



(Editor's Note: On Feb 5, 2013 Tribal Council passed a Resolution against the legislative efforts underway in regarding mining in Wisconsin. The issue is coming up for a vote. Tribal Council is asking you to take action! There is more information on page Ten of this issue, including names and email addresses of State ELECTED officials to voice your opposition to these Bills):

### RESOLUTION:

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 020-13, now therefore be it resolved, the Tribal Council of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community opposes the expedited legislative process being used in relation to the consideration of AB-1/SB-1 (2013-2014 Wisconsin Legislature), a bill that makes changes to the regulation of ferrous metallic mining in the State of Wisconsin, as this bill will result in a rollback of environmental and community protections, the Tribal Council is very concerned about the approach taken in this legislation and therefore opposes the adoption of AB-1/SB-1. Seconded by Scott R. Vele.

### Schedule for Author Joseph Bruchac's Visit on Feb. 21st

- 5:00-7:00: Family Night with Joseph Bruchac at the Mohican Family Center
- Interview with Joseph Bruchac & his website <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/authors/bruchac.asp>
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### New Pharmacy Student on Board

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Katie Scarpace is a fourth-year student pharmacist from the University of Wisconsin- Madison. She will be working at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center from January 14 to March 8, 2013.

Before starting pharmacy school she received her Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from UW-Madison. Katie pursued pharmacy to use her science knowledge to help patients understand and manage their medication therapies and health.

Katie worked as a researcher for a pharmaceutical company and pharmacy technician at Hy-Vee Pharmacy in Madison. Her dream is to someday open her own pharmacy in northeastern Wisconsin. Katie said, "Besides learning how to be a community pharmacist from Dave and Maria, I hope to explore the role of a pharmacist within the clinic setting by collaborating with other health care providers. I am really excited to learn more about the Mohican Nation and for the opportunity to work with patients in helping them achieve their health goals!"

Katie, who was born in Milwaukee, is the eldest of her siblings and has two sisters and one brother. She grew up in West Bend and currently lives in Appleton. She is engaged to be married in

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### Drug and Gang Activity in Native Country



Menominee Tribal Detectives Dave Wynos and Kevin Brennenstuhl

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

On January 17 and 18, the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association held their quarterly meeting at the Pine Hills Golf Course and Supper Club. Each time this association meets the host Tribe organizes and provides training for all the judges who attend. According to Chief Justice Marianne Higgins, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court felt their training session on Native Gang and Drug Activity

would be beneficial for other Tribal Professionals as well. The Tribal Court invited staff members from a variety of different departments, including legal, social welfare, education, healthcare, law enforcement, and government. Chief Justice Higgins introduced the guests, the Mohican Veterans provided the Color Guard and posted their flags, and President Bob Chicks opened the conference with an introductory welcome.

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### Stockbridge-Munsee Firefighters Are Humble Heroes

By Mark Shaw – Mohican News Reporter

In the past six months, the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department has fought three trailer house fires in the community. Last Spring, they were called to stop three grassfires on the reservation. They have also been on numerous calls assisting neighboring communities when they have had both wildfires and structural fires, including the barn fire in Gresham.

"Right now we have a countywide mutual aid that all

the fire departments have signed in Shawano County. We will help neighboring departments and they'll come to help us at no cost," said Molly Welch, Fire Coordinator Interim. Normally, the Tribal Fire Department is called to assist neighboring communities such as Birnamwood, Bowler, Gresham, Matton, and Wittenberg. "But, it's not unusual if Shawano has a big forest fire that we could go out

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## A Note from the Treasurer's Desk, Doug Huck

This note will be brief. The following items are items I have been working on, or will be presented to the Tribal Council in the upcoming months.

1. Casino-Construction Audit Conclusion: The construction audit was performed in 2011 regarding Phase I and Phase II of the casino construction project. We are in the process of resolving this matter because there is a sizeable amount of money unresolved.
2. The Tribal Council recently authorized a Request for Proposals for an audit of Phase III construction and all owner-direct purchases related to Phase I, II and III.
3. Home Loan Program: A new home loan program for Tribal members who reside within the 1856 treaty boundary is nearing the finish line. With recent input from the Tribal Council this program should be finalized shortly.
4. Tribal Council Ethics: There is no larger need in my view for clear guidelines and rules for the Tribal Council. The same rules should apply to all, no matter who is elected to Tribal Council. And, the Tribal Council

needs to be accountable for its actions.

