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NECASC Climate Connections Project

Rebecca Edler – Acting Director Sustainable Development Institute

This project, funded through the Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (NECASC) is a collaborate effort of the College of Menominee Nation (CMN) – Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians.

Reflecting on the original homelands of the Stockbridge-Munsee and Brothertown Peoples we consider the climate change impacts and adaptation methods in the Northeast. A brief history and suggestions of how to reach out to individuals was provided to SDI by Monique Tyndall, Director of Cultural Affairs.

We began by securing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians and selecting an enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee member to assist SDI with this project. Jeff Vele Sr., was the tribal member selected to participate in this project. Working as a team, individuals living in the Northeast that could provide interviews were

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DCH Maintenance Supervisor



Johnathon (John) Walsh is the new Maintenance supervisor for the Division of Community Housing (DCH). He is responsible for the upkeep of the rental units under Housing. He performs inspections and recommendations for members of the community under housing programs such as: Elder Chore, Elder Hardship, At-Risk, and Home Buyer programs. He is responsible for Coordinating with contractors and overseeing housing projects.

John grew up in Bowler. He has numerous family members in the area. His mother, Melinda Behm, and aunt, Sarita Malone, live in the area and worked for the Casino for a number of years.

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Community Health Department



(L-R): Casey Rosenberg; Anita Mihtukwsun; AnnMarie Spice; Leticia (Lety) Rodarte; Cami Miller; Vera (Judy) Heubel; Elena Cox; Emily Carroll; and Whitney Schreiber

The Community Health Department is a department within the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center. The focus of the department is to provide outreach and education to the Stockbridge Munsee Community. We work with

all age groups from Elder to infants, to provide relevant and useful information to improve health status and outcomes. Our purpose statement is to “Promote health and wellness in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community”. We believe **Health cont on page Six:**

Williams College, Mass. students present Mohican history to local school

By Mirabai Dyson, Stockbridge-Munsee Cultural Heritage Intern

At Williamstown, Massachusetts’ local elementary school, 2nd grade students recently had the opportunity to learn about the Tribe’s history, present-day activity, and presence in Williamstown and the greater Mohican homelands. Through my role as an intern in the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, which partners with Williams College’s Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, I and another Williams College student, Erin Vasquez ‘23, developed and implemented a lesson

plan on the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We wanted to share this positive development back for your interest.

These lessons came at an important time for the 2nd grade students at Williamstown Elementary School (WES), as they had recently been learning about Native American history through a lens that focused on the West, intensely deemphasizing Indigenous presence in the northeast. Through these lessons, we strove to help the students understand that Native American history exists right where they are living and that **History cont on pg Seven:**

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At-Risk Elder Home Restoration Fund

Limited time funding, first come first serve. Once funding is gone this program ends.

Purpose: The Stockbridge-Munsee Community ("Tribe") has received a special home restoration grant for homes on its reservation. This funding allows the Tribe to assist eligible AtRisk enrolled elders with the costs to repair/renovate/restore their home so it is safe, sanitary and secure and so they can remain living in their home.

Amount: Up to \$25,000.00 per home/household contingent on funding availability.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria: This funding is intended to assist elders who are at risk of leaving their home if home repairs or renovations are not made in order to allow them to maintain residency. Applicants must satisfy all of the following eligibility criteria.

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.
2. Applicant must be 55 years old or older.
3. Applicant must use the home as a year-round residence.
4. Applicant's home must be located on Stockbridge-Munsee tribal land (trust or fee), on the applicant's individual trust land, or on land owned by the applicant in fee simple within the 1856 reservation boundary.
5. Applicant's home must require eligible restoration activity, as identified under this policy, for the Applicant to maintain residency.
6. Applicant must qualify for assistance due to be-


ing considered "at-risk" based on one of the following standards.

- a. Applicant is enrolled in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Family Care Program at the time they apply for this home restoration assistance.
- b. Applicant has received a Wisconsin Adult Long Term Functional Screen by a qualified professional within the past twelve (12) months that identifies at least one (1) functional need that can make the Applicant at risk of leaving their home. This assessment is used to determine whether the Applicant is considered at risk of having to leave their home due to medical diagnosis that typically leads to functional limitations and negatively impacts the ability to live independently.

Eligible Restoration Activities: (may include, but this is not an all-inclusive list) Roof, siding, windows, exterior doors, Heating/air conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical, skirting, Porch/ramps, Bathroom modifications/walk-in showers, flooring, driveway accessibility, raising/lowering countertops, well/septic repair, mold removal, tree removal, basement/foundation repairs, radon/lead testing and mitigation, extermination services

Applications can be obtained at: Division of Community Housing N8618 Oak St Bowler, WI 54416 or you can call 715-793-4219 and one can be mailed to you.

All completed applications must be returned to Housing. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Gresham School District
4 year old Kindergarten Registration

The Gresham School District will be holding a registration event:
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the 4k classroom.
This is for all students who will be **4 years old on or before September 1, 2023.**
The district will mail packets of information the week of April 3, to parents of children who currently reside in the district.

