instead their opposition was against the waiving of the existing Aid to Local Government Policy to do so.

CHANGE ORDER #6 AG FARM BUILDING-Maria Duits, Ag Manager

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve Change Order #6 for the Tribal Farm Wash/Pack Building Project Budget. Seconded by Willy Miller.

Motion maker amends motion: does not require any tribal contribution dollars. Second concurs. Motion carried.

NRCS APPLICATION EQUIP MARKING-Paul Koll, Forestry

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve to apply for NRCS funds to mark two locations totaling 131.3 acres for future harvests. These two sites are to be marked in conjunction with the ash salvage. The funding request is estimated and which would offset Tribal Contribution-Wage and Fringe. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Circle of Flight-Shannon Holsey, President on behalf of Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution #042-26, Whereas, the Tribe wishes to accept funding through the BIA Circle of Flight Program, via Public Law 93-638 contract, for FY 2026-FY 2028, to fund the management of natural resources on Tribal Lands;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Tribal Council authorizes the acceptance of FY 2026-FY 2028 BIA Circle of Flight funds. Seconded by Willy Miller. Res-

olution adopted.

REQUEST FOR ADDRESS LABELS-Shannon Holsey, President

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request for address labels for the 50th Annual Pow Wow. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY-LAWS-

Motion by Willy Miller to change the composition for the Cultural Affairs Committee from 9 members to 7 members and to post for the vacancies, 2 adults and 1 youth. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Terrance Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried. at 5:10 PM.

Motion by Willy Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried at 6:04 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on Personnel Matter and a Litigation Matter.

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve the Common Interest and Joint Confidentiality Agreement in relation to intervention and litigation on unlawful gaming through predictions markets and event futures trading. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the hiring request as identified in Executive Session. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Willy Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried at 6:05 PM.



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