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## Big Year for Native Country

Thomas Kazik- News Reporter

Big things are happening for Native American People in the US. 2022 was a major year for Native People and here are some highlights to the year. From politics to television there is a lot going on in native country. 2022 saw a record number of Native American/Alaska Native political candidates running for federal, state and local office positions. Republican Markwayne Mullin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, won a seat in the U.S. Senate. Democrat Mary Peltola, Yup'ik from Western Alaska, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Democrat Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk from Kansas, won a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Republican Tom Cole, Chickasaw from Oklahoma, won an 11th term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In June, President Joe Biden nominated Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash ("Many Hearts") Marilyn "Lynn" Malerba, the lifetime chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe in Connecticut, to serve as U.S. treasurer. She now oversees the U.S. Mint, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

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## New Career Advisor



Emily Lukacs, is excited to join the Education Department as Career Advisor. During the work week, Emily is here to assist individuals who come to the Konkapot Lodge and the Tribal Information Center; this assistance looks different for everyone and can range from opening a computer station for independent use, to identifying and working to overcome barriers, or plan a successful path for a career. These opportunities are open to any individual, youth or adult, as she is here to support the community.

With a background in career services, specializing in disability awareness and overcoming barriers, Emily got her start at Ripon College studying Psychology, Sociology, and Visual Arts. After graduation, Emily was able to work with youth and adults in several

**Emily cont on page Six:**

## Helping Veterans



Thomas Kazik- News Reporter

On February 9<sup>th</sup> Governor Tony Evers announced his 2023-25 budget will include several innovative proposals to serve Wisconsin's veterans, building upon previous investments funded by federal pandemic relief aid based on recommendations from the governor's Blue-Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity that was created in 2022. The governor's initiatives announced today include funding to bolster the workforce at the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (OVA), support veteran employment, education, and housing security, and expand access to mental health services for veterans. continuing that good work in the upcoming biennial

budget by proposing continued investment in various innovative initiatives to ensure the state is equipped to meet the needs of our veteran community and help them build strong, lasting success.

Gregg Duffek Tribal Veterans Service Officer served on this Commission as a Tribal Veteran to represent Tribal perspectives. He commented "It was an honor to add my input, so all Tribal Veterans could get further assistance".

Gov. Evers and the Evers Administration are committed to ensuring Wisconsin veterans have the tools and resources they need to thrive in their civilian lives. In his 2022 State of the State address, Gov. Evers announced

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Dear GFS Business & Individual Donors,  
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Our 19th annual scholarship fundraising banquet is fast approaching. This year the banquet will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at The Woodland Restaurant**, in Gresham, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. for the reception and raffle ticket sales. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short program along with raffles and auctions.

The raffles and auctions help provide the funds for scholarships for graduating seniors of the Gresham Community School and community scholarships for adults. The items for the raffles and auctions are provided by the generous donations of businesses and individuals such as yourself. Would you be interested in making a

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The generosity of businesses and individuals like yourself, help to make each banquet successful and we are truly grateful for your support. The money raised has helped many students continue their education with the scholarships that are awarded.

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# GRESHAM Scholarship Fund

to help this banquet be successful, feel free to contact any of the board members listed below. We will plan for pickup if needed. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. A receipt letter for tax purposes will be provided after the banquet. We would also encourage you to attend the banquet. An invitation with details will be printed in our March newsletter.

Thank you - Gresham Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

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**Form is on page Four:**

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## Community Voices

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**CORRECTION:**

In the article on Sachems in the last issue of the Mohican News, I forgot to include Wallace Miller's term as President in 2013.  
Jeff Vele - Editor

**Lutheran Church of the Wilderness**

There will be a presentation on March 11, 2023 at 1pm at the Church of the Wilderness on the topic of Law of Discovery. Dr. George Tinker and Steven Newcomb will be leading the presentation(s). This presentation is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

**Special invitation from the Historical Committee:**

Historical Committee meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 12 pm at Arvid E. Miller Library/ Museum N8510 Moh He Con Nuck Rd. Bowler, WI and are open to Tribal members.