5. Employee Rights and Employee Preference: The Tribe's current ordinances are in need of significant changes. Tribal members and employees need and deserve to have swifter justice. Taking months and years to resolve issues is simply unacceptable. A large cause of the delay in swift justice is the cases often get bogged down procedural issues (technicalities). We need to streamline the process and we need to level the playing field when Tribal members and employees are not represented by legal counsel.
6. We will be seeking Request for Proposals for our banking needs and investment needs. Neither service has competitively bid out in years, if ever. There are no issues related to the service of our current providers. However, it is good business to seek bids to ensure we are receiving the best service and pricing available.

I appreciate your continued support and trust.

Doug

## Dreams at Bay

By Mark Shaw

I met a man in Italy,  
When morning came, he walked the sea.  
He'd wait until three fish were caught,  
Then sell them in the market lot.  
He'd exercise that fish money  
To buy bread loaves, to buy whiskey.  
All day the man sat on the dock,  
Without a care, without a clock.  
He'd talk to folks that he had met,  
And laugh all day, the sun would set.  
He'd walk back home, a single block.  
When morning came, back down the dock.  
I knew a boy who watched and said,  
"A man needs more than fish and bread.  
Launch a business selling fish,  
Make all the cash that you might wish.  
Among most men you'd be ahead,  
You'd watch the sunset from your bed!  
"It's in your reach. What do you say?  
So don't get old and don't delay."  
The man then laughed, "Did you say old?  
Why wait for dreams to turn to gold?  
All dreams of mine are at the bay,  
I watch the sunset every day."

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November 2013. When Katie is not studying, she enjoys the outdoors. Besides biking, hiking, and fishing, Katie bought her first bow this fall and spent many hours enjoying fall hunting from her tree stand (although she did not have any luck this year).

Katie said she has always loved science. At first she wanted to cure diseases through science research and earned her Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. However, she missed the interaction with the community and decided to use her chemistry background to help people through pharmacy. She will receive her Pharmacy Degree from UW-Madison in May 2013. She said she is excited to spend the next eight weeks learning at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center.

## Accelerated Language Learning for Adults

By: MiiKwan (Nikole Webster) and Wasalaangweew (Molly Miller)

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## Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum Is looking for your opinion!

The Historical Committee needs more participants.  
We would like you to suggest to us:

**Some Dates and Times that will best suit OUR  
community to come to Historical Committee  
Meetings.**

**Our current meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at  
10:00 AM**

Please call or email us:  
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### Against Mining Bill

On Wednesday Jan 23, 2013 I went to testify at the one and only hearing on the mining bill at the capitol in Madison, WI. I am enrolled in the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohican tribe and I am officially on record that I am against the mining bill. I was going to testify the Four Crow prophecy of the Lenape, that we are the rightful caretakers of Mother Earth, and we need the treaties to be honored for the caretakers in Bad River because the treaties are the supreme law of the land. I was not called because they said I live in Waukesha. However, I thought this was a state hearing and all of state should have a chance to testify.

I witnessed the testimonies of the Ojibwe people. What broke my heart was that delegation of Ojibwe tribal nations showed up and the group was told the group had only two minutes to testify for the whole group which is 40 seconds per person which I found shocking! Where was the nation to nation partnership laid out in the treaties? This bill violates international law! An Ojibwe member testified that the Wisconsin state government treated the Ojibwe as second class citizens. I totally could see that at this hearing. There should have been a formal meeting with the tribal nations in a nation to nation conference to properly discuss this mining bill which the Ojibwe I heard were against it stating tribal sovereignty and protection of the en-

vironment. I heard and saw a real disconnect between the tribal nations and Wisconsin government. I strongly believe that a talking circle is needed so that everybody is on equal playing field to promote real cooperation and partnership among the nations. I believe anything involving tribal lands should involve the direct input of the tribal nations every step of the way. Another thing that was disheartening was where were the rest of the Wisconsin tribal councils? Where was the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohican tribal council at this hearing? It was stated at the hearing that if this mining bill passes they will be able to mine all of Wisconsin according to one testimony at the state hearing on the mining bill. Why didn't the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohican tribal council stand in solidarity with the Ojibwe at the hearing? Where were my people?