If you have a child within this age group and did not receive a registration packet, please phone the school between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

If the event time will not work with your schedule please call Michelle Hoffman at

715-787-3211 x801

Civil Summons

Sheila Miller and Timothy Miller have petitioned Kassandra Miller in the matter of :
A.M.M. DOB: 7/29/2011
A.M.M. DOB 12/28/2012
C.A.P. DOB: 02/02/2018

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a civil complaint/petition has been filed against you in this office.

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Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court, N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416,

and a copy must be delivered or sent to the Petitioner or his/her attorney.

IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint with the Twenty (20) days of the date you were served, a JUDGMENT may be entered, and the plaintiff may be awarded the relief asked for in the complaint.

Legal Notice for Intent to Change Name

Cole Matthew Rickert has petitioned Samantha Bessert for a name change in the matter of A.E.B from Ava Elaine Rose Bessert to Ava Elaine Rose Rickert.

The Court hearing will be held on Friday, April 28th, 2019 at 9:30 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.

Legal Notice for Intent to Change Name

Raini Moede has petitioned the Leonard Fields in the matter of R.S.F for a name change from Raini Skye Fields to Raini Skye Moede.

The Court hearing will be held on Friday, April 28th, 2023 at 9:00 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.



Vets Corner

Veterans Corner

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Copayment exemption for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans

By VHA Office of Tribal Health VA published a final rule in the Federal Register on April 4, 2023, that exempts eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans from copayments for health care and all urgent care visits received on or after January 5, 2022.

Copays for domiciliary care, institutional respite care, institutional geriatric evaluation and nursing home care are still required. Veterans seeking copayment exemption must submit copies of VA Form 10-334 and official tribal documentation to receive this new benefit.

This policy implements Section 3002 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020.

This exemption:

- Connects Veterans to the soonest and best care.
- Removes a cost barrier, making VA health care more accessible.
- Encourages American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans to seek medical care through VA, and allows VA to better ensure these Veterans receive the health care and services they have earned through their service to our nation. Full details of the new policy includes:

- Copayment exemption eli-

gibility

- How to claim the copayment exemption
- Address to mail copies of documentation

The new policy:

- Retroactively reimburses eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans from copayments for health care and all urgent care visits received on or after January 5, 2022.
- Eliminates copayment collection of certain copayments for health care and all urgent care visits for eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

Veterans can immediately begin submitting their documentation using the process outlined here. Additionally, Veterans' May 2023 copayment statements will include an insert with submission instructions and eligibility information.

We are engaging all our VA partners, including tribal, federal, state and local communities, to ensure that all American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans are aware of this new policy and have the information they need to participate.

For more info, visit 2023 VA Health Care Copay Rates | Veterans Affairs or call 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411). To enroll in VA care, visit VA.gov.

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Sewers Needed!

Cultural Threads: Expressing Identity through Traditional Clothing.

We are searching for volunteers to honor their heritage by sewing a traditional cultural outfit for a 14" babydoll.

Outfit can be of any cultural representation.

Mosaic will provide the doll and some material reimbursement.

Dolls will premier at our Fall Speaker Event, and then begin a traveling display throughout North Central Wisconsin.

For more information contact

Mosaic at

715.842.3381 or

mosaic@mosaic-connect.org

Mosaic of North Central Wisconsin (mosaic-connect.org) is working on a project to have volunteers create traditional cultural attire to be displayed on dolls. Cultural Threads: Expressing Identity through Traditional Clothing is interested in representations from the wide variety of cultures in the North Central Wisconsin area. This selection of dolls will become a traveling exhibit that will be displayed throughout Central Wisconsin for the next two years. We feel that this exhibit will be attractive and beneficial in enhancing cultural awareness for people of all ages, and want it to showcase as many cultures as possible.

We are currently searching for people with the ability to sew these outfits. We will provide the 14" babydoll (we have a variety of skin tones) and reimburse the cost of the materials up to \$40 per doll. Outfits must be completed and returned by October 15th. These will be premiered at our Fall Event on November 9 before the traveling exhibit begins. We already have display commitments from the Marathon County

Public Library system, TB Scott Free Library in Merrill, Antigo Public Library, Walter E Olson Library in Eagle River, and the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and are seeking more locations.

Our only requirement is that the outfits be as authentic as possible. We realize scaling down traditional clothing to be doll-sized will result in some modifications.

We would be grateful if you would disseminate this information to groups or individuals in the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe who might be interested in helping with this project. This is all about commonalities, understanding, bringing people together, and acceptance. If you or anyone interested has questions or needs more information, please contact me.

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Health cont from pg One: in a Holistic approach to wellness that encompasses balance and harmony in all lifeways.

Individually our team all has different talents and we function at our highest level when we all work together toward a goal. Our members include:

Vera (Judy) Heubel, RN, BSN – Community Health Outreach Director. As Team Lead, Judy is responsible for department oversight and direction. Providing administrative direction for financial (budgets/ grants/ funding), planning as well as department personnel, are key aspects. Judy provides community education and has specialized training in diabetes education, smoking cessation, breastfeeding counseling, foot care and car seat installation. Judy fills in as needed for other department personnel.

Emily Carroll, RN – Community Health Nurse in Frail Elder program. Emily provides home visits for Elders which include assessments, assistance with medication set up, and coordination of care. Other duties include Lifeline assistance, Foot and nail Clinic, Wound care education, Community Health Screenings and Education.