February 22, 2023

March 15, 2023

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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In the Matter of the Estate of **Muriel Sereda** (DOD 11/07/2022)

A petition has been filed and accepted for the administration of the estate of the decedent, whose date of birth was November 30, 1945 and the date of death was November 7, 2022.

The decedent died domiciled within the original boundaries of the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation, located in Shawano County in the State of Wisconsin, with an address of N8624 Oak Street Bowler, WI 54416.

Creditors' Claims must be filed with the Stockbridge Munsee Clerk of Court on or before **March 16, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.**

The Court hearing will be held on **Friday, March 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM** at the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court, N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416. Any objections may be raised at that time.



In the Matter of the Estate of **Margie Reimer** (DOD 12/25/2022)

A petition has been filed and accepted for the administration of the estate of the decedent, whose date of birth was May 4, 1926 and the date of death was December 25, 2022. The decedent died domiciled within the original boundaries of the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation, located in Shawano County in the State of Wisconsin, with an address of N9083 Murphys Road Bowler, WI 54416.

Creditors' Claims must be filed with the Stockbridge Munsee Clerk of Court on or before **March 16, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.**

The Court hearing will be held on **Friday, March 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM** at the

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Time: 4:30 P.M. Reception and Raffle Ticket Sales  
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Program: Michelle Carstensen - Gresham HS Graduate  
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**On the Trail Home**



**Harvey Leslie Kroening**

Harvey Leslie Kroening, age 87 of Stockbridge-Munsee passed away February 15, 2023 at his home, surrounded by his children. Harvey was born August 23, 1935, he was the son of the late Alex and Julia (Lang) Kroening. Harvey was born in Tilleda at home. He grew up in Tilleda, and Marion on the Deick Farm. June 22, 1957, united in marriage to Linda Lee Miller, at the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness. Linda proceeded him in death on June 10, 2004. After marriage Harvey and Linda resided in Shawano, Clintonville and Clover Leaf Lakes until moving to Stockbridge-Munsee in 1971. Some of the things Harvey enjoyed were riding motorcycle, playing cards and family oriented activities. He was also skilled in doing mechanics, auto body and a painter. Harvey worked at FWD-Seagrave for many years before retiring.

Harvey is survived by his sister, Pearl Plauster, 101 years young of Marion; four children, Lai Lonnie (Marty) Kosowski of Stockbridge, Craig (Rhondalyn) Kroening of Stockbridge, LaNette Kroening of Stockbridge, LaVonne Kroening of Stockbridge and Carol Kroening; 17 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Sheila, Leah, Dick (Pat), Tammy (Squirt), Carl (Nita), Kristy (Randy), Molly (Lloyd), Jimbo (April).

He was welcomed home in heaven by his wife, Linda. Along with his parents, Alex and Julia Kroening; his siblings, Alex, Marvin, Opal, Faye, Bernice and Arvid, Oscar, Alfred, Babe, Julie, Hank, Jerry, Doats, Matt, Martin and Melvin; his son, Leslie; and 2 great-grandchildren LaRenz and Nyasia.

Funeral service for Harvey was held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness with Pastor Paul Johnson officiating. Visitation was held at the church on Saturday, February 18, 2023 until the time of service. Burial will be in the Stockbridge Burial Grounds. Military honors will be conducted by the Gresham American Legion Post 390.

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**Vets cont from page One:** that he would be signing an executive order creating a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity, to develop new, innovative initiatives to support the more than 300,000 veterans who live in Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter, Gov. Evers signed Executive Order #157 to create the Commission and charged the Commission with identifying gaps in existing services, investment, and reducing barriers to economic security, including efforts to expand access to higher education and job training, address housing insecurity, and increase mental and behavioral health support and substance use disorder treatment. Gov. Evers' Blue Ribbon Commission gathered input from stakeholders, conducted listening sessions, consulted experts. They built sound and innovative recommendations to build a better Wisconsin for veterans. Following the release of the Commission's final report in September 2022 and based on the Commission's recommendations, Gov. Evers announced a \$10 million investment, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, in veteran services across the state. This investment included: \$4.5 million to support veteran mental health initiatives, including supporting community-based programs, increasing access to emergency services, and investing in peer support programs. \$2 million to create a rental assistance program for homeless veterans. This was also a recommendation from the Interagency Council on Homelessness' "Welcoming Wisconsin Home" report. An additional \$1.5 million for