I have included a link to a video I made of the Idle No More Stop the Mines! Rally in Madison, WI on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15PAK-4M4hI> This isn't just an Ojibwe problem. This is everybody's problem. The mining bill is said to pass by March, so I am asking the Stockbridge-Munsee tribal council and tribe to come together quickly and stand in solidarity with the Ojibwe nations publicly against the mining bill.  
Anushiik,  
Wenona Morning Star Gardner

### Attention Elders

"Do you receive any home services?"

"Do you use any community resources?"

"Do you have a caseworker?"

These are questions asked by nurses on hospital admission forms. They are meant to allow for a smooth transition of care once you are discharged from the hospital to return home. It may seem unclear what they mean when they ask these questions,

but if you tell them to call the Community Health Nurse (CHN) at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, it allows them to notify us of your hospitalization so that we may check on you at your home when you are discharged, if you desire. Our CHN, Sharon can be reached at (715) 793-5014.

If you have any questions, please call Elena, RN at (715) 793-5060. \*patients must meet eligibility for services from the Community Health Outreach Program.



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(Eastern Tribe Soldiers)**

The Mohican Veterans are looking for a person (s) to design/make a Mohican Veteran Princess Crown. The crown must be designed to fit any Princess. We will be looking for designs by April 1, 2013 and person (s) to complete the Crown.

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### Memorial Brick Forms

Deadline set for March 1, 2013 (or ASAP) to have Memorial Brick Forms in for 7th Rededication on May 27, 2013 (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.

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• Fitness & Nutrition  
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## Avoiding Tax Refund Identity Fraud

By Jason Alderman

Many people file their income tax returns as early in the year as possible. Some are eager to claim their tax refund right away, while others are simply following their New Year's resolution not to procrastinate until midnight, April 15.

Let me add another good reason to file your taxes right away: tax refund identity fraud.

That's where someone uses your Social Security number (SSN), birth date and other private information to file a fraudulent income tax return in your name and then pockets the resulting tax refund. Often, a victim's first clue is a letter from the IRS contesting their legitimate tax return, saying one has already been processed under that name. It can take months – and mounds of paperwork – to unravel the mess.

This scam has proliferated in recent years thanks to a confluence of events:

- There's a thriving black market in personal information stolen from healthcare facilities, nursing homes, schools, insurance companies and other institutions that require an SSN as identification.
- The IRS is pressured to begin issuing refunds shortly after taxpayers start filing returns in mid-January, even though employers and financial institutions aren't required to submit withholding and income documentation until the end of March. Thus, disparities often aren't caught until months later.
- The growing popularity of electronic filing, where hard-copy documentation (like W-2 and 1099 forms) isn't required.
- Many people receive refunds via direct deposit and prepaid debit cards. Criminals open and close accounts using bogus addresses long before the theft has been detected.

Thanks to severe budget cuts and chronic understaffing – not to

mention constantly playing whack-a-mole with thieves who dream up new schemes – the IRS is hard-pressed to keep up. In one extreme example, the agency issued more than \$3.3 million in refunds for 2,137 tax returns filed to a single address.

But all is not lost. The IRS has significantly beefed up its fraud-prevention efforts. In 2011, they intercepted nearly 262,000 fraudulent tax returns seeking almost \$1.5 billion in refunds related to identity theft. And they now issue special personal identification numbers (PINs) to impacted taxpayers to protect their future tax filings.

So what should you do if you've been victimized? Typically, the IRS will send you a notice that:

- More than one tax return for you was filed;
- You have a balance due, refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year in which you didn't file a return; or
- IRS records indicate you received wages from an employer you don't recognize. This could indicate that someone has used your personal information to get a job.