Whitney Schreiber, RN, BSN, CDCES – Whitney has recently transitioned to the Maternal Child Health Nurse position, after serving as the Diabetes Nurse Educator for over 10 years. The Maternal Child Health Nurse provides comprehensive health care to women and children before, during and after pregnancy. Whitney is new to this role and going through trainings to offer services such

as: breastfeeding counseling, child development testing, immunizations, and home visits.

Casey Rosenberg, MS, RD, CD, CLS is our dietitian here at the clinic. The dietitian serves both the outpatient clinic population and the community. Services include: clinical nutrition counseling for most disease states, weight loss education, WIC, Make and Take Classes, Head Start Education, Elderly Center Education, food inspections, menu assessment and approval for tribal programs, assisting at Community Health Events, and other various tasks.

Leticia (Lety) Rodarte is our Home Health Aide. She works closely with our Elder Care nurses. Her focus is to provide in home assistance to help Elders maintain their independent living. She provides personal services as well environmental services, such as light housekeeping chores, shopping or transports. She helps out wherever she can.

AnnMarie Spice, RN is our new Diabetes Nurse Educator. AnnMarie recently took over this position and is currently immersing herself in the world of diabetes education. She is available to meet with on an individual basis and provides support to community events.

Anita Mihtukwsun, CHR, CLS – Community Health Representative and WIC Clerk. She assists in enrolling families and scheduling appointments for the WIC program, provides breastfeeding support as a Certified Lactation Specialist and Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, assists in

coordinating, planning and prepping for Community Health events, designs event flyers, aids in installing car seats and does medical transports/ deliveries as needed.

Cami Miller, PTA, CHR – Community Health Representative assists with outreach, planning/preparation, and implementation of community events. Other duties include transporting patients as needed, provide SNAP-Ed program to youth and elders, and work with the falls prevention program to provide education and assistance to elders to decrease their fall risk.

Elena Cox, RN BSN has worked at the clinic in various roles and is currently helping out the Community Health Department, filling in for maternity leave and as we work to fill an open RN position in the Frail Elder

program. Some of the recent programs we have facilitated include: Narcan education and distribution, Carbon Monoxide / Smoke detector distribution, Radon education / testing / mitigation coordination, Stepping On – Falls prevention program, Home Safety Assessments, Snow shoeing and Community Education Lunch and Learn.

Ongoing programs we oversee: Lifeline for Elders, Medical Equipment Loan closet, Foot and Nail care clinics, Blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, WIC program, Elder Flu Clinics, Make and Take meals - Nutrition Education, Car Seat installation / distribution, Direct Nutrition education @ Elderly, Mohican Family Center and Head Start, Physical activity events / walks and Events based on monthly health observances.



John cont from pg One: Johnathon graduated from Bowler High School in 2003. He went on to study electronic maintenance while in the Marine Corps. In 2019, Johnathon went back to Lakeshore Technical College for a Degree in Electromechanical Maintenance.

Johnathon worked in Milwaukee, packaging industrial machinery for overseas shipment. He

later went on to become a production manager for a pet food packaging plant. Johnathon worked the last several years as a maintenance technician in Sheboygan at a cheese plant. After Moving back home he took on the role of the Housing Maintenance Manager.

Johnathon enjoys spending time outdoors hunting and fishing. He also enjoys woodworking.



History cont from One: the Stockbridge-Munsee Community remains alive and active today, both on the reservation and on the homelands.

In an effort to combat antiquated stereotypes and center the Tribe's present-day activity, we began the lesson by discussing the reservation. Here, we showed students pictures (photo above), discussed some of the area's ecology, and explained some of the resources and community offerings available there. From there, we moved into discussing the Tribe's many removals. This portion of the lesson was taught using an activity, titled, "Moving and Moving—And Moving Again," that was part of the Tribe's "The Mohican People: Their Lives and Their Lands" Curriculum (2008). In this activity, students began on one side of the room, representing the homelands, and made their way to the other side of the room, representing Wisconsin. On the journey from one side of the room to the other, students faced challenges that were representative of some of the challenges that were faced by the Tribe in the move from the homelands to Wisconsin. Building structures out of wooden blocks only to leave them behind represented the being forced to leave one's home behind time and time again. Writing their name with their non-dominant hand represented encountering

new, unfamiliar, and uncomfortable situations. Having a conversation using only gestures and sounds represented learning to communicate with others who spoke different languages. To recenter the students in Williamstown, and drive home the point that Williamstown is still the original home of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, we ended the lesson by telling the students about several repatriation projects, important cultural sites in Williamstown, and showing them an 8-9,000 year old artifact that was found in Williamstown.

At just around seven years old, the minds of the students at WES proved impressionable, curious, and thoughtful. The lesson was met with enthusiasm, intrigue, and excitement and the students seemed to quickly grasp many of the concepts we presented to them. The interest and engagement that they exuded was refreshing and I left the lessons feeling optimistic about what the future holds in regards to increasing awareness and representation of the Tribe in Williamstown. I would like to work on expanding this project to make it sustainable and reaching other local schools in Berkshire County Massachusetts. Williamstown always was and always will be part of the homelands of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

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John Welch Band
(Tribal member from Door County)
Country/Rock

The band will be at these locations in our area:

April 21, 2023	Ye Old Saloon, Tigerton	7-11 pm
April 22, 2023	Ho Chunk Casino, Wttbnbrg	8-12 am
May 13, 2023	Jungles Bar, Gresham	7-11 pm
June 24, 2023	Jungles Bar, Gresham	7-11 pm
Oct 6&7	Mohican North Star Casino	9-12 am

NOTICE TO DESCENDANTS

Purchased/Referred Care Service Funding has nearly been exhausted for the 2023 Fiscal year.