the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP), which provides case management and support to veterans and connects veterans to community services, including substance use treatment, housing, education, and mental healthcare. This investment is intended to fund seven additional positions to serve veterans across the state. An additional \$1.5 million for county veteran services offices (CVSOs) and Tribal veterans service offices (TVSOs), which help veterans connect to benefits, preventative programming, and family engagement activities. The funding will increase allocations to CVSOs and TVSOs by 100 percent, ensure TVSO payments are not being prorated, and increase payments to part-time CVSOs. An additional \$500,000 for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Hire Heroes Program, which provides services to veterans with high barriers to employment and reimburses employers for certain costs when hiring veteran employees. To ensure the current and future needs of Wisconsin veterans are evaluated and that DVA can be responsive to changing demands, the governor is proposing the following through his 2023-25 budget: Providing \$500,000 general purpose revenue (GPR) to DVA to evaluate post-9/11 veteran needs arising from the increase in multiple deployments, higher survival rates, and longer-term use of skilled nursing. Requiring DVA to explore expansion opportunities at all existing sites of the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program. Providing funding to DVA to create a master plan for the campus of the State Veterans Home at

King to assess the current status of the campus and how the campus can serve veterans. Providing funding to the state veterans homes to address their ongoing needs so that each home has adequate resources to provide the best possible care to the most vulnerable veterans in Wisconsin. Supporting the continuation of pilot add-ons to address critical recruitment and retention needs at DVA by providing \$6.7 million in non-GPR funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs to support add-ons for several nursing classifications. Gov. Evers remains committed to meeting Wisconsin veterans where they are and making sure they're aware of the services they're entitled to, whether it's mental health access, preventative programming, family engagement, or education benefits through: Doubling the amount of funding to County and Tribal Veterans Services Offices (CVSOs and TVSOs) by providing \$843,600 annually for CVSOs and \$253,000 annually for TVSOs. CVSOs and TVSOs play a vital role in connecting veterans to needed services. Providing \$2.8 million (\$1.2 million in fiscal year 24 and \$1.6 million in fiscal year 25) to enable University of Wisconsin System campuses to provide services tailored to veterans, military personnel, and their families, including achieving the recommended School Certifying Officer (SCO) staffing level of one SCO for every 200 GI Bill-eligible students or otherwise improving or expanding services and supports for veteran and military personnel students. Providing \$450,000 GPR in each year as state support for the peer-run respite center for veterans

to ensure the center has a reliable, ongoing funding source. Providing 7.0 FTE SEG positions and \$957,200 SEG over the biennium to expand the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program, which provides outreach mental health services and support to veterans who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder. The goal of the program is to reduce the suicide rate among veterans and to provide veterans access to mental health supports, housing, and other services. Gov. Evers is also investing in further securing the ability of Wisconsin veterans to have access to the services and devices they need post-service by: Providing \$250,000 for a grant program to aid Wisconsin dog trainers in attaining Assistance Dog International accreditation, specifically for providing post-traumatic stress disorder training to better serve veterans. Expanding access to the Assistance for Needy Veterans Grant program by including medical devices as an allowable expense under the program and increasing the annual and lifetime caps for support under this program. In his budget proposal, Gov. Evers is encouraging housing and employment stability for veterans and their families through tax credits by: Increasing eligibility for the Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit by extending eligibility to those with a disability rating of at least 70 percent. This would provide an additional \$43.2 million in tax relief to claimants over the biennium. Further expanding eligibility for the Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit by offering the credit