If you receive such a notice, don't ignore it. Complete an Identity Theft Affidavit (IRS Form 14039 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) and return it with a copy of the notice to the address provided on the notice. If you did not receive a notice but believe you may be at risk, the form contains separate submission instructions.

The IRS's Identity Theft Protection website ([www.irs.gov/uac/Identity-Protection](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Identity-Protection)) includes tons of helpful information, including ways to tell whether your identity may have been stolen, how to report a breach and tips to avoid identity theft.

And finally, file your tax return as early as possible to beat potential scammers to the punch. If you owe money, you can always file your return now and mail the payment by the April 15 deadline.

## Bowler Elementary School Hosts Joseph Bruchac, Native American Storyteller & Writer-

Bowler - In a collaborative effort, the Bowler School District and the Stockbridge-Munsey Community have invited nationally acclaimed author, Joseph Bruchac, to the Bowler Elementary School and the Mohican Family Center for a day and evening of storytelling presentations for students, families and community.

Bruchac has been creating poetry, short stories, novels, anthologies and music that reflect his Abenaki Indian heritage and Native American traditions. The bestselling *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children* and others of his "Keepers" series, with its **Writer continued on page Ten:**

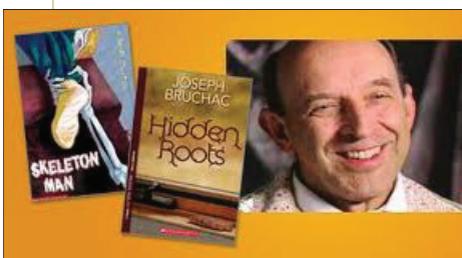
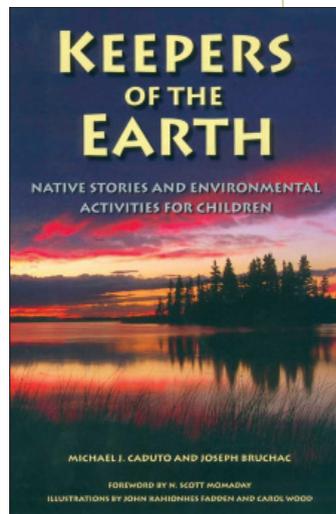
## Joseph Bruchac—Native American Author



Bowler Family Night  
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Author Joseph Bruchac

*Mr. Bruchac's usual programs combine storytelling, Native American music (flute and drum, and traditional Abenaki songs),*

*For over thirty years, Joseph Bruchac has been creating poetry, short stories, anthologies and music that reflect his Abenaki Indian heritage and Native American traditions.*



**Where:**  
Mohican Family Center  
N8605 Oak Street  
Bowler, WI 54416

**When:**  
Thursday, February 21, 2013  
Supper: 5:00–5:30  
Program by Joseph Bruchac: 5:30–7:00

## Local Name Among this Year's Future 15 Recipients



By Jeff Vele - Mohican News Editor

The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's young professionals group honored young talent in the area at the Future 15 & Young Professional Awards event on Thursday, January 24 in Green Bay. Among this year's Future 15 finalists is Dan Terrio, youth development manager of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and son of Stockbridge-Munsee tribally enrolled P&E Manager William "Mr. Bill" Terrio.

According to the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce website, 'Future 15 annually profiles 15 area young professionals that are growing and excelling in their respective fields. These individuals are currently influencing the growth, prosperity and quality of life in Brown County and, will demonstrate the ability to positively impact the area in the future through professional accomplishments and community involvement.'

Dan said, "I was nominated to apply by three colleagues of mine. Originally I planned to not apply since I'm not the type to go for awards and such. But three weeks before the deadline, I received another nomination. This time, it was from one of my former students who encouraged me to

apply. It was that little push that caused me to put my name into the running." The questions on the application focused on Dan's involvement in the community, what is his vision for the Green Bay area and what are major issues facing the community. In early December, he learned that he was selected out of 73 applicants to be part of the Future 15. "The hardest part was not sharing the news with my friends and family for over a month," said Dan Terrio.