As announced in the past, Purchased/Referred Care funds, which are federal funds used to pay for medical services that cannot be provided at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, are limited. PRC funds usually deplete within the first half of each fiscal year, then funding is provided by the tribe using Tribally Funded Referral Service funds.

The date for the transfer of funds will be **May 1st, 2023**, all referrals made for after this date will follow the TFRS rules. If you have any questions, please call the PRC staff at 715-793-4144.

Enrolled, first generation and second-gen-

eration descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe are eligible for PRC funds. Once these funds are exhausted the TFRS funds cover enrolled, first generation are on a priority system and second generation are no longer covered.

All first generation are now on medical priority level one, per the Stockbridge-Munsee Purchased/Referred Care Medical Priority Guidelines, priority one means Emergency, threat to life, limb, senses (diagnosis and treatment of injuries or conditions that, if left untreated, result in uncertain/potentially grave outcome.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, the Purchased/Referred Care manager, Kasha Coyhis or Health Center Director, Andrew Miller at 715-793-4144.



Climate cont from One: identified and scheduled for interviews. Individuals were selected from various backgrounds including agriculture, conservation and environmental, energy, climate science, and anthropology. Of the individuals interviewed, only one was an enrolled Tribal Member. Due to forced removal, currently there are only a small number of Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members living in the area of the ancestral homelands. Bonnie Hartley, enrolled member and Tribal Historic Preservation Manager, living and working in the Northeast provided an interview. She shared history and current work being done in the Northeast as it relates to cultural affairs. Her work includes protecting Mohican and Munsee cultural sites and burial places. Climate change is impacting her work as flooding and intense storms occur at these locations. To learn how climate change is impacting agriculture in the Northeast, Jen Salinetti, co-founder, farmer, and the Director of American Farmland Trust was interviewed. Jen, along her husband Pete and a staff of seven run *Woven Roots Farm* in Tyringham, Massachusetts. The ten-acre farm, half rented and half owned, is mainly managed through sheet

mulching, cover crops, and plant rotation. The actual area in production is approximately 1.5 acres. This farm produces food that is provided to local restaurants and approximately 1000 individuals. Beautifully set on the side of rolling hills, Jen spoke of how storms move around the hills and how intense storms have increased in the past years. Heavy rain can produce runoff; however, *Woven Roots Farm* implements a mitigation strategy of using the slope of the land and various soil dynamics to control soil movement. Applying this technique, she stated that the quality of crops, soil health, as well as crop production improves over time. Another noteworthy interviewee was Tom Lake, Hudson River Estuary Program Naturalist of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Tom took us to a spot on the Mahhicannituck, known today as the Hudson River, and explained the tidal movements of the river. We were able to participate in drag-net fishing to identify and learn what was in the river. Amazingly we discovered an eel and learned the life cycle of the eel and how a change in water temperature can impact this and other aquatic species. In

addition, Tom gifted us with a fishing weight (netsinker) that was historically used by the Mohican people to net fish. This fishing rock was returned to the Arvid E. Miller Library and Museum by Jeff Vele Sr. Finally, Carrieann Petrik, Regional Coordinator Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs provided an amazing interview. We were invited to her home that is located near a small river. While she could not speak in an official capacity, she shared with what she was seeing in the area in regards to climate change. She commented on the general feel of people in the area that included an awareness of climate change and how they are moving towards reacting to a changing climate. She stated that her neighbors are buying smaller more efficient cars, recycling more, and purchasing from

local vendors. She has a small garden and lives a very self-sustaining life. In summary, the people that we interviewed provided an array of information that adds to our knowledge on climate change, mitigation strategies, and awareness of what is occurring in the Northeast region in regards to climate change. We walked the ancestral homelands including Papscaanee Island, along the Hudson River. This returned piece of land lies ten miles from Albany, New York. SDI is in the process of making a video of the interviews and experiences that will be shared with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, CMN faculty and students, and the greater community. This project will significantly add to the information that we provide to increase awareness on climate change occurring in the ancestral homelands of the Eastern Tribes. **Pictures of trip are on the next page of this issue.**

Class of 2023 - Senior Graduation Banquet
This year the banquet will be held in the Event Center at North Star Casino Wed., June 7th, 2023 5:30 pm
The deadline to submit the Participation Application is May 15th, 2023.
Please submit the application along with a 5x7 picture to the SM Education Office (attention: Kim Taylor).
Any questions can be directed to Kim at 715-793-4100 or kim.taylor@mohican.nsn.gov.
The annual Senior Banquet is a community celebration of the accomplishments of our high school graduates.

Calling all Tribal Elders...

- ✓ Are you 55 or older and interested in earning non-reportable money?
- ✓ Do you enjoy helping other elders in the community visiting with them, or driving them to appointments?
- ✓ Are you interested in mentoring our younger generation about indigenous culture?