**Vets continued on pg 12:**

**Year cont from page One:** and Fort Knox, home of the U.S. gold reserves, and is a key liaison with the Federal Reserve, America's central bank. President Joe Biden this year reiterated his commitment to the sovereignty of Native American tribes, nations and communities. He also injected historic levels of funding into Indian Country and gave tribes a greater voice in policy and decision-making. Wisconsin's State-Tribal Relations special committee unanimously voted to advance a bill that would update a 1989 law that requires primary and secondary public schools to teach students about the history, culture and treaty rights of Wisconsin's Native Americans December 13. In May, the U.S. Interior Department released the first volume of a federal probe into the Indian boarding school program. Ordered by Secretary Deb Haaland, a citizen of the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, the investigation found that between 1819 and 1969, the federal government "operated or supported" 408 boarding schools in 37 states or former territories, including 21 in Alaska and seven in Hawaii. The report counted 500 student deaths and discovered graves at 53 schools; those numbers are expected to rise as the probe continues. The report recommended further research into federal boarding school

abuses, investigations into tribal health disparities and support for Indigenous language revitalization programs. In November, Secretary Haaland signed Secretarial Order 3404, declaring "squaw," a historic term for Native American women, to be derogatory and setting up a task force to remove the word from 650 geographic features across the U.S. Throughout the year, the department consulted with almost 70 tribes and announced in September an agreement on new names. Natives in 2022 took to the big screen in big fashion. 2022 saw Season 2 of Reservation Dogs, The first TV series ever to feature all-Indigenous writers and directors and an almost entirely North American Indigenous cast, it won an impressive number of awards. Dark Winds, a crime drama set in the Navajo Nation and starring veteran Lakota actor Zahn McClarnon, was shot at the first Indigenous-owned film studio in New Mexico. The summer film hit Prey, a prequel to Disney's Predator series, starred a mostly Native American cast and was released in English and Comanche language versions. All these big steps for native people in 2022 are setting up for big thing in 2023, like the release of Marvel's Echo, starring Stockbridge-Munsee/Menominee actress Alaqua Cox.

**Emily cont from pg One:** employment and educational settings, allowing the opportunity to understand that each person and situation is different (and provide manageable options for those individuals to choose how to begin moving toward more positive futures).

Though Emily loves working with people, it is the community building aspect that Emily is so passionate about. With that, Emily and her husband Josh Jensen (from the Environmental Department), have built their own small business, Crappie Junction, focused on building community in the fishing and angling world. Crappie Junction can be found on Facebook, YouTube, and many of your favorite social media platforms. This online space allows for outreach such as

fishing or ice condition reports, teaching techniques, or even sharing new products. Throughout the year, they partner with companies and brands from the fishing world to participate in fishing events and expos where they get to meet with and interview some of the top anglers in the sport. In addition to the events and outreach, Emily and Josh host weekly podcasts to connect with other anglers and share throughout the fishing world.

After recently moving from Clintonville to Antigo, Emily and Josh find the local waterways to be fabulous angling opportunities, and they are usually with their pup, Finn Dog. When they are not on the water, they also enjoy gardening, landscaping with native plants, and beekeeping.

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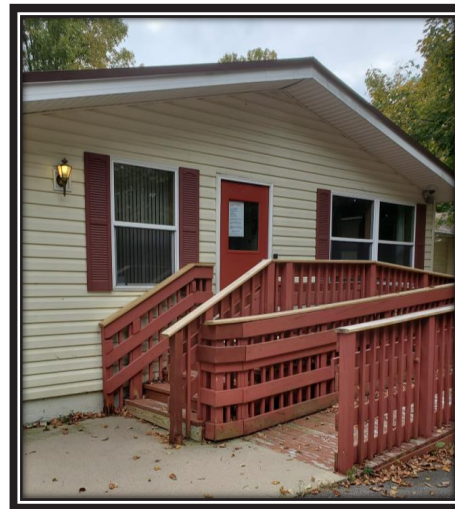
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## Children's Book on Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills' Story to be published Summer of 2024

Co-founder and National Spokesperson of Running Strong for American Indian Youth®, Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills, is teaming up with renowned children's book creators, author Donna Janell Bowman and Lakota artist S.D. Nelson, to publish an autobiographical picture book.

The book will recount Billy's experiences as an Oglala Lakota child growing up orphaned on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and the events leading up to his dream of winning an Olympic Gold

medal in the 10,000-meter (6.2 miles) race at the 1964 Tokyo Games.