Young Terrio added, "While I am humbled and honored at the recognition, I am more honored to have the opportunity to serve the youth of the Green Bay area. It is such an honor to walk their leadership journey with them and watch them grow. I also have been lucky to have some great mentors in my life such as: Dorothy Davids, Ruth Gudinas, Misty Davids-Cook, Terrie Terrio (my aunt), and Verna Johnson-Miller (my grandmother). They have been the ones that have molded me into the man I am today and have taught me numerous lessons on life and leadership."

Dan Terrio has been with the Chamber for about one year, however, he has been working with youth since he was 14 years old. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from St. Norbert College and is currently pursuing his Masters in Educational Leadership from UW-GB. He has a long term goal of going on to law school to work in the area of educational policy and development. He currently also serves the National UNITY Organization as a trainer and advisor to its 12 member executive committee. In his teenage years, he served seven years with UNITY including serving two terms as its National Co-President. Dan also owns and operates his own leadership consulting business called Skylighter Training and Consulting, which provides public speaking events and leadership training to groups.

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who traffic drugs in and out of Native communities, Chicks said, "This is not one of those problems where we should point fingers at someone else and say, 'It's that house down the street,' because you know what? It's my problem and it's your problem and it's our problem and we have to work together to eradicate this out of our community because we are our own biggest enemy right now. Not the Supreme Court, not congress, not government elect. Right now we're imploding from within by these drugs."

One of the presenters during this training session was Matthew Ninham, an Oneida Police Officer. He informed the audience on how "The gangs and the drug dealers have a different purpose for Pow Wows. They come to get together and sell and distribute drugs."

Currently the biggest gangs in Indian Country are the Latin Kings (LK), the Native Mob (NM or MOB), the American Indian Clan (AIC), and the Gangster Disciples (GD) and its other various incarnations like Satan's Disciples (SD).

Gang members will identify themselves by writing these initials in messages, in graffiti, or by stitching them into their clothing or hats. A more common way to convey their affiliation is through symbols and colors. To a gang member, the symbols and colors of their gang are valued with respect and they express loyalty to one's gang.

The Latin Kings currently wear blue and gold clothing, bandanas, and hats with their hat brims turned to the left. Their tattoos, graffiti, and writing will feature a five-pointed star or five dots in the same fashion as the five dots on a domino. Crowns and lions are commonly used symbols for this gang, particularly an illustration of a lion wearing a five pointed crown. Their hand signs will also symbolize a crown or a five pointed star.

The presenters at this conference thought it was important for the professionals in Native American Tribes to familiarize themselves with these symbols because gangs are prevalent in many reservations. "Tribal communities shouldn't turn a blind eye or say, 'You know what? There is no gang activity on our reservation.' Because according to the presenters at the conference, there is on every reservation," President Chick said in an interview after the training session. "[Native Gangs] are tied to drug trafficking, be it prescription drugs or illegal drugs. The gangs are the ones who are primarily introducing these drugs into the communities.

They become the pipeline back and forth and then they take root into the community because they target the very young."

In fact, it is not uncommon for gangs to recruit pre-teens and teenagers to go on drug runs or carry out acts of violence. Native gangs will also target 18 year old boys and girls from Tribes that distribute large per capita payments. Officer Ninham told a story about how one Native American mother suddenly realized her daughter's outfits had changed from a normal teenager's dress to an entire wardrobe full of gold and blue colored clothing. Her daughter also had an "L" and a "Q" tattooed on each forearm. The police later informed the mother that the "L" and the "Q" stood for Latin Queen.

In some Native communities, the Latin Kings will communicate with the Gangster Disciples with graffiti writing or "tags." Ganger Disciples will disrespect the rival gang by spray painting upside-down fives or writing LKK for "Latin King Killer." Since one of their symbols is a pitchfork, Latin King members will retaliate by drawing upside-down pitchforks. Other Gangster Disciple symbols include a six-pointed star, like the "Star of David"; a hand sign of a pitchfork; blue and black clothing; the number "6," "360," or "74," the latter which stands for the seventh letter as well as the fourth letter of the alphabet; and the words "Folk" or "Folk Nation." Many times the six-pointed star will replace the "O" in "Folk" or other vowels in various words.