If you answered **YES** to the questions above, please call Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council today and ask for the FGP SCP Department at:

1-800-472-7207

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Climate Connections Project



ATTENTION - Tribal Wide Zoom Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to address the needs of our community and to get all our citizens involved in that conversation. Meetings will be held monthly at first, discussing the challenges we face together. Everything we do focuses on or around our current reservation, so let's get started right here.

Think about where we are as a people, where we want to be, and where we have come from. Think about our tribal lands, our assets, and how we manage these resources: from forests, soils, businesses, and housing on to programs that teach our people skills.

Zoom Meeting will be on May 4th at 7 p.m. CST

The Zoom Link will be available on the foundation website: **MohicanFoundation.com** along with instructions on joining the call.

Moderators will be on hand for zoom. Be prepared to be patient while we edge our way into the 21st century.

:: If you'd like to be included in the directory of skilled community members we will be creating, please contact our foundation at information@mohicanfoundation.com:: It's time for positive change. This progress can only be done by our people coming together and participating in decisions.

This discussion is important. Let's tell our elected leaders: "it's time that our voices are heard." **Please direct any questions to: information@mohicanfoundation.com**

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THE Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard and Julia Sunderland Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Terry L Shepard and Marianne Higgins to honor their grandmothers, Grace Yoccum Shepard and Julia Sunderland. It is open to enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee members and to their children who are originally or currently from Red Springs or Bartelme townships, including Gresham and Bowler. A grant of \$1750 is available to a full-time college student (12+credits) or high school graduate who has been accepted by a four-year college. For more information on scholarship application and requirements contact Kim Taylor at the Stockbridge-Munsee Education office (715)793-4100 or kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov **Deadline for Scholarship is July 28, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.**

Janet Miller was recognized by Channel 5 and Nexstar Media on her work she has done with Bree's Closet.

WFRV local 5 News recognizes great contributions that women have made to our nation and local communities.

Remarkable Women is part of a nationwide Nexstar Media initiative to honor the influence that women have had on public policy, social progress and the quality of life.

Throughout March (Women's History Month), Channel 5 highlighted four local women who inspire, lead and forge the way for other women.

After losing her daughter at 23 years old back in 2018, Janet Miller knew she had to keep her only child's legacy alive. "She was full of life," said Miller. "She loved life. She loved to laugh, and she loved to help people."

After earning her Master's Degree, Bree, as her family knows her, landed a job at Menominee Tribal Family Services. "She had some clients that were in need of some items, so she gathered those items up and took them to her office," explained Miller. "That little corner just kept growing, and her coworkers decided



to dub it the name 'Bree's closet.'

Whether it was clothing, hygiene products, or toys, Bree's Closet had it all.

Now, Janet Miller is continuing Bree's Closet through four different locations, helping those in need one person at a time. "After she passed, we decided that there's still a need," said Miller. "I think she'd be in awe and would be super happy with how things have turned out."

Several items have a tag sewn onto them that reads 'In memory of Bree,' making her legacy carry on.

Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard

Grace Meredith Yoccum (1891-1960) was an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Her name was Moween or "Black Bear," fitting for a woman about six feet tall.

The daughter of Adrian Yoccum and Lena May Antone, she had one sister, Erma. Among her ancestors were Moses and Abraham Yoccum, the signers of treaties for the tribe at New Stockbridge, NY, in the 1820s, and members of the Sprague, Antone, Chicks, Miller, Pye and Calvin families. In the Chicks line, she was a descendant of Jacob Cheeksaunkun, cited in the book "The Mohicans of Stockbridge" by Patrick Frazier as an effective leader in the French & Indian War. In the Calvin line, her ancestors included Benjamin S. Calvin, who was educated at Princeton University and served under George Washington in the American Revolution.

In 1915, Grace Meredith married Harry David Shepard, and they had four children:

Phyllis (1917-1927); Ruth Meredith (Peters) (1919-2018); Gordon David Shepard (1921-2006); and Ira Matthew Shepard (1932-present). She lived most of her life in Red Springs.

Her grandson and granddaughter remember her as soft-spoken and gentle, with an inner strength. She loved the Friday Night Fights on television and would enthusiastically urge her favorites to score a knockout. When upset with her husband, she would walk the perimeter of their 40 acres, and by the time she returned, would be singing and carrying wildflowers she had picked. A special memory is the fragrance and flavor of her homemade bread, which she let her grandchildren, including enrolled members Terry Shepard and current chief judge of the tribal court Marianne Higgins, slather with butter straight from the oven.

She died April 9, 1960, and is buried in the Red Springs Cemetery.

Julia Helena Boushka Sunderland

Julia Sunderland (1886-1984) began a connection to the Stockbridge-Munsee community when her only child, Mary Lois (1919-2019), met enrolled member Gordon David Shepard at a wartime USO event while he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. They married in 1943.

Julia married Clarence Sunderland in 1912 and they operated a general store and post office in the hamlet of Delhi, IL, and were prominent in the Delhi Baptist Church.

Her grandson remembers Julia as an energetic, dynamic and

cheerful woman, who showered him with love and approval. Children in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community experienced that when she came to live there to be near her daughter and son-in-law, who had returned in 1977 to found the Stockbridge Bible Church. At age 94, she was still assisting in the tribal Head Start program and her relationship with the children, who called her "Grandma," was featured in an article in the Mohican News.