Billy overcame extreme poverty growing up in the 1940s and 50s on the reservation. Later he faced debilitating health challenges and racism as an All-American long-distance runner at the University of Kansas. Determination and Lakota virtues fueled his historic gold medal win, which is often considered one of the most thrilling upsets in Olympic history. As part of his traditional Giveaway,

**Mills cont on page 15:**

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March 2023

# Wishing for Warmer Weather





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## Tribal College Celebrates Menominee Restoration Through Education

KESHENA, Wisc. – The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) will celebrate its 30th anniversary with the theme of Restoring Nations Through Education, highlighting significant milestones in its history.

The college's anniversary coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Menominee Restoration Act of 1973, which reversed an earlier act of Congress to terminate Menominee's status as a federally recognized tribe. CMN's President Christopher Caldwell says the college has a mission and tradition of advancing restoration through its degree and certificate programs.

"Both anniversaries are significant to our college's work to restore our sovereignty and traditional culture," said Caldwell. "We will reflect on the impact of tribal termination policies and celebrate the progress of restoration over the past half-century. The creation of tribal colleges and universities, particularly CMN, is a powerful expression of sovereignty and self-determination." The college will host various events over the next year to recognize its extraordinary history and achievements.

Termination of the Menominee

In 1961, the United States terminated the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's status as a federally recognized tribe. The federal government rescinded the trust status of the land, which became a county land of Wisconsin, and cut off federal funds for essential services.

Extreme poverty and social disorder forced the Tribe to sell a sizable portion of the land it retained to help the people through a tough time. When the Menominee learned of the plans for an artificial lake and luxury homes for non-Indians, they aggressively protested the project.

In 1972, the Determination of Rights and Unity for Menominee Stockholders (DRUMS) blocked the project, a massive victory that ignited the movement to restore federal recognition and the sovereign status of the Tribe. In a timely opportunity, DRUMS successfully lobbied the U.S. Congress to pass an act to restore Menominee's status as a federally recognized tribe. President Richard M. Nixon, known to be sympathetic to Native American interests, signed the Menominee Restoration Act into law in December 1973.

Restoring Nations Through Education



For the past 50 years, the Menominee have made considerable progress in undoing the negative impact of federal termination efforts, including establishing the College of the Menominee Nation. Dr. Verna Fowler, a former member of the Menominee Restoration Committee, which implemented the Restoration Act, began instructing the first classes in the basement of her home in January 1993.

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For the Menominee, restoration is about the livelihood of the people who depend on sustaining the surrounding forest lands and ecosystem. This unique relationship is a primary focus of CMN's

Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) where Caldwell served as the director before becoming president in 2021.

A large part of his research at SDI concentrated on the impact of climate change on Indigenous language revitalization efforts. He says that the Menominee language and culture contain the understanding and values for sustaining forest health.

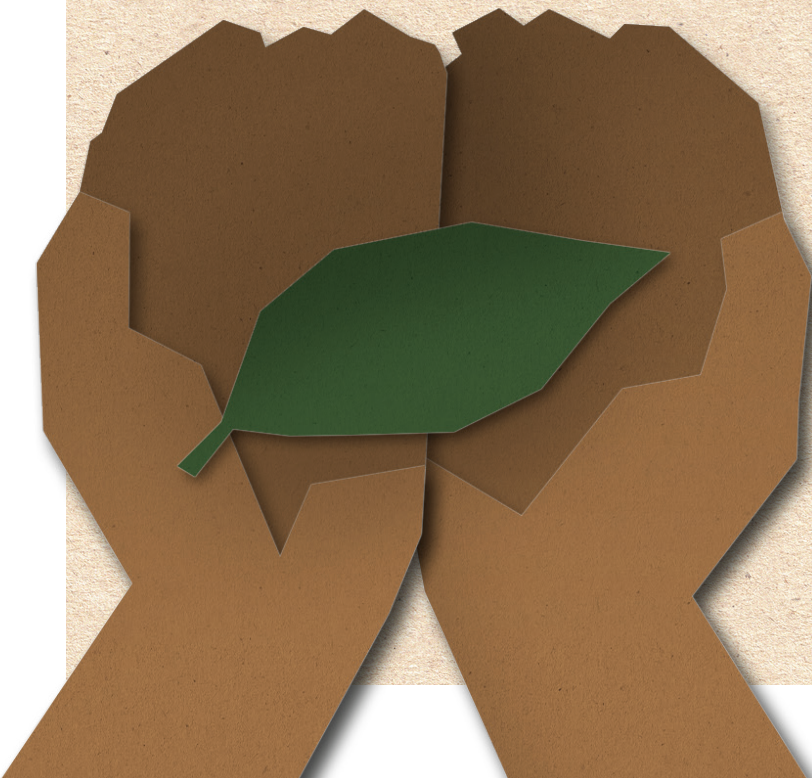
"Menominee's culture and language are rooted in our relationship with the environment," he explained. "The Menominee language is currently a highly endangered language with only a small handful of fluent speakers left. Therefore, the impacts of climate change threaten not only our forested home but also our knowledge expressed through language and culture."