Ninham showed the attendees a photo of a picnic table at a park full of gang writing. "The graffiti on this picnic table is like a bulletin board, like text messaging on a cell phone. They're communicating and sending messages to one another," Officer Ninham said and went on to explain how gangs no longer want their writing to be hidden. "Gangs are putting graffiti where it counts. They're marking up stuff that means a lot to us as a community. They're putting it on places that'll have an impact on us. They're sending a message to all of us," Ninham explained and then displayed pictures of gang graffiti on houses, civic centers, libraries, traffic signs, school bus stops, parks, and playgrounds. "That [gang tag] says, 'That's our playground. We run this site. This is our territory. Your kids belong to us,'" Ninham said as he showed a picture of graffiti on playground equipment.

Officer Matt Ninham urged the audience to take action against gang related graffiti. "As soon as the graffiti comes up, it needs to

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## Child Development Day

Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

*Early childhood screening opportunity for all children ages 2 ½ - 5 who reside within the Bowler School District and are not currently enrolled in school or have not been previously screened.*



### TIME:

8:30 - 11:30

1:00 - 4:30

\*appointments will be scheduled in 30 minute sessions

### WHERE:

Bowler Elementary  
500 S. Almon St.  
Bowler, WI 54416

\*Please call LeaAnn today at (715)793-4101 to schedule a time that is convenient for you...

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there," said Bill Terrio, Stockbridge-Munsee's former Deputy Chief and current volunteer.

The Tribe's Fire Department has 24 active members who vary in levels of training. Many of them are trained in search and rescue operations, fighting automobile fires, storm spotting, traffic control during auto accidents, technical rescues from traffic collisions or structural collapses, and assistance during and after severe storms. One of the department's rigs also carries medical equipment if the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department needs support.

Currently, the Fire Department has six response vehicles: two pumper trucks, a water tender truck, an equipment van, a brush truck with a trailer, and a six-wheeler. "When we get called to structure fires all the trucks go out," Molly Welch said. Additionally, they have a large equipment inspection check list that includes over 200 items, including chain saws, portable pumps, turnout gear, axes, Pulaski's, pipe poles, a jaws unit, and all kinds of different hoses, ladders, lights, ropes, shovels, and other types of tools.

Recently, the Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department added seven new certified entry level firefighters to their team: Wayne Burr, Lawrence Curtis, Lloyd Fredenberg, John Jones, Safety Officer Roger Miller, and Chynnia Pecore. Each member completed a 96 hour course that exposed them to actual fire scenarios.

John Jones said he learned a lot from these classes. "Unbeknownst to me, it was a lot more than spraying water. I kind of thought we just take a hose and put out a fire, but there's a lot more to it than that. You have to understand how fires work. What can cause it? Just the fact that a lot of times it's arson. You have to treat every scene like it's a crime scene until it's proven otherwise," Jones said. "You [have] to take into consideration that there's people, children, who do not know how to react when there's a fire. They might hide. I learned a lot of things I never really thought about. There are lots of little details down to the different sizes of hoses you use for different applications and all the different buttons on all the different apparatuses. There's just a lot to it that took me by surprise."

Mike Penass, who has been volunteering for the Fire Department for two years now, recently had the opportunity to work with John Jones. "The last call I was on was the first time I ever went into a house to do an offensive attack," Penass said. An offensive attack is where firemen actually fight the fire before them as opposed to a defensive

attack where firefighters protect exposures or anything near the fire, such as LP tanks, vehicles, or trees. "It was mainly smoke damage, but we could see flames in there," Penass continued. "So, John Jones and I put on our tanks and it was pretty good experience because there was zero visibility in there. So, you got to pretty much rely on your partners, you know, and keep good contact. We pretty much did everything we learned [in training]. We made our way in there and we found where the fire was and we came up to a hole in the floor, so [Jones] sounded the floor with his axe. He probably would've fallen through it if he didn't sound the floor. We found where the fire was coming from and we came outside and did a defensive from under the trailer through a hole. And we pretty much contained the fire right from that spot."