She died at age 96 and was returned to her longtime home in Jersey County, IL, for burial.

Wear as many colors as you can!



Some pictures from Dr. Seuss week!

Wacky Wednesday



Wacky Wednesday



Wacky Wednesday



Crazy Hair day



Celebrating 50+ years of Stockbridge Munsee's Electa Quinney Head start
We will be hosting a celebratory Pow-Wow on May 13th 2023, starting at 11:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. We are inviting three vendors to come set up a booth to sell their Native American arts at no cost to the vendor. We will be providing a meal for all who attend. We are interested in your stories and photos of head start from current/past alumni and families. Please reach out to us by phone at 715-793-4993 or by email to amber.gilmore@mohican-nsn.gov

Important Dates
April 7th Good Friday
April 11th Snap Ed.
April 11th Nutrition Ed.
April 18th Bookworms

Parent Involvement Activity
April 20th at 5:00 pm with Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Amber. Activity will be planting herbs!



Ms. Cami came and did a super fun activity with the kids where they got to make caterpillar's using healthy foods!

April



Head Start Corner



Education and Career Services

PO Box 70 - W12635 County Road A
Bowler, WI 54416
Phone: 715-793-4353

Tribal Information Center Hours of Operation:
Mon- Fri // 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Menominee Vocational Rehabilitation Program 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Workshop: Social Media & Your Job Search 10-11 AM	10	11 Workshop: Internships 1-2 PM	12	13
14 HAPPY Mother's DAY	15	16	17	18 Workshop: Social Media & Your Job Search 1-2 PM	19	20
21	22	23 Workshop: Internships 10-11 AM	24	25	26	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY Offices Closed	30	31	May		

A Look at 30 Years of Restoration with President Caldwell

KESHENA, WI- When you listen to President Caldwell speak about “legacy,” whether perceived or apparent, it’s clear that he holds the concept close to his heart. Referencing David Becks’ *Siege and Survival*, he quotes Chief Oshkosh often in his speeches and his work, the statement, “I wish to pursue a course which will be best for our children who follow us,” serving as an ideological foundation. As we continue to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the College of Menominee Nation, he references its significance in being tied into the 50th anniversary of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.



tional part comes back into play.”

In thinking about his unique position as a President moving into his position right as 2020 ushered forth a series of unprecedented changes in our work and approach to instruction, Caldwell seems grateful and humble. “I really draw from things that others have talked about, because they’ve been doing this for so long.” He acknowledges his managerial style and the ways his upbringing in the forestry industry has informed it. “We think about the systems we have in place for taking care of trees, students, whatever it may be. It’s all about relationships.”

Those same relationships tie in to the view of the College being just a part of the broader movement. As we work through the RNTE Theme Weeks and approach the Menominee Restoration Act Week in December, we consider the impact of that self-determination, or as President Caldwell puts it, “the significance of the Restoration Act, the spirit, the intent of it which focused on restoring our tribes and tribal communities to the sustainable communities that we always had prior to colonization and assimilation efforts.”

This year, CMN celebrates 30 years of educating future generations, through the Restoring Nations Through Education (RNTE) initiative. We also look back as we approach the 50th anniversary of the Menominee Restoration Act, a broader movement of sovereignty and self-determination that the College itself is part of. As President Caldwell explains, “just by making the decision to build [the College], it was an act of sovereignty, because it meant we were taking back control of the education of our future.”

At the core of our six themed weeks that comprise the public-facing RNTE Initiative, there is a unifying kin-centric approach. “We care for the students, so that the students may care for us. I believe our leaders are walking in the hallways today, whether [they’re] staff or students or faculty. Many of the staff here [at CMN] are alumni or have some connection to CMN beyond just employment, and that’s where that rela-

Through the RNTE initiative and beyond, we remain hopeful in advocating for and uplifting future generations. It’s a belief that Caldwell holds in high regard. “That’s an important thing for indigenous communities, thinking about what’s best for the future and what we can do today to make that happen.”

We encourage you to visit [our 30th Anniversary hub](#), attend our upcoming

events and Theme Weeks, and become a part of the CMN narrative now and in the future.

The College of Menominee Nation is a Higher Learning Commission accredited baccalaureate-level institution celebrating its 30th year. It serves students from campuses in Keshena and Green Bay, Wisconsin, with enrollment open to all.



May Career Building Workshops

Join us this May at the Tribal Information Center for conversations about Internships and why they are no longer just for youth looking to begin their career paths.

We will also be identifying the ways Social Media can affect your job search, and you as a job seeker. Although social media can benefit you in many ways, are you setting yourself up for (career) success? Come find out with us!



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Join us in-person:

Stockbridge-Munsee
Tribal Information Center
W12635 County Rd A, Bowler, WI

With questions, please contact:
Emily Lukacs - Career Advisor
Emily.lukacs@mohican-nsn.gov
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Menominee DVR

First Monday of the month
May 1st
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Specializing in addressing and solving barriers as well as working on employment options for individuals with a disability.

Feel free to make an appointment or stop by Konkapot and join us in person!