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How WI Prevents Underage Drinking

**Vets cont from pg Five:** to persons who otherwise qualify but rent instead of own their home. This proposal would provide approximately \$10 million in tax relief over the biennium. Broadening the current disabled veteran-owned business certification within the Wisconsin Supplier Diversity Program to be a veteran-owned business certification and eliminating the fees associated with participating in the program. Providing \$450,000 GPR annually to assist employers that hire veterans who are transitioning to civilian life. The funding will help employers provide training and wrap-around services to veterans. Creating a veteran rental assistance program funded at \$1 million GPR in each fiscal year. To honor the final resting places of Wisconsin

veterans, Gov. Evers is proposing: Funding one new position at each of the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries to maintain adequate services to those who qualify for internment. Investing \$425,000 in FY24 and \$355,000 in FY25 into new equipment to serve the needs of the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. Providing \$500,000 GPR in each year of the biennium for the University of Wisconsin Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project for missions to recover and identify Wisconsin veterans who went missing during deployment. Establishing Veterans Day as a state holiday to commemorate their service. Currently Wisconsin is the only state that does not observe Veterans Day as a state holiday.

**Purchased/ Referred Care (PRC)**

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information to have a referral made up. Failure to get a referral for all visits outside of the SMHWC may result in denials from the PRC department.

**REFERRAL STAFF:**  
Joan Olson- Referral Case Manager 715-793-4102  
Sarah Miller-Referral Specialist 715-793-5077



**On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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: Absent  
Terrie K. Terrio; Present  
Randall Wollenhaup Present  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD:** Gaming Waiver in Executive Session  
Donation Request: Bridge the Gap for Autism  
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the agenda as modified. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the meeting minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**F I N A N C I A L STATEMENTS (for approval)-September 30, 2022, and October 31, 2022**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the financial statements on the tribal side for September 30, 2022, and October 31, 2022. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUESTS-Potawatomi Trails Powwow-**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the donation request for the Potawatomi Trails Powwow. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

**Native Forward-Shannon Holsey, President**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to Native Forward previously known as the Native American Scholarship Fund. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**Bridge the Gap for Autism-Sara Putnam, Treasurer**

Motion by Sara Putnam to donate as a Gold Sponsor. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**FIRE FIGHTER GRANT 2023-Molly Welch, Public Safety Administrative Assistant**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request and apply for this money and to commit to the 5% percentage share.

Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Craig abstains (fire officer) and Randall yes. Motion carried.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE & SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE - Chris Rosenthal, Environmental**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the purchase of the soil screener for the SMC Environmental Department as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends: to include the sole source. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: AT&T Communications - Pam Huck, System Administrator**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution 021-23, BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby grants and approves a limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity solely for the limited purpose of enforcement of such documents related to FirstNet, including the resolution of disputes by binding arbitration or through the state or federal courts; BEITFINALLYRESOLVED, that the waiver of sovereign immunity for the Tribe is also limited to the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted only to and for the benefit of the parties identified as part of the agreement(s) that the Tribe has executed and shall not extend to any other entity or person.
2. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity contained in this Resolution shall be effective only after the parties' officially designated

**Directives cont on pg 13:**

**Directives cont from 12:**  
representatives have executed the agreement(s) and shall only be for the term of the agreement(s).