Bill Terrio said their training served them well because when firefighters are on call they must be able to rely on their partners. "You've got to have that brotherhood [and sisterhood] because when you're going into a fire where your life could be in jeopardy, you've got to trust that person next to you unconditionally," Terrio said. "We always encourage people to go into the training because it is valuable. You do learn a lot. You learn how to fan fires with mist, like a shield. You learn what to do in case of a flash fire, which I was in. But, I did what I was taught in my certification and it worked."

There is always new equipment, technology, chemicals, and theories to learn so firefighters are encouraged to continue their education. "Once you get certified you need 30 hours a year of training to keep your certification. To be a firefighter, you've got to be really dedicated because there is a lot of training that you're required to take," Welch said.

Even though Stockbridge-Munsee's Fire Department demands a lot of education as well as dedication, every active member is simply a volunteer. "This Department doesn't get paid when we're on call, so it's not about the money," Craig Kroening Jr. said, the newest volunteer on the team. "And it's not about 'Oh, look at me I'm in the Fire Department.' [I do] this because I have kids in the community and if something happened to my family, I know I can count on these guys being there: EMS, Fire, and the Police Department. What am I doing for the community? What am I doing to give back to the rest of my people? Who's standing up to protect them?" The Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department is on call twenty-four hours a day to serve, protect, and rescue its community members from fires, storms, accidents, and other emergency related disasters.



Chief Judge Marianne Higgins and Associate Judge Candace Des Armo Coury of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court hosted the event.

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they take our culture, and they come down. Someone just needs to go out and paint over it. I don't care who has to do it. Just get it done. But before you paint over it, call law enforcement. Let us come out, take photos of it, document it, and do an incident report," Ninham said. "Along with this graffiti was a spike in crimes. We're talking burglaries, weapons calls, drugs, breaking and entering, vehicle theft, sexual assaults, domestic issues, I mean, everything under the stars. Not just with the graffiti but associated with the graffiti are all the crimes. Both of those started to spike."

At the training session, Menominee Tribal Detectives, Dave Wynos and Kevin Brennenstuhl, explained that even though the Latin Kings are prevalent in their county, the Native Mob is hoping to grow throughout Indian Country. "According to intelligence four years ago, the Native Mob is supposed to expand out and absorb all other Native American gangs," Wynos said. In fact, the Native Mob, which many people believe to be the most violent of all the American Indian gangs, will go into a community where a particular gang is prominent and they will disrespect that gang and attempt to absorb that gang by wearing its symbols and colors.

Their own colors however are black, red, and white primarily. They also use a five pointed star as one of their symbols, but now they are using a bear or wolf claw, which has five sharp claw points, to represent their five points. Additionally, they take the Native American Medicine Wheel and put an "NM" in the middle of it. Sometimes Native Mob members will wear a beaded Medicine Wheel to express their gang affiliation. "Somewhere along the lines, they [the Native Mob] got lost in transition. They got lost with their sense of identity, of what being Native American really means because they take our heritage,

they take who we are as a people and they use what's sacred to us for their purposes," Ninham said.

The similarities between American Indian art and Native Mob symbols could potentially produce problems of incorrect profiling and stereotyping for people both inside and outside the community. For this reason, it is important to understand that not all graffiti is gang related and not all teenagers dressed in baggy clothing with hats turned to the side are gangsters. Profiling can be hurtful and can lead to many unnecessary and serious problems. Understanding the difference between street art and gang tags is helpful in the same way as knowing the difference between Hip Hop apparel and gang affiliated symbols. Sometimes a gang member will choose not to wear his gang colors to hide the fact that he is in a gang and sometimes an individual who seems to have all the indications of a gangster will not be involved with one.

"These things that we're seeing may seem like everyday symbols but in fact they turn out to be symbols of gangs," President Chicks commented. "There's got to be more education in our community, in all our communities, so we can all be part of the solution. [Gangs] are going to start making battlegrounds out of our reservations."

The second day of the training session included a presentation by Jim Hoffman, the Stockbridge-Munsee