Social Media and Your Job Search

May 9th
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- AND -

May 18th
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Internships

May 11th
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

- AND -

May 23rd
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Workshops can be tailored to meet your needs!

Contact Emily to set up an individualized workshop at time that fits your schedule!



Senior Banquet 2023

WHERE: North Star Mohican Casino and Resort in the Event Center

WHEN: Wednesday June 7th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY: The annual Senior Banquet is a community celebration of the accomplishments of our high school graduates. To be eligible participants student must be an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; or 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 at least three to four years of High School.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications can be found online at: <https://mohican.com/services/education-and-career-services/ecs-applications-forms-policies/> under Senior Banquet, at Bowler and Gresham Schools or at the S/M Education Department Office. You can also contact Kim Taylor by phone at 715-793-4100 or by email at kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 15th, 2023.



On Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey Present
Craig Kroening, Jr. Present
Sara Putnam Present
Joe Miller Present
Jeremy Mohawk; Present
Terrie K. Terrio Absent
Randall Wollenhaup Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve tonight's Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 21st, 2023. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

Roll Call: Joe abstains (*absent*), Sara yes, Craig yes, Randall yes and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Special Tribal Council Meeting of Monday, February 27th, 2023. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

DONATION REQUESTS-Endangered Language Alliance "This is Who I Am"-Kalvin Hartwig

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to donate to the Endangered Language Alliance, the short film, its focused-on Ojibwe but it does highlight Algonquian speaking people, so it includes us and our Lenape relatives. Seconded Sara Putnam.

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

American Cancer Society-Relay for Life-Jenny Mailahn

Motion by Joe Miller to donate to the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life of Shawano-Menominee counties. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

National Tribal Child Support Association-Regina Williams

Motion by Joe Miller to donate to the National Tribal Child Support Association. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

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

RESOLUTION: Intelrad Medical Systems Incorporated-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to adopt resolution #025-23, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 this agreement, including the resolution of disputes and the enforcement of determinations or awards against the Tribe; and 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 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

4. of any judgment, lien, or attachment upon any property or interest in property of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

5. 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.

6. 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 Craig Kroening Jr. Resolution adopted.

CAPITAL BUDGET REALLOCATION-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve reallocating from Approved Copier Capital Budget to Approved Firewall Capital Budget. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director and Monique Tyndall, Director of

Cultural Affairs

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the Tribal Historic Preservation Program Coordinator position for Historic Preservation to be moved to a full-time positions and posted as such. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

HEAD START REORG WITH POSITION DESCRIPTIONS-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director and Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to table until the Education Board has an opportunity to look over plan. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

CLUBHOUSE ATTENDANT-Regina Williams, HR Manager NSMCR

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve the Clubhouse Attendant job description as presented. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

CLUBHOUSE FLOATER/MINOR POSITION-Regina Williams, HR Manager NSMCR

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve the Clubhouse Floater job description as presented. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

JANUARY 2023 GM REPORT WITH FINANCIALS -Tony Granquist, Interim GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the GM's monthly report with financials for January 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Quadient Inc.-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution #026-23, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Tribal Council hereby grants and approves a limited waiver of the Tribe's
Directives cont on pg 15:

Directives cont from 14: sovereign immunity solely for the limited purpose of enforcement of this agreement, including the resolution of disputes and the enforcement of determinations or awards against the Tribe; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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' 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 Craig Kroening Jr. Resolution adopted.

RFP NAGPRA-Monique Tyndall, Director of Cultural Affairs.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve posting RFP for NAGPRA Database Services. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion maker amends: to change all dates from March to April. Second concurs. Motion carried.

FQHC FY2017 & FY2018 CLOSEOUT-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the FY17 & FY18 FQHC audited results from Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES: Land Committee

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Land Committee Meeting minutes of January 24th, 2023, and approve all actions contained within. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE SELECTION: Forestry Committee

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to appoint Jeffery Vele Jr. to the Forestry Committee. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Fish & Wildlife Ordinance-Joe Miller, Council Member

Motion by Joe Miller to repost Ch. 21 ordinance pertaining to copper bullet requirements for 30 days for written comment. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion maker amends motion: to non-lead requirements. Second concurs. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion by Joe Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 5:51 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:30 PM.

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

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the hiring recommendation as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 6:30 PM.

On Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey Present
Craig Kroening, Jr Present
Sara Putnam Present
Joe Miller Present
Jeremy Mohawk Present
Terrie K. Terrio Present
Randall Wollenhaup Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD: Contract in Executive Session

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the agenda for March 21st with the addition of the contract. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 7th, 2023. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

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

USE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE-Molly Welch, Administrative Assistant

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the use of Wildland Fire Management Grant funds to purchase

a skid unit for the Fire Department's UTV. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Staff Attorney-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the posting of the Staff Attorney description as amended. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Network Administrator-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the revisions of the posting of the Network Administrator position. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

REMOVED COVID VACCINATION MANDATE-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve changes to Section 8 Safety from the Employee Manual. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

INCREASING TIP WAGES-Tony Granquist, Interim GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the increase base wage for tipped positions at the casino as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

REVISION TO BUILDING USE POLICY EL-01-07-01-Kristy Malone, Manager Elderly Services

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve the Building Use Policy EL-01-07-01 as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

ANA LANGUAGE GRANT APPLICATION-Joe Pecore, Language Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution #027-23, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council does approve this application to the

Directives cont on pg 16:

Directives cont from 15:

Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans to support proposed Stockbridge-Munsee Community "Mohican Language Revitalization Project"; and the Tribe commits monies over the three-year period in in-kind match pursuant to the award by the Administration for Native Americans for the three-year project period spanning from 2023-2025. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Resolution adopted.