3. Nothing contained in this Resolution shall be deemed consent to levy of any judgment, lien, or attachment upon any property or interest in property of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

4. The limited waiver of sovereign immunity granted and approved through this Resolution does not waive the sovereign immunity of any official, employee, member or agent of the Tribe.

5. Any dispute resolution action against the Tribe, as consented to through this limited waiver of sovereign immunity, shall be brought in the form and venue identified in the agreement(s). The law to be applied, if no law is otherwise identified, shall be federal law. Seconded by Joe Miller. Resolution adopted.

**MAIL MACHINE AWARD-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the award to purchase a postage machine to Office Enterprise and to enter into a maintenance agreement and meter rental agreement, which is included in this pricing. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

**SOLE SOURCE PILOT CCS & LABOR-Tony Granquist, Interim GM**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Site One as a sole source for Field Integration Unit and Software, with controllers; and sole source labor to H2O Control, LLC. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**DECEMBER GM REPORT WITH FINANCIALS-Tony Granquist, Interim GM**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the General Manager's report along with the financials. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

**CAPITAL REQUEST-Tony Granquist, Interim GM**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the capital purchase for an automatic char broiler Nieco LLC Model No. MV63-2-E to replace the current broiler. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion add: to include monies for the broiler and new wiring. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SEND OUT BID-Tony Granquist, Interim GM**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request to send out a request for bid for the Casino and Tribal I.T. as well as for Surveillance and Gaming door access system. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**2023 INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION - Antoinette Tourtillott**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2023 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Grant Application. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**MANUFACTURED DOUBLEWIDE HOME- Roberta Carrington, Inventory and Clifton Pecore, Facilities Manager**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve bidding out manufactured doublewide home, located at W13290 Camp 14 Round with a starting bid of \$10,000 and being sold as is. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE-Allen Quinney, Executive Director**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Bayland Buildings, Inc to white box the remaining suites of the Highway 22/29 commercial property. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL COMMUNICATION TO GOVERNING BODY- Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam for acknowledgement that SMHWC is providing communication to the Tribal Council with AAAHC. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**STATE GRANT: Opioid Abatement Efforts- Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio approve the application for state grant, Opioid Abatement. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**POLICY: Triage Phone Line Policy-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the policy changes made to the Triage Phone Line policy #202NURS0040. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-**

**Land Committee-Chad Miller, Land Management**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the Land Committee Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022, and to approve the recommendations contained within. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**Fish and Wildlife Board- Sterling Schreiber Jr., Board Member**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the Fish and Wildlife Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2022. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:10 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:22 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Tribal Member Request, Elderly Hardship Request, Contract and Gaming Waiver.

Motion by Randall Wollenhaup to approve the contract that was discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to waive the employment waiting period as discussed. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to amend the Tribal Gaming Waiver Policy to eliminate #3, All individuals seeking a waiver for felonies must either be enrolled members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community or eligible for preference under the Tribal Employment Preference Policy Ordinance, Chapter 54. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to grant a waiver to case number 001-JW-23. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request concerning the Elderly Hardship Lifetime Lease as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:25 PM.



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**Mills cont from pg Seven:** he co-founded Running Strong for American Indian Youth®, a national non-profit committed to building the capacity of Native communities to overcome the challenges they face. Bowman is the acclaimed author of award-winning children's books, including "Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness," "Abraham Lincoln's Dueling Words," "The Sioux: The Past and Present of the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota," and more. Nelson, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, is the award-winning illustrator and author/illustrator of numerous children's books including "Black Elk's Vision," "Gift Horse," "The Star People," "Buffalo Bird Girl," and more. The autobiographical picture book, titled "Wings

of an Eagle: The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy Mills" will be published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers in the summer of 2024. Previously, Billy's life story was featured in the 1983 film "Running Brave," starring Robby Benson. Billy also co-authored "Wokini: Your Personal Journey to Happiness and Self-Understanding" with national best-selling author Nicholas Sparks.



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