

## A Picture of Success



Jeff Bowman dancing at the 2011 Indian Summer Festival

Editing and summarization by Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Whether he is decked out in his finest pow wow regalia on the weekend or wearing a suit, Jeff Bowman is dressed for success all of the time. Bowman is a Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member and in January 2011 Jeff Bowman began his tenure as First American Capital Corporation's (FACC) full time President.

Bowman said, "FACC had a very productive year in 2011. In fact, 2011 was our best year ever in terms of the number of loans we provided to our customers." He went on to list some of the accomplishments of FACC for the year of 2011:

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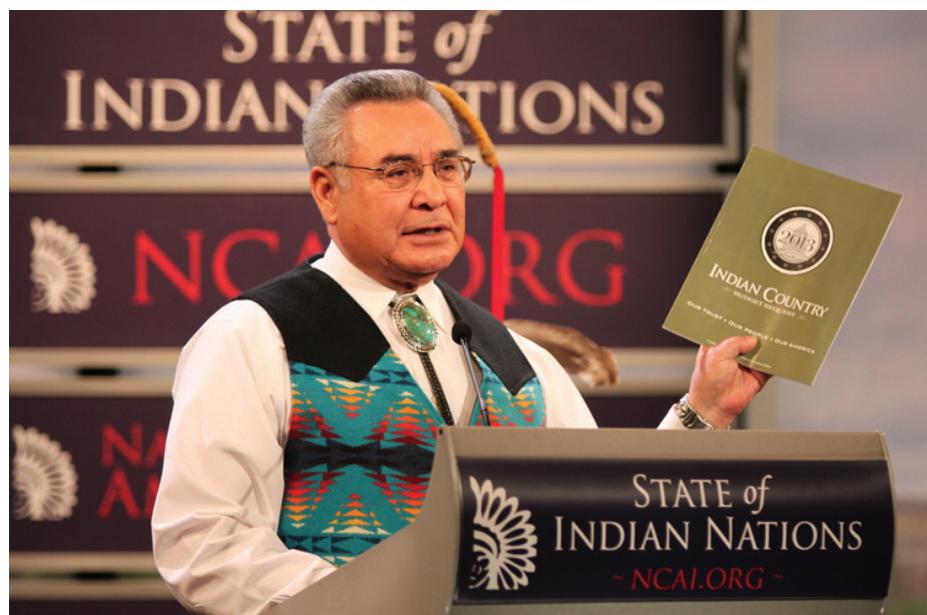
## Recycling Collection on the Reservation

By Greg Bunker, Environmental Office

Many people on the reservation insist that they see the drivers mixing the recycling materials with the garbage, and this has led to a loss of motivation to do the right thing and recycle. I can understand where this belief comes from. The past contractor did not have the best trucks and sometimes the service was not as professional as it might have been. With our new contractor, the trucks are different and I believe the employees are sincerely trying to do a good job in collection. Inside the "garbage trucks" there are two separate chutes accessible through one opening in the truck. Into that opening on the right side of the truck solid waste is placed into the first compacting chute. A divider then drops down and covers the solid waste chute and the recyclable materials are then put into the second, or back chute and compacted into the other half of the truck. These are called "split trucks". I have personally inspected the truck that is used on the reservation and have seen it in operation. Be assured your recyclables are being sent to the right places and are not going into the landfill. Harters has a high cost in handling the recyclable material, however they also get paid \$50 a ton for recyclables which covers the handling costs. They make sure that recyclable material doesn't mix with the garbage for three reasons; first – environmentally it's the wrong thing to do; second – it is against the law; and third – they must pay forty-five dollars a ton to dispose of solid waste.

There have been a number of folks lately who have not had their garbage picked up on the collection day, (Wednesday). There could be driver error at times, however Harters Waste services works very well with this office and has informed me that their drivers and collection trucks now get to the routes by 6 a.m. If you cannot get the garbage out by 6 a.m., you could put it out the

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Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) delivered the 2012 State of Indian Nations Address in Washington, DC on January 26, two days after President Obama delivered the State of the Union Address (Photo courtesy of NCAI).

## Our America

**(Editor's Note: On Thursday, January 26, 2012 Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) presented the 10th Annual State of Indian Nations Address at the Newseum, Knight Studios in Washington, DC. We include his address verbatim).**

### Acknowledgements

I want to thank the Native service members and veterans who have joined us today. Many know the story of Indian Country -- the challenges we have faced, and the ones we face today. But very few Americans know the story of the hundreds of thousands of tribal members who have served in the United States military, as far back as the Revolutionary War. As a veteran myself, I want to thank Lt. Colonel Hunting Horse and the 24,000 active duty American Indian and Alaska Native service members serving today to protect the sovereignty of the United States and the tribal nations of North America. Thank you.

### Strong Indian Nations

My fellow tribal leaders, tribal citizens and American citizens, members of the National Congress of American Indians, members of the Administration and the 112th Congress of the United States,

and those listening or watching today: I am honored to speak to you all, but especially to address representatives of the more than 5 million Native people and the 566 tribal nations of Indian Country.

The State of Indian Nations is strong. Our nations are strong. Our peoples are strong. Like our sovereignty, the strength of our nations, is our inheritance. The State of Indian Nations, as I outline it today, should be defined by what we commit to right now to make the state of Indian Nations even stronger in the years to come.

We all know tribes have faced a difficult history. We are rising from harsh economic conditions to contribute to a more prosperous tomorrow. Tribes have been doing more with less for generations, and I am here today to outline a path to overcome our shared challenges – to lay out specific economic changes and improvements for our tribal nations. Some of these changes require legislative action but many others can come from direct action by the Administration. Ultimately though, it will be the actions of Native people that can change their nations and communities.

Native people are the first Americans. Tribal nations are its first governments – one of three sovereigns recognized in the United States Constitution. And

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# Blueprint for an America Built to Last and Indian Country

Posted by Kimberly Teehee on January 25, 2012

In [the] [State of the Union address](#), President Obama laid out a [blueprint](#) for an economy that's built to last – an economy built on American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers, and a renewal of American values. The President has been clear that we need to do more to create jobs and help economic growth. But under his leadership and thanks to action taken by the President, the economy is growing again. The economy has added a total of nearly 3.2 million private sector jobs over the last 22 months.

The President outlined a series of ideas to build an economy that works for everyone, one that will bring about a new era of American manufacturing, and promote homegrown and alternative energy sources. The President's [Blueprint for an America Built to Last](#) includes the following initiatives that will benefit Indian Country:

- [Prevent tax increases for Native American families by extending the payroll tax cut](#): The President challenged Congress to strengthen the economic recovery by extending the payroll tax cut for the rest of the year so that taxes don't go up on American workers.

About 1.5 million Native American workers – throughout urban, rural, reservation and village communities – will benefit from the extension and expansion of the payroll tax cut, giving them and their families more money to keep our local economies strong at this critical time. Today, one of the most important ways we can continue to support economic growth in Indian Country is through the extension of the payroll tax cut.

- [Forge new partnerships between community colleges – including tribal colleges – and businesses to train and place 2 million skilled workers](#): Many industries have difficulty filling jobs requiring specific technical skills, even with many Americans still looking for work. In coming years, America will need to fill millions of mid- and high-level skilled positions in industries from healthcare to advanced manufacturing, clean energy to information technology. The President proposed a new initiative to train and place two million Americans in good jobs through partnerships between businesses and community colleges that give workers the skills employers explicitly need. The program is modeled on efforts by employers and community colleges from Charlotte and Chicago to Orlando

and Louisville. To address future workforce needs, the President will support partnerships between high schools and industry to create more career academies, which combine instruction in academic subjects and industry skills.

- [Help start-ups and small businesses in Indian Country succeed and create jobs by reforming regulations and expanding tax relief](#): Start-ups and small businesses create most of the new net jobs in this country. The President is proposing to build on measures he has already taken to enact 17 small business tax cuts through additional tax relief to start-ups and small businesses that are creating jobs and increasing wages and by calling for further measures to expand access to capital for small businesses by simplifying and streamlining regulations.

These initiatives build on the progress that's already underway. In Indian Country, we have made significant strides over the past three years and continue to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with tribal governments and improve the quality of life in Indian Country. Last month, for the third year, President Obama hosted the White House Tribal Nations Conference

in Washington, DC, and discussed the work he's done to improve the relationship between tribal nations and the federal government, and to achieve a brighter future for tribal nations. It's a set of changes that is starting to take effect. As he stated during his [remarks](#) at the Conference last month:

"It's the Native American-owned small business that's opening its doors, or a worker helping a school renovate. It's new roads and houses. It's wind turbines going up on tribal lands, and crime going down in tribal communities."

And in conjunction with the Tribal Nations Conference last, the President signed an [Executive Order](#) that establishes an Initiative to expand educational opportunities and improve educational outcomes for all American Indian and Alaska Native students, including opportunities to learn their Native languages, cultures, and histories, and to receive a complete and competitive education that prepares them for college and career, and for productive and satisfying lives.

But the President understands that our work is far from done. Building strong, prosperous Native American economies is a priority for this Administration, and

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

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### Memorial Brick Forms

Deadline set for March 1, 2012 (or ASAP) to have Memorial Brick Forms in for 7th Rededication on May 28, 2012 (Memorial Day). Maximum limit of 20 characters including spaces per line. Deadline is needed so Bricks can be made and installed by Memorial Day. Dedication Ceremony will be 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Veterans Memorial (W12790 Cty. Rd. A, Bowler) on Memorial Day.

“Can be any Veteran living or deceased.” Forms can be mailed to Robert Little or dropped off at Robert Little’s office at the Casino in inter-office mail. Forms are available online at Mohican.com, Mohican Veterans link or contact Robert Little at 715 787-2535.

The headings on the six lines on the Memorial Brick Form below are suggested information only. Fill out one form per memorial.

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## Voices

### Pow Wow Postponed

We have postponed the “Honor our youth” powwow until Sunday, May 6, 2-6 p.m.

Meal at 1 p.m. Need more time to prepare and there is a powwow at Keshena on February 25.

No round dance on February 25 either.

Karmen Mason, MFC Manager

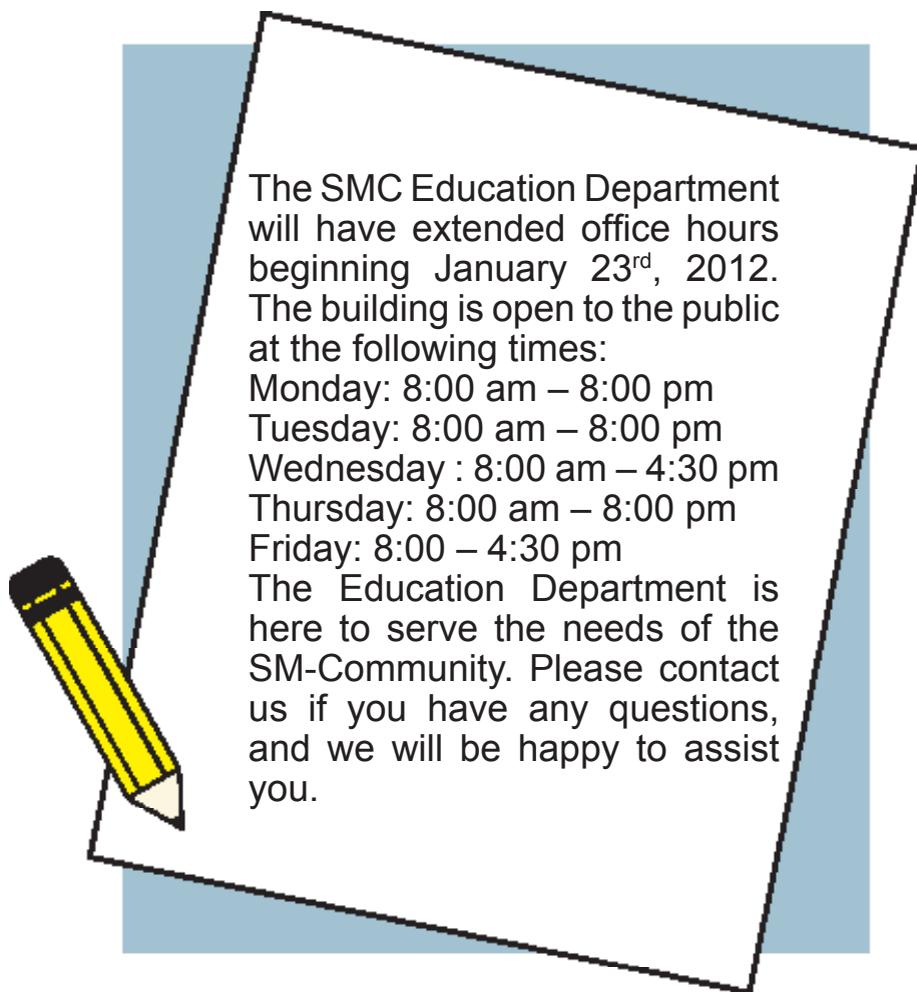
### Mohican News -

Thank you SO much for sharing the wonderful article about my uncle Clarence Chicks!

It was great to read about him and our family’s past and what their lives were like “back then”.

I’d love to read more articles about all of our tribal elder’s memories.

Thank you again,  
Joan Wick (Chicks)



The SMC Education Department will have extended office hours beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The building is open to the public at the following times:  
Monday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Tuesday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Wednesday : 8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 – 4:30 pm  
The Education Department is here to serve the needs of the SM-Community. Please contact us if you have any questions, and we will be happy to assist you.

## VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will be held at the following locations.

February 18, 2012 at the Tribal Office from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE YOUR TAXES DONE.

PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE JOHN AT (715) 793-4812.

### Firewood Permits

Tribal Members that firewood permits are available at the Forestry Office from 7:30 to 8am each morning or by calling Tom Kazik at 715-881-0590.

### Museum on Facebook

The Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library-Museum is now on Facebook. On our page you will find notices of our new exhibits, new acquisitions, tribal historical facts and tidbits, and old photographs. We will also post photographs for help with identification. We welcome you to “follow” us Facebook!



## Elder Wisdom

### Talking Finances with Your Valentine

By Jason Alderman

As you and your spouse celebrate Valentine's Day over a candlelit dinner, you may want to avoid romance-killing topics like, "Honey, let's talk about our financial future." But you really should have that conversation sooner rather than later to keep your relationship on a healthy footing.

Major life changes may require you to reassess how you manage the family finances. Unfortunately, many couples don't make time to plan ahead and are later caught off guard around issues like having children, aging parents, planning for emergencies and changing career and retirement goals.

If you haven't had a financial heart-to-heart lately and aren't sure what to do next, here are a few suggestions:

Make a financial "date." Even if you're in complete agreement on money matters, the family "accountant" should keep his or her spouse in the loop – if nothing else, so they can easily take over in an emergency. Set up regular meetings to discuss bill payments, progress or setbacks regarding savings goals, budgeting for upcoming expenses, and strategies for coping with unforeseen expenses.

Don't postpone uncomfortable discussions. Should one of you accidentally bounce a check or miss a payment, don't wait until your next powwow to address it or try to hide the problem. You'll only make matters worse and create an atmosphere of mistrust. Fess up and deal with the issue right away – you might even save yourself additional late fees or penalties.

Be united. When the news isn't good – say your 401(k) balances tanked last quarter or one of you got laid off – communication is all the more important. Whether you need to temporarily tighten the budget or make a major life-altering decision like postponing

retirement, talk it through and be prepared to compromise so neither party becomes the bad guy.

Reaffirm your goals. Couples often start out with one game plan but then life deals an unexpected hand and goals change. Touch base periodically on how you both feel about such major issues as family size, home ownership, career changes, financing college for your kids (or yourselves), financial risk appetite, when and where you'll retire, and taking care of elderly parents.

Update legal documents. Make sure your legal and financial documents are up to date and reflect your current wishes, including wills, financial and medical powers of attorney, life insurance policies, retirement accounts, investment funds and any other accounts where beneficiaries or people who control your health or finances are named.

Follow your budget. Some of the worst marital disagreements occur when one or both parties sabotage the family budget. If you don't already have a budget, many free tools are available. Check out the U.S. Treasury Department's [www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov), [www.mint.com](http://www.mint.com) and Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site run by Visa Inc. ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)).

Seek help. If you discover that you've gotten off track or need help realigning your financial goals, a number of outside resources are available:

- The NFCC can help you locate a free or low-cost credit counselor.
- You can find a financial planner or advisor through the Financial Planning Association ([www.fpnet.org](http://www.fpnet.org)), the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards ([www.cfp.net](http://www.cfp.net)), or the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors ([www.napfa.org](http://www.napfa.org)).

### Stockbridge-Munsee Flags and Veterans T-shirt's

The Mohican Veterans are selling Stockbridge-Munsee Flags and the C-store will be selling Mohican Veterans T-shirt's

The Mohican Veterans are selling the Stockbridge-Munsee flags for \$65 for the 4x6 and \$30 for the 2x3. T-Shirts available at the Little Star Convenience Store in various sizes and colors selling at \$25 each.

Contact Robert Little at 715 787-2535 or Gregg Duffek at 715 793-5007 or Roger Miller at 715 793-5070 if you wish to purchase flags.

### 2010 Census Shows Nearly Half of American Indians and Alaska Natives Report Multiple Races

The U.S. Census Bureau today released a 2010 Census brief, [The American Indian and Alaska Native Population: 2010](#), that shows almost half (44 percent) of this population, or 2.3 million people, reported being American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. This multiracial group grew by 39 percent from 2000 to 2010.

Overall, 5.2 million people, or 1.7 percent of all people in the United States, identified as American Indian and Alaska Native, either alone or in combination with one or more races. This population grew by 27 percent from 2000 to 2010. Those who reported being American Indian and Alaska Native alone totaled 2.9 million, an increase of 18 percent from 2000 to 2010. The multiple race American Indian and Alaska Native population, as well as both the alone and alone-or-in-combination populations, all grew at a faster rate than the total U.S. population, which increased by 9.7 percent from 2000 to 2010.

#### More Than Three-Fourths Live Outside Tribal Areas

A majority of the American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population (78 percent) lived outside of American Indian and Alaska Native areas. At the same time, most counties with relatively higher proportions of American Indians and Alaska Natives tended to be in close proximity to reservations, trust lands or Oklahoma tribal statistical areas. This was especially evident in counties throughout the West and in Oklahoma.

#### Majority Live in 10 States

The 10 states with the largest American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population in 2010 were California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, New York, New Mexico, Washington, North Carolina, Florida and Michigan. Among these states, Texas, North Carolina and Florida experienced substantial rates of growth in this population at 46 percent, 40 percent and 38 percent, respectively. The American Indian and Alaska Native alone population experienced growth of at least 20 percent in Texas, North Carolina, Florida and New York.

The multiple-race American Indian and Alaska Native population increased by more than 50 percent in 18 states. North Carolina, Delaware and South Dakota experienced the most rapid growth in this population at more than 70 percent. In all but three states, the multiple-race proportion of the American Indian and Alaska

Native alone-or-in-combination population increased from 2000 to 2010.

#### Tribal Groupings

The largest number of people who identified with an American Indian tribal grouping, either alone or in combination, identified as Cherokee (819,000). The Navajo tribal grouping had the largest number of individuals who identified with one tribal grouping and no other race (287,000).

Among the largest American Indian tribal groupings, Blackfeet had the highest proportion who reported more than one tribal grouping or race. Seventy-four percent of Blackfeet individuals reported an additional race and/or tribal grouping.

The largest Alaska Native tribal grouping, either alone or in combination, was Yup'ik (34,000), followed by Inupiat (33,000). Yup'ik also had the greatest number of people who identified with one tribal grouping and no other race (29,000).

Among all Alaska Native tribal groupings, Tlingit-Haida had the highest proportion who reported more than one tribal grouping or race. Forty-two percent of Tlingit-Haida individuals reported an additional race and/or tribal grouping.

#### Race Definitions

People who reported only one race on their 2010 Census questionnaire are referred to as the race "alone" population. For example, respondents who marked only the "American Indian or Alaska Native" category would be included in the American Indian and Alaska Native alone population. This population can be viewed as the minimum number of people reporting American Indian and Alaska Native.

Individuals who chose more than one of the six race category options on the 2010 Census form are referred to as the race "in combination" population, or as the group who reported more than one race. One way to define the American Indian and Alaska Native population is to combine those respondents who reported American Indian and Alaska Native alone with those who reported American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. Another way to think of the American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population is the total number of people who reported American Indian or Alaska Native, whether or not they reported any other races.



# Rambling through history... ...with Dot Davids



HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY MUSEUM (cont.)

(Note: This is a continuation of the previous Ramble. History doesn't always remain the same. For example, the first version of this column was written before we had complex computers and those little hand-held things on which you can find almost anything you want to know (including Mohican News). Rambler, upon historical reflection has modified portions of Part One.)

In the early 1970's, a group of elders and younger people were working very hard to organize the historical materials that had survived the fire at Bernice's house. When community members learned what we were doing, they began discovering old letters, photographs, records in trunks and boxes stored in their attics. They began bringing them to be added to the historical collection. (We learned early that we had to develop some "acquisition sheets.") We also discovered that our historical library was becoming a library-museum.

We also learned that in the 1930's people from out east, the Stockbridge, Massachusetts area had been in our community collecting historical material for the restored Mission House. Aunt Grace and Uncle Jim Davids, in 1951, on a trip on a trip, discovered the Bibles on display at the Mission House. This large two volume Bible set was given to the Indians at Stockbridge by the Prince of Wales but that is another long story. That story as well as our organizing the materials whetted our interest in tribal history and we decided to collect everything known about our tribe.

If I remember right, after Bernice's house fire, and maybe my Mother's death, Bernice, Pa (Elmer Davids) and Aunt Wildie made a trip out East, not so much for the historical research, but for the enjoyment of a trip. But our appetite for Stockbridge-Munsee

history was thoroughly whetted.

Thus began a series of historical trips. In 1973, Bernice Davids Miller, Blanche Jacobs, Tina Williams, Kristi Miller, Lai Loni Kroening, Karolyn Raasch, Dot and Ruth traveled to the eastern homeland. We traveled in second hand cars and camped most nights. (Note: Writing this brings back some (vague) memories. I remember that sometimes when we couldn't find a motel we set up some folding cots for Blanche and Tina. When we finally arrived in Stockbridge, we registered them at the famous Stockbridge Inn. When we met them for lunch the next day they were "madder than hops." When we asked if they hadn't been treated well, they said, "You folks get to camp out in nice warm October weather and we have to stay in this dingy hotel." Needless to say, they joined us in the campground and camped with us the rest of the trip.)

In 1975, in the days before we could afford CB's or car phones, four cars loaded with young people, and Margaret, Linda, Ruth and Dot as drivers headed East to do some more historical exploring. Usually we traveled north through Upper Michigan, but on this trip, we wanted to visit some other Mohican historical sites so we took the southern route through Chicago. Now, Margaret and Linda have never driven the freeway through Chicago, so we had a plan. We devised a "card system." If some car needed gas, someone flashed a green card. If someone needed the bathroom, a yellow card was flashed and in an emergency a red card, a black card stopped us for the night. Dot would lead the parade, Ruth would bring up the rear. If Dot changed lanes, Ruth in the rear would also pull over and the other two cars could pull in between. It worked well until we reached Gary, Indiana and had to exit and take another route. Linda missed the turns and headed back to Chicago. Ruth, of course, followed her, and led her back to where we waited.

It was on this 1975 trip that we were caught in Agnes, the worst storm of the century. (My original story has the wrong date and trip.) Evidently we decided to take the southern route through New York State and at some point we had to cross the Susquehanna River. It seems that normally the waters in the river are far below the bridge, but Agnes had been active and we could see the churning waters,

about 15 feet below the bridge. A sign on the bridge read "CROSS AT YOUR OWN RISK." We held a meeting and checked the map. We decided it would add a hundred miles to our trip, so our four cars traveled very slowly across the Susquehanna. Because of the storm most of the motels had "No vacancy signs," but we finally were able to crowd into two rooms. Some of the young people slept in the cars.

(Note: Katie Miller is the historian for that 1975 trip. At the 2012 Mohican History Conference where Rambler was supposedly presenting the "History of the Library Museum," Katie stole the show with her stories, not only about the colored cards, but also some of the shenanigans the young people were up to that we chaperons didn't know about.)

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night before, but please make sure that it is in dog/raccoon/cat/rodent - proof containers with tight fitting lids to avoid raids on the material. Everyone on the reservation, even those in housing, live close to or in the woods and we must realize that animals want easy meals. In the spring, bears will get into anything open, so then it is best to time the garbage drop-off with the pick-up.

Tribal members in Red Springs have their unwanted materials collected by another contractor under contract by the Township of Red Springs, but this contractor must operate by all the same laws as Harters. The tribe pays Red Springs each year for all of its members in that area, thus the garbage collection fee doesn't show up on the tax bill for those residents.

Remember that this is a service paid by the Tribal general funds, and it is a privilege of belonging to and living in the tribal community. Most communities charge individual households for this service. We hope that you do your best to reduce your waste, re-use or recycle what you can, and responsibility put the solid waste and recyclable out in a manner that it is safely picked up and removed.

## Recyclable Materials Currently Banned from Disposal in Wisconsin

- Aluminum containers
- Bi-metal containers (containers made from a combination of steel and aluminum)
- Corrugated cardboard or other

Rambler hasn't written very much about our historical activities in Stockbridge and surrounding lands that were once Mohican lands: the Housatonic River, (We are the people of the waters that are never still, Monument Mountain, the Mission House, the Stockbridge Library, the Stockbridge Bibles, the burial grounds, the Longhouse (Great Wigwam). our visiting the Munsees in Canada, our life on the Mahicannituk,

In fact it's difficult to think of the people who planned and carried out these historical activities as a "Committee." I don't think we were ever "appointed." We, from the late 1960's, upon reflection, see ourselves (our selves) as a research and educational group.

I'll try to pick up on some of this in the next RAMBLE.

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  - Glass containers
  - Magazines and other materials printed on similar paper
  - Newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint
  - Office paper
  - Plastic containers #1 and #2
  - Plastic containers #3 through #7\*
  - Steel containers
  - Waste tires (except when incinerated with energy recovery).
  - Electronics, including computers, televisions, desktop printers, computer peripherals, DVD players, digital video recorders, VCRs, fax machines and cell phones.
  - Lead acid batteries.
  - Major appliances including air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dehumidifiers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters and microwave ovens (unless the capacitor has been removed).
  - Waste oils, except when incinerated with energy recovery
  - Oil filters and oil absorbent materials over one gallon.
  - Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden debris and brush under 6 inches in diameter\*\*
- For more information, go to [E-Cycle Wisconsin covered devices](#).  
**(Editor's Note: Watch for articles on how to recycle many of these recyclable materials that are currently banned from disposal**

**Keel continued from page One:** our America is a place where each member of the American family of governments contributes to a prosperous future.

### **Native Vote in this election year**

To achieve that vision, we need leaders who understand that Indian Country matters. Especially in a Presidential election year! We're all aware of the impact an election can have on Indian Country. And, in recent years, many have come to learn that the door swings both ways – Indian Country can have a significant impact on elections – and it can be game changing.

As grandmas on the Navajo nation and young people in Alaska Native villages go to the ballot box this November, they are standing on the shoulders of those who fought hard for that right. As students at Arizona State University and veterans in foreign lands cast their vote, they are reminding America that we matter.

In the 1940s, thousands of Native veterans returned home to a shocking reality: America had accepted them on the battlefield, but had no place for them at the ballot box.

Ira Hayes – a member of the Gila River Indian Community, who raised the flag at Iwo Jima – returned to the homeland he had defended, and was denied the right to vote. Miguel Trujillo from Isleta Pueblo, who enlisted as a Marine in the days following Pearl Harbor, returned home to New Mexico and was denied the right to vote.

These American heroes inspired the fight – all the way to the federal courts – for the right to participate in the 1948 elections. They expressed the power of the Native vote the first time they cast their ballots, and it's been at work ever since.

Stories like these have shown Native people that when it comes to Native Vote, we can and we must think big. Simply put, we will work tirelessly in 2012 to see the highest Native turnout ever.

We know it can be done. For instance, on the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana, turnout rates are regularly over 80 percent. A survey of seniors at UCLA showed that Native young people participate at rates higher than any other group of students. This is especially important because almost half a million Native youth will be eligible to vote for the first time in the next four years.

We already know Indian Country impacts elections but we offer even more potential. In 2008, one out of every three Native citizens was not registered to vote – that's more than 1 million people. So it comes down to one simple message – register and vote. We will work tirelessly with Native people from across America to make sure all of Indian Country

participates in 2012. The stakes are too high for us to stay home on Election Day.

Native people don't see the world in two and four year election cycles. We're focused on building stronger communities for generations to come. When we step in the ballot box, we want to vote for candidates who will stand with tribal nations to create a strong prosperous future. We are not mobilizing for one party or for one candidate. Indians don't just vote D for Democrat or R for Republican. For us, it's "I" for Indian. We are independent voters and we will continue to vote for the candidate who is strong on our issues, and cares about our priorities.

That's why today, I'm calling on all Presidential candidates to make sure Indian Country is at the table during the campaign and throughout your Administration. These specific actions should form the foundation of your Native policy platform:

First, we call on the President to send a Special Message to Congress on the importance of the Nation-to-Nation Relationship. In 1970, President Nixon sent a historic message to Congress on tribal self-determination. That message launched the self-determination era – the very framework that allowed tribes to prove our capacity as governments. All Presidents should do the same.

Second, we call on the President to fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We specifically call for a review of all existing federal law to ensure they are in alignment with the Declaration.

Third, we call for an Annual Nation-to-Nation Summit and ongoing high-level meetings. This would institutionalize the current Tribal Nations Summit, a meaningful commitment to our nation-to-nation relationship that must be upheld by all future Presidents. We also call on the President to convene regular meetings on specific issues between tribal leaders and cabinet secretaries.

Fourth, elevate Native people in the federal government. It is past time for qualified Native people to be seated on the federal bench. The appointment of a Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs has advanced policymaking at the White House and we applaud President Obama for his leadership. With the importance of the Indian budget in the coming decade, we urge the creation of an office for Native American programs at Office of Management Budget.

And finally, we call upon all candidates to actively engage Indian Country in your campaign.

We invite each candidate to visit Indian Country to outline your policy positions. We also urge the campaigns to make sure tribal nations are part of the discussion at the Presidential debates.

### **Opportunities for Congressional Action**

Between now and the election, we have a lot of work to do! For all of the partisan challenges of the past year, the Congress has found common ground on Indian policy. Under the bipartisan leadership of Senators Akaka and Barrasso, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has worked tirelessly across party lines to develop legislation that promises to transform Indian Country. And in the House, Republicans like Chairman Don Young and Democrats like Dale Kildee have worked hard to educate their colleagues about the benefits tribal governments offer our nation.

There are some important things the Congress can do right now that can grow Indian economies and create jobs. Without spending a dime, the Congress can fix the problems created by the *Carcieri* Supreme Court decision and offer certainty for land-into-trust transactions that are critical to Indian Country's economic future.

The Department of the Interior is already acting to streamline lease approvals for renewable energy development, and we urge the Congress to pass the HEARTH Act to expand leasing reform and to pass an Indian energy self-determination law.

Congress can also act on public safety legislation that will attract businesses to our communities. We urge passage of amendments to the Stafford Act that are supported by FEMA and would remove burdens from states and tribes in times of critical emergencies when lives are on the line.

Native women are the protectors of our culture, our families, and our future. We call on the Senate to pass the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization and the SAVE Native Women Act— both of which would take critical steps to address the horrific rates of violence being perpetrated against our women.

The Native CLASS Act offers the chance to provide the kind of education our young people need to succeed today and build the economies Indian Country needs for tomorrow. Our young people must not be left behind anymore.

Congress must stand with us now to get these bills passed, but long term success depends on America keeping her promises. That's why NCAI, along with our partners in Indian Country are making available to you today our plan for the Indian budget.

This document outlines our

vision for investing in the future of our America, and stabilizing the Indian budget. It will create reliable, safe domestic energy; it will build a 21<sup>st</sup> century education system; it will modernize our infrastructure; and, it will fund implementation of critical legislation like the Tribal Law & Order Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Just as our plan holds hope for the future, the Budget Control Act poses great risks. The Act requires Congress to cap discretionary spending for the next 10 years. Much of the funding that fulfills the federal trust responsibility is categorized -- wrongly, in our view -- as domestic discretionary spending.

The trust responsibility is not a discretionary choice. It is not a line item. It is a solemn agreement that has been sustained over hundreds of years. Unless Congress acts to hold tribal programs harmless, then starting in 2013 we are facing ten to fifteen percent cuts across the board for the next decade -- cuts that will threaten essential services and affect millions of Native citizens throughout vast regions of rural America.

We are well aware of the budget challenges our nation faces. We live in Indian Country -- we know all about doing more with less. We urge Congress to stand up for the relatively small piece of the federal budget that belongs to tribal nations and our citizens.

### **Governmental flexibility**

Protecting the Indian budget is the first step but long-term success depends on tribal nations having the same opportunities to protect and preserve our communities that are available to state and local governments. We exercise jurisdiction over lands that would make us the fourth largest state.

We run dozens of social programs previously administered by federal agencies or states. And, we protect reservation environments in the manner that states regulate off reservation lands.

Tribal governments have proven our capacity to grow our economies, educate our people, and manage our resources. We need the federal government to put decision-making power back in the hands of the people who live in Indian Country -- the people who know best because these are our homelands, these are our people.

The old way of doing things causes missed opportunities every day. The Swinomish Tribe, in Washington state, saw this first hand. The tribe had worked out a deal with Wal-Mart for a big new store on the reservation. This was a great deal -- a million dollars a year in lease revenue for the Tribe, and new jobs for tribal members and people throughout the community.

As with every lease on Indian

**Keel continued on page Ten:**

## “Shkodack” land of the fire By Shawn Stevens

In a previous issue I wrote about tobacco, I had briefly mentioned and explained about “Shkodack” which originally was a gathering place of our people in the home lands. I had mentioned that I would write another article describing a little more detail and depth of this place and its meaning.

First I will explain the word “Shkodack”. It is a Mohican word meaning “Land of the fire.” It is based on two main words “Ishkodae” (Fire) and “Aghki” (Land, place, earth). There are a lot of different spellings but spelling isn’t important as much as the meaning. The Mohican Nation was a very large and powerful nation prior to European contact. There were hundreds of villages spread out over what are now four states and for the most part of the entire length of the Mahicanittuk (Original name for Hudson River). Many of these villages bordered around other tribes such as the Munsee, Abenaki, Mohawk, Wappinger and more. So there were a variety of different nations and cultures bordering our peoples territory.

It isn’t uncommon to have more than one word for the same thing in the Mohican language due to many dialects. Mohican language has two words for fire “Ishkodae” (Variant spellings) and “Stauw.” From speaking with fellow Algonquin speakers; they tell me that sometimes there is a difference in how you would say a “Gathering, council, ceremonial” fire and just a regular fire you make in your back yard for recreation. This makes sense for that “Shkodack” was a gathering place to share knowledge.

In New York state along the Hudson River is the place our Mohican ancestors called “Shkodack” the exact spot is not known but there is a present day park in the vicinity of where it is said to have been. This was a gathering place to which many of the leaders, historians, medicine people, inventors etc, of each village of the nation would gather annually and discuss affairs of the Nation. Not only political issues were discussed. They would also share new medicines discovered, new inventions or techniques that made great improvement or relevance in their lives. It was a place to share knowledge. Such gatherings were held by all cultures of the world to improve the lives of their people.

Not only new knowledge was shared, but old knowledge as well. Things such as songs, ceremonies, oral histories etc were constantly shared so that all would remember. Sharing such knowledge made the entire Nation stronger and educated. Such



Shawn Stevens

gatherings lasted weeks to over a month. Much more than we can imagine had been shared at such gatherings, but what is important to understand about this place and its purpose. It was a place to gather and share knowledge.

Education has always been important to Native Nations. Our Mohican ancestors had many villages spread far and wide and bordered many different tribes and Nations. They were constantly exposed to new ideas and ways of life in which made great relevance in their lives. Such things were brought to Shkodack during the great gathering and shared. Those who attended the gatherings took back knowledge to their villages and shared it among the rest of the nation. From this the entire Nation grew stronger through sharing knowledge.

Knowledge is a gift to mankind to improve the lives of the recipients. It was not to be hoarded, or wielded like a trophy. Sharing knowledge is survival. If there were any villages that didn’t wish to share with others nor learn new things from others, they became like a stagnant pond, isolated and ignorant while the rest of the nation continued to grow and prosper.

For the last eight years, some of us here on the res have been working toward restoring a new “Shkodack” a place, or simply a “Gathering” (regardless of where it’s held) of many people of culture and traditions to freely gather and share knowledge. In the next issue, I will explain the steps that have been taken towards such a place for our peoples to gather freely and share knowledge.

**(Editor’s Note: This is a continuation of the article on tobacco that Shawn Stevens previously submitted to the Mohican News. If any reader has an idea for an article they would like to submit to the Mohican News, or an opposing view feel free to contact us).**



## Family



Tribal Americorps Volunteer Lynn Miller and Canine Officer Craig Rekoske with his Canine unit Getty

### A Presentation from the Shawano Canine Dog Unit Submitted by Lynn Miller and Mark Shaw

Tribal Americorps Volunteers, Lynn Miller and Mark Shaw, arranged a presentation with the Shawano County Canine Unit, which has two dogs specifically trained in locating narcotics and assisting the law enforcement agency. The event was held at the Mohican Family Center on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 P.M.

Officer Craig Rekoske and his partner, Getty, a four-year-old, eighty-pound German Shepherd, born and trained in Hungary, demonstrated to an audience of approximately fifty community members the various orders the canine unit obeys. Rekoske explained that Getty knows eight specific commands in Hungarian, and only Hungarian, so that no one else in the Shawano community could lead and direct the German Shepherd when it was on duty. Officer Rekoske then ordered his partner to speak, and the canine unleashed several ferocious barks that would intimidate any criminal who was ready to run, attack, or hide from the law enforcement.

Getty also demonstrated his ability to detect the small amount of narcotics Officer Rekoske had hid in a backpack. Policeman Ryan Wright of the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department was there to assist.

Rekoske said the total annual cost to maintain two canine dogs is \$14,000. This includes food,

veterinarian care, and over 2000 hours of training which Getty has had. He can detect five different scents at once and discern which one is from illegal drugs. He can also smell a person’s sweat and it is his natural instinct to follow blood tracks. This scent is very potent to German Shepherds. Because of Getty’s keen sense of smell, he can locate disaster victims, criminals, or anyone who gets lost.

During the presentation, the audience members asked many questions and Officer Rekoske was generous with his time and answers. One person asked, “What is your liability if the dog seriously injures someone and has that ever happened?” Rekoske said that there was no liability if the individual who was injured was doing something wrong. He went added that Getty has made contact with its mouth to two criminals.

At the end of the presentation, a child in the audience asked it was all right to pet the dog, and Rekoske said that although Getty wasn’t used to being touched, they could come up one by one and stroked his coat. To the children listening in the audience, this was their reward for being attentive and patient.

**(Editor’s Note: Pictures of this event can be found on the next page of this issue of the Mohican News).**

K-9 Unit at Mohican Family Center



Bertina Dodge



Travis Spice



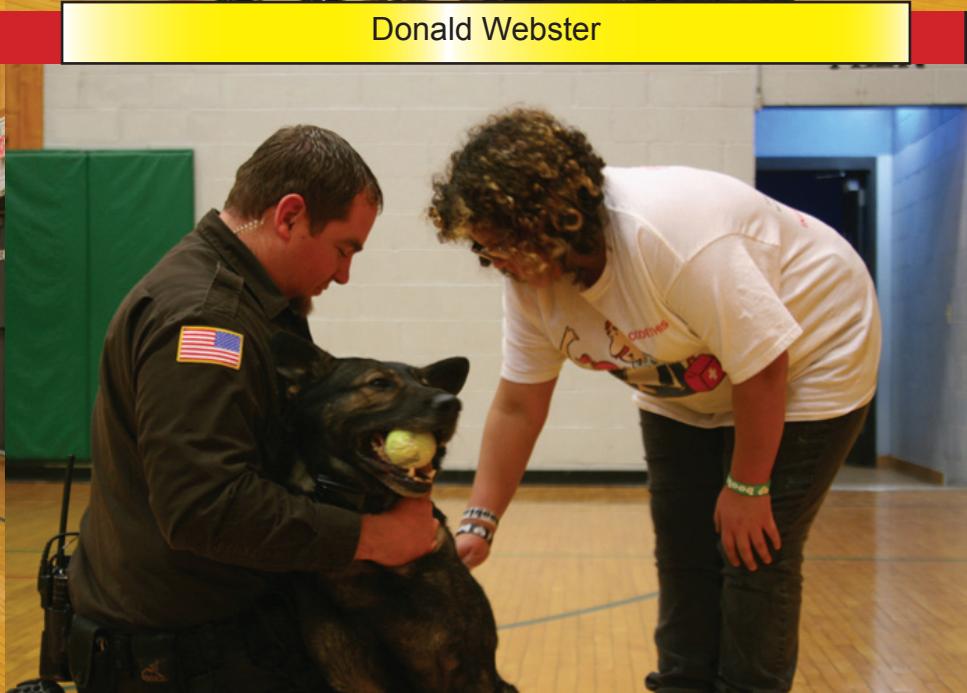
Ellana Kaquatosh



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# Send Us Your Happy Ads

Send in your well-wishes and Happy Ads of your loved ones to share in the Mohican News. Electronic files are great with all of the possibilities on the computer nowadays!

We are looking into the idea of expanding the Mohican News to other social mediums to bring you the most current and relevant news. Stay tuned!



Sometimes you miss somebody...Aunt Sue Williams, Grandma Irene Vele and Uncle Al Vele



And sometimes you have to check if anyone is actually looking...Wuskapuw, Jeffery, Jr. and Kanum (Curtis was on the field playing).



I wonder if I am actually missing the snow?

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# Community

**Keel continued from page One:** lands, the federal government needed to approve it. The process took more than a year and by the time it was approved economic conditions had changed and Wal-Mart had made other plans. A million dollars a year for Swinomish, gone. All those jobs, gone. And this is not an isolated story. Many tribal leaders can tell you stories about business opportunities lost because of red tape.

This is why our federal partners have already proposed crucial lease reforms to free our economies. Tribal nations have proven our capacity. We don't need the government involved in all our business decisions, we need flexibility. And by creating it, we will remove the barriers that cost us jobs and opportunity. This is a goal I think we can all agree on, across the political spectrum, and it is something we can achieve with a change in policy, not an increase in spending.

That is the kind of solution Washington is crying out for and we in Indian Country are eager to answer the call.

### Moment of opportunity

Ensuring governmental flexibility will yield more efficient programs and spending, because decisions will be made by those in the best position to respond to community needs. It will also relieve administrative burdens at the federal level.

This message comes directly from tribal leaders. We went to them with one simple question: What can we do with what we have already – without asking for more resources – that will provide greater opportunity for Indians and create more impact for federal programs? Over and over, the answer came back: We need freedom at the local level to best use our limited resources. We know what's best because we live in Indian Country. We know where the needs are, and we know what works for our people. No one understands Indian life better than the Indian nations themselves. Give us flexibility.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota is delivering broadband services across their reservation because of governmental flexibility. The FCC's decision to designate Standing Rock Telecom as an eligible telecommunications carrier means they are the first fully tribally owned and operated broadband company that can receive universal service funds.

This designation has em-

powered Standing Rock to own and operate essential telecommunications infrastructure. This offers avenues for economic development, opportunities to preserve tribal languages and culture, and infrastructure for distance learning programs. That, is the kind of flexibility we need in Indian Country, when only one in ten Native people have access to broadband today.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Nevada opened a 65,000 square foot health facility in 2007 that showed the promise of tax exempt bond financing. Almost \$16 million in bonds funded a full service clinic that serves 100,000 people each year. This project created permanent jobs and built the infrastructure for quality health services.

Tribes were denied full access to this source of financing until the Recovery Act created a limited bond offering. Based on that experience, the Treasury released a report in December recommending they have the same access to bond financing available to our governmental peers. This will bring huge economic benefits to tribes and surrounding regional economies.

Education is another example where flexibility can prepare our children for the global market place. The Cherokee Nation's Language Immersion School formed an innovative partnership with Apple Computers to integrate technology and the Cherokee language. They developed Cherokee language software for use on Macintosh computers, iPhones, iPods, and iPads. Students even chat online – in Cherokee – with students from the Eastern Band of Cherokee in North Carolina. This is a powerful example of tribal innovation and initiative—the type of innovation that vesting tribes with greater authority over our own programs unleashes.

Whether in economic development or education, healthcare or energy, the key to getting it right is the freedom to identify and tear down barriers to our success.

### A new era for the trust relationship

Tribal leaders carry with us a dream. It's a dream passed down from our parents and grandparents. It doesn't look forward to 2012 or 2016, it looks to the seventh generation. We see a future where the trust relationship actually works. Works for tribal nations, and works for our federal partners.

Our ancestors knew that tribes could govern our nations

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like no one else. Today, we have proven it. Residents of rural Oklahoma are driving to our health facilities, because they offer the best services around. States and counties are turning to our traditional knowledge to best manage natural resources. Citizens of those states are coming to tribes for job opportunities and a good education at tribal colleges. And companies are coming to us to set up businesses on the reservation and bring American jobs home.

When we have the tools and freedom we need, we are creating businesses, delivering services, and leading the way. It's time to build our trust on that reality.

That trust also requires consultation, legally enforceable consultation. Without the power of legislation and accountability, "free, prior, and informed consent," are just some nice words on a page. As President Obama himself said, when he announced his support for the UN Declaration – "What matters far more than words...are actions to match those words." We call for action to make consultation count.

Enforceable consultation means we must talk about another idea – tribal consent. There would be a public outcry if the federal government tried to impose policy on a state without its consent. But the concerns of tribal nations are routinely overlooked, even when more than a dozen tribes are larger than some northeastern

states. This must not stand.

### Our America

Our America is a place where all candidates know that we matter, and America sees it at the ballot box. It's a place where each and every President honors our unique nation-to-nation relationship, where Indian Country is always at the table – not just because it's the right thing to do, but because it's the smart thing to do. Our America is home to a Congress that works across party lines to free our economies. Our America is a place where governments keep their promises.

Our America is where tribal nations create economic opportunities, where people come to us for the best jobs. It's a place where tribes are on the forefront of new technology – high-tech manufacturing, telemedicine, clean energy. Our America is where Indigenous peoples reach across borders and bring home economic opportunity for all Americans.

As the oldest governments in America, tribal nations understand what is required to overcome stark economic conditions. Perhaps more than any other time in history, our nations must stand together, empowered to make profound and permanent improvements in the lives of our people. Our nations are committed to the success of the United States of America. Let us realize that future together so that our nations thrive, today and forever.

## Changes at the Health & Wellness Center

Due to unfortunate circumstances recently, the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center had to make some necessary safety changes which may affect some patients of the Health Center. The hours of operation for the Health Center are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Therefore, effective January 10, 2012, all entrances to the Health Center will lock at 4:30 p.m.

If you need to pick up prescriptions, referrals, or obtain any other care you will no longer be able to obtain

access into the building after 4:30 p.m. If you have prescriptions that need to be picked up or referrals that need to be signed or obtain any other care, please be sure to arrange to be at the Health Center prior to 4:30 p.m.

If you are participating in an evening event here, our staff will meet you at the doors to escort your group to the designated meeting room. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making this necessary change for the safety of all.

### February WIC

16<sup>th</sup> - Back-up day

### Heart Awareness Month

This is Heart Awareness Month and the community health department is having a jump rope activity for the kids. It's starting Valentine's Day and going until February 29<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be giving out incentive prizes. Contact Sera 793-5064 for information.

Seralee J Jagemann  
Community Health Rep.

To all of the Reservation residents:

In the contract between the solid waste collector and the tribe, each household is allowed to put out a total of four cubic yards of recycling and garbage each collection. Four yards is equal to roughly seven 50-gallon bags or containers.

Harters has had some cases where residents have put out an enormous amount of garbage and recycling. In one case there was twelve 55 gallon carts. In another case there were thirty-two 55gal bags and with two 55 gallon carts. This is by far way to much!!

If you need suggestions as how to reduce the amount of solid waste that you generate, contact the environmental office.

Greg Bunker  
Manager - Environmental Dept.

## National Native Network Releases Policy Brief on Tobacco Act

**Sault Ste. Marie, MI** – The National Native Network is releasing a policy briefing on the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act to assist tribal leaders in protecting the health of Native people through enactment of the time-sensitive provisions of the Act.

“By embracing the Act, tribes have an opportunity to assert their sovereignty by not only protecting the health of Native people but by also requiring even tougher regulations on commercial tobacco,” said Kim Alford, National Network Manager for the Intertribal Council of Michigan.

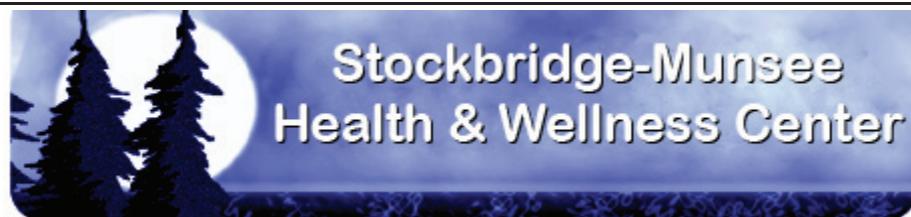
Scientific research has proven that tobacco control policies are valuable public health tools for tribal nations just as they are for the federal, state, and municipal governments. Tobacco control policies can reduce commercial tobacco prevalence rates, which in turn decreases tobacco-related diseases and deaths, and improves community health. The use of effective and evidence-based interventions is critical in

reducing prevalence rates and the commercial tobacco related health disparities from which American Indian and Alaska Native populations suffer.

The policy brief provides an overview of the Act, the commercial tobacco epidemic in Indian country and how the Act can strengthen tribal self-determination.

“As sovereign nations, tribes are responsible for the health and protection of their constituents,” Alford said. “Tribal leaders have an opportunity to respond to the commercial tobacco abuse epidemic and use their power to make a broad, collective change in tribal communities.”

National Native Network is a diverse community of American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) leading commercial tobacco abuse prevention efforts throughout Indian Country. The National Native Network management is led by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. (ITCM). For more information or to become a member of the site, visit [www.keepitsacred.org](http://www.keepitsacred.org).



Stockbridge-Munsee  
Health & Wellness Center

### Monthly Health Classes

**Anyone is welcome to attend! All classes are held at 1:00 at the Ho-Chunk TAU**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, Take Care of Your Heart! Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist, CDE**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, Taking Care of Your Feet, Judy Heubel, RN**

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, Eating Away From Home, Kathy Braaten**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Motivating People To Exercise, Kathleen Clemons**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, The ABCs of Diabetes, Judy Heubel**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, Grilling Out / Food Safety, Kathy Braaten**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>, But I Just Have Pre-Diabetes, Kathleen Clemons**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, Why Be Immunized? Judy Heubel**

**October 23, Diabetes Burnout, Kathy and Kathleen**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Eating, Kathy Braaten**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Party and Games**

**Please call Sera at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health Center if you need transportation. 715 793-5064**



### STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE COMMUNITY TEMPORARY FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2012

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Wednesday May 16	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Wednesday June 13	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Thursday Aug 9	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Wellness Center
Friday Aug 10	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center
Wednesday Oct 17	10 a.m. to Noon	Wellness Center

Per Tribal Code, Food Handler's Training and a Food Sales Permit is a requirement prior to selling food products within the Stockbridge Munsee Community.

Food Handler's training is made available six different times a year. Training is for anyone interested in safe food handling or planning to work a future food sale. This requirement does not apply to pot lucks or other events where food products are not being sold.

For first time Food Handler's as well as the experienced Food Handler's that need to renew their training (which is every 2-years) must register to attend one of the above listed trainings.

For more information, to register for training, or to request a Food Sale Permit please contact Gregg Duffek, Health Director, Mary Murray or Julie Casper at the S-M Health & Wellness Center at 715-793-4144.



# Education

## State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Releases Report on Reducing Wisconsin's Prescription Drug Abuse

MADISON - After a year of study, the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse today released its report, "Reducing Wisconsin's Prescription Drug Abuse: A Call to Action." The mission of the Council, created by the Wisconsin Legislature, is to enhance the quality of life for Wisconsin citizens by preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and their consequences through prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement and control activities.

The report is being released in conjunction with a summit on drug poisoning, "Stop the Overdose Epidemic," that begins in Madison. "Drug overdose and related deaths are a very alarming trend throughout the state," said Michael Waupoose, Council chair. "This report offers timely recommendations for preventing further harm and death."

According to Safe Communities of Madison/Dane County, Summit sponsors, poisoning is now Dane County's number one cause of injury death, surpassing motor vehicle crashes. "Some 85% of these poisoning deaths are caused by misuse or abuse of prescription, over-the-counter or illicit drugs, said Cheryl Wittke, Safe Communities Initiative executive director. "Of particular concern are opiate pain medications. These represent a significant proportion of deaths and non-fatal poisonings, can be over-prescribed and can lead to dependence and abuse."

Communities across Wisconsin report that problems associated with the misuse of prescription narcotics, such as oxycodone and hydrocodone, as well as with illegal narcotic substance, such as heroin, are on the rise. In 2009, 5.5 million prescriptions were dispensed each month in Wisconsin, including all prescription medications and refills. "With such an abundant supply of medication in society, it is not a surprise that prescription medications are commonly misused, abused and diverted for non-medical use," said Dorothy Chaney, Council workgroup study committee chair. Some 20.6 percent of Americans have abused prescription drugs in their lifetimes and the costs for health

care, criminal justice and societal costs are high.

Proper disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs is also problematic in Wisconsin, according to Chaney. "Disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs should never be flushed down the toilet or sink, nor should they end up in our landfill," she said. "Those medications could have an impact on our environment by contaminating our waterways and potentially our drinking water. For proper disposal, individuals should contact their local law enforcement agency or health department."

The report has identified recommendations around eight broad areas that, if implemented, would significantly reduce prescription drug abuse in Wisconsin. These recommendations are related to fostering healthy youth; community engagement and education; health care policy and practice; prescription drug medication distribution and disposal; law enforcement and criminal justice; surveillance system; and providing early intervention, treatment and recovery across the lifespan.

The report estimates that a minimum of \$1.3 million would be needed to implement the Council's recommendations. The report concludes that funding to support these recommendations could be achieved through a two-cent surcharge on each prescription filled in Wisconsin. The Henry Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that some 66 million retail prescriptions were written in Wisconsin in 2009, or approximately 5.5 million prescriptions per month. Total retail sales of prescription drugs filled at pharmacies in the state in 2009 are estimated at \$3.9 billion. The report recommends that pharmaceutical companies be more active in preventing abuse of their products.

According to the report, Wisconsin is making strides in establishing a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and permanent drop-off locations for prescription drug disposal, and is increasing community participation in national and state prescription "take back" events, such as those sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

### TeeHee cont from pg Two:

President Obama believes that tribal leaders must be part of the solution and have a seat at the table. Working together, the President intends to keep moving forward to achieve a brighter future for tribal nations.

As President Obama said in his address, "Those of us who've been sent here to serve can learn a thing or two from the service of our troops. When you put on that uniform, it doesn't matter if you're black or white; Asian, Latino, Native American; conservative, liberal; rich, poor; gay, straight. When you're marching into battle, you look out for the person next to you, or the mission fails. When

you're in the thick of the fight, you rise or fall as one unit, serving one nation, leaving no one behind." For more information about this Administration's accomplishments in Indian Country, our recently released report, "Achieving a Brighter Future for Tribal Nations," provides a summary of some of the many actions the Obama Administration has taken to address the concerns of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/2011whntnc\\_report.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/2011whntnc_report.pdf).

Kimberly Teehee is the Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, Domestic Policy Council

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2011 - 2012 Second Quarter

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8th Grade - Lyndsey Agar, Shane Gutt

7th Grade - Brooke Breitrick, Taylor Matsche, Allison Stewart, Jacob Strassburg

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Hilary Rondeau, Sadie Trinko  
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7th Grade - Erica Wolf

## Native American Shares Stories in One Man Show

GREEN BAY, WI - Local Wisconsin Public Radio host Richie Plass is performing the show "An Indian... One Block East of Broadway" at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay, Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

This one man show is filled humor, music, videos and education as Plass gives his perspective and tells stories about personal experiences. This show will address the advancement of two cultures, Native American and Non-Native American as it relates to education, politics, culture, history and entertainment.

"My main inspiration for this show is education. Native American humor has many faces. I am always trying to address the stereotypes, stories and/or image concerns relating to our history and even modern awareness. Also, because, "Broadway" has a storied past, not only for Native

Americans and Green Bay, I am trying to address my story as it relates to showing how a positive spin, through humor, videos and music can help further cultural understanding," said Plass.

Tickets are \$8 for Neville members and \$10 for non-members and can be purchased at the Neville Public Museum by calling 448-4460.

Richie Plass, a Menominee/Stockbridge-Munsee, has led an effort to educate the public about mascots and logos, collecting a vast number of posters, shirts and other material depicting Native Americans in erroneous ways. He is the author of "Growing up Indian on This Turtle Island," has acted in a major motion picture starring Faye Dunaway, has played as a musician with the Wolf River Band for more than 25 years and is host for Kalihwiyo'se Thursday nights on 89.3FM WPNE. For more info call Richie Plass at 920-615-6558.

**Bowman cont from page One:**

- FACC made 23 loans to 15 different businesses
- 11 of the 15 businesses were Native American owned (70%)
- Total dollars loaned out were \$561,294
- Loans made to Native American owned firms was \$393,294 and 70% of the total
- Loans made to minority-owned firms was \$488,294 and 87% of the total
- The most common loan request was for working capital and equipment purchases – 55% of the loan proceeds were used for working capital needs and 35% of the loans proceeds were used for equipment purchases
- The average interest rate was 7.6%
- Most loans had 5 year terms
- Average loan size was \$24,000
- 5 of the 15 businesses were start-up companies
- Approximately 100 jobs were created and/or retained by these businesses
- Tribal members served in 2011 were from Menominee, Oneida, St. Croix Chippewa, White Earth Chippewa, Lac Courte Oreilles, Potawatomi, Ottawa, Red Cliff Chippewa and Sault St. Marie Chippewa

Bowman added, "This increased activity is directly attributed to bringing on more employees to assist our customers. In August 2010 we hired Bill Beson, a Lac Du Flambeau tribal member. Bill has a very strong construction, manufacturing and accounting background. Bill has helped several of our customers straighten up their accounting as well as develop best practices for bidding and cost control." Jeff and Bill were able to respond quicker to loan applications, provide technical assistance when needed and be available for any problems and issues faced by our

customers.

Bowman said some of the other major accomplishments in 2011 included several great results from fund raising efforts:

- FACC was able to obtain a \$100,000 grant from the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation. These funds are being used to apply for a \$400,000 grant from EDA, a bureau under the US Department of Commerce.
- FACC received approval for a \$100,000 grant from the newly formed Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), which will also be used as matching funds to attract other federal grants.
- FACC expanded their funding with the US Small Business Administration (SBA) who provided us with another \$300,000 long term loan, of which \$200,000 has already been loaned out to small businesses!
- Lastly, they were able to generate another \$200,000 in new funding from First Nations Oweesta, which is a Native American organization based in Denver, CO. Oweesta agreed to loan \$200,000 to FACC for re-lending to Indian owned businesses.

In November, 2011, Jeff Bowman was awarded the Gregory P. Kolton Financial Service Award by the Wisconsin Business Development organization.

The award was bestowed to Bowman for his 30 years in the banking industry with 24 years of commercial lending and 7 years as President of a small community bank. Jeff Bowman has used his banking and finance experience to assist Native American, Hispanic, Hmong and African American business owners in obtaining financing for their small

businesses. "Wisconsin Business Development is pleased to recognize Jeff [Bowman] with the Gregory P. Kolton Financial Service Award for using his financial expertise and program knowledge to assist small businesses in underserved communities."

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW)

and FACC are extremely proud of Jeff Bowman and grateful for his efforts to help Indian-owned businesses. The Mohican News invites you to join us in congratulating him on this honor and share in the pride we have of him as a fellow Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal member!



## Tribal Council Directives

**On Monday, January 30, 2011, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made and carried:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

**Strike:** 401K Joint Comments Issue

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda as revised, for Monday, January 30, 2012, which was properly posted. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

**HOUSING UTILITY ROOF BID REQUEST-Roberta Moede**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the recommendation from Property and Equipment and presented by Roberta Moede, to award the Housing Utility Roof Bid to the second highest bidder, as the first bidder has rejected the signing of a contract, to John David Jones, LLC, not to exceed a set amount. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

**BUDGET MODIFICATION: Legal Department-Bridget Swanke**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize the request of the attorney from the legal department, Bridget Swanke, to modify the consultant line item with an additional amount to be taken out of their current legal budget. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

**CHAPTER 25, GAMING ORDINANCE-Bridget Swanke**

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 017-12, Gaming Ordinance, and do to the technical nature of the changes waive the posting period. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

Motion maker amends motion to include: whereas, the amended Chapter 25 was submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for approval in accordance with federal law and the NIGC has identified that corrections are needed to Sections 25.15.3.4 and 25.15.3.7 to incorporated updated privacy notice and false statement language from the federal regulations.

**JUDICARE PROBATE CODE OFFER-Starlyn Tourtillott**

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve Judicare's offer to provide suggestions for legislative revisions to chapter 6, Probate, and direct legal to send the request. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**JUDICARE WILLS CLINIC-Starlyn Tourtillott**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the request by legal to approve that Judicare would come to the reservation and hold a wills clinic and that they work with the proper staff at the Family Center and to also work with the casino, Shannon Holsey to accommodate the donation of use of eight hotel rooms for the people who perform the clinic as volunteers to stay during their work here. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 10:35 AM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 11:40 AM.

While in Executive Session a number of issues with the legal department were discussed.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize legal to proceed with the legal case in Washington DC as discussed and outlined in Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried. Motion by Scott R. Vele to have legal prepare an agreement with the State of Wisconsin and the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe pertaining to the escrow tax account. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize legal to pursue the termination case as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

Roll Call: Scott yes, JoAnn yes, Shan abstain, Wally yes and Joe no. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 11:41 AM.

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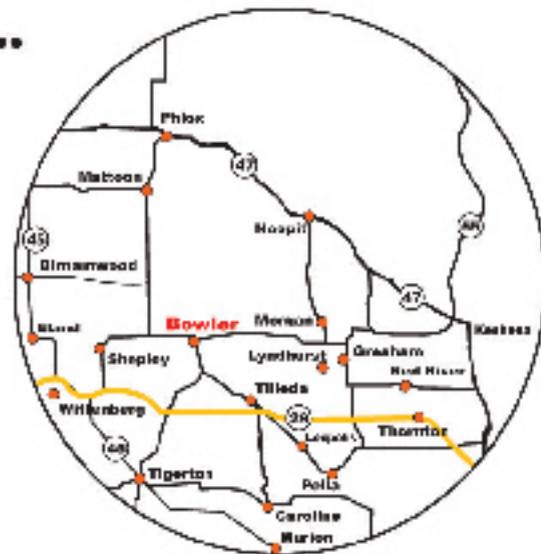


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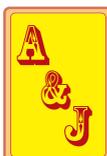
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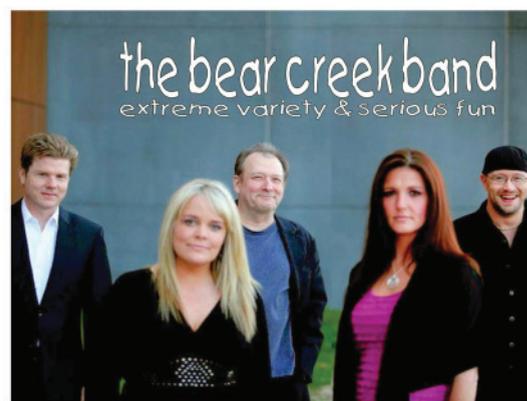
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