ELLA BESAW EXPANSION OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE- Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the recommendation to approve the Ella Besaw Center owner's representative to Loeffler Consulting Company, with the funding coming from available ARPA funds. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES-

Forestry Committee-Joel Miller, Committee Member

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the 2-1-23 Forestry Meeting minutes and approve all actions contained within. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 3-1-23 Forestry Committee minutes with recommendations within. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to appoint Alan Miller Jr. to the Investment Committee. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to appoint Wanonah Spencer to the Language & Culture Committee. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 5:19 PM.

Motion by Joe Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 5:48 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Tribal Member Request, Personnel Matters, and a Contract.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve executing the contract for Dr. Liebler. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion Terrie K. Terrio to approve an employee contract as recommended by the Clinic Director. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the increase with a contract for someone who completed their bachelor's degree as agreed to. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the increase with a contract for someone who completed their bachelor's degree as agreed to. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 5:50 PM.

On Tuesday, April 4th, 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: Personnel matter in Executive Session

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the regular council agenda for April 4th, 2023 with addition of the personnel matter. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes from Tuesday March 21st, 2023. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: December 2022 and January 2023 (for posting)

Motion by Sara Putnam to post the December 2022 and January 2023 tribal side financials. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

NRCS-EQIP HIGH TUNNEL CONTRACT- Maria Duits, Agriculture Manager

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the NRCS-EQIP funding for building the third high tunnel building as presented. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

SECTION 3 OF EMPLOYMENT POLICY REVISION- Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the revision of Section 3 of the Employment Manual for both the tribe and the casino. Revisions to the funeral leave policy to make it clear, the intent of the leave and to change the name of policy Funeral Leave to Bereavement Leave. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

Motion maker amends motion: strike paragraph 4. Second concurs. Motion carried.

REVISED FINANCE POLICY - Terrie K. Terrio for Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Joe Miller to approve revision of Finance Policy 9.2: Payroll Payment to Employees as presented. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

REVISION TO BUILDING USE POLICY EL-

01-07.01- Kristy Malone, Manager Elderly Services

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the revision to the policy that lowers the charge to rent the Eunice Stick Gathering Place, the number is 01-07-.01.01. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

INCREASING TIP WAGES- Tony Granquist, Interim GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the Option #2 Targeted Base Wage Increase and Current Targeted Tipped Positions Longevity Increase as presented in both attachments. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2023 GM REPORT WITH FINANCIALS - Tony Granquist, Interim GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve February 2023 General Manager Report with Financials for Casino, Pine Hills, and Bingo. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING - Linda Mohawk Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the allocation from unallocated funds to meet the necessary IDC cost on the DreamUp grant. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

HANDBOOK UPDATES- Roberta Carrington, Ed. Board Chairperson

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go along with the Education Board recommendation to support the presented updates incorporating criteria for determining what is termed as accredited or certified under Standards for the US Schools and Lifetime Basic Education sections of the Handbook as presented and edited by legal. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

ROSE MIRON BOOK PROJECT -

Directives cont on pg 17:

**Directives cont from 16:
Leah J. Miller, Historical
Committee**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve for President's signature the necessary forms for the forward for Rose Miron's book as reviewed and approved by legal. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE
MINUTES: Land Commit-
tee**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the Land Committee minutes February 16th, 2023, and approve the recommendations contained within. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE AP-
POINTMENTS-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Wendee Gardner to the Historic Preservation Committee. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to appoint Mark Church and Carolyn Miller to the Elderly Steering Committee. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Craig Kroening, Jr. to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 5:48 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening, Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:34 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a personnel matter, service agreement, legal matter, and 2nd denial.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go along with the Health Director's recommendation regarding personnel matter. Seconded by Joe Miller.

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

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to adjourn. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:35 PM.

Stockbridge-Munsee Food Box Program



Stockbridge Tribal Member food box program is **One Package per Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee Household.**

All presenting themselves for pick up will be required to: Present S/M Tribal ID (current ID with updated address), have your trunk or door open, and remain in your vehicle.

If an enrolled member is not available to pick up, you may pick up for three additional persons per vehicle upon presenting their enrollment card and proof of residence.

Here are the dates for the Stockbridge bags: May 23, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 12

Badger Boxes are 100% Wisconsin food sourced from small and medium sized farms and food producers.

To be eligible for the badger food boxes you must live in the Stockbridge service area.

You must present proof of residence and are allowed to pick up for 1 additional person, proof of their residence is required.

The dates for the badger boxes: April 18 and May 16

Line starts on Fairview Road for both food distribution days.

The tribal member food box program is always looking for individuals to volunteer their time to help put these boxes together.

The day prior to distribution and the day of are when food is delivered and bagged before handing out begins.

**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 see PRC staff to make sure you are eligible for PRC, and to sign your referral prior to your scheduled appointment. 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

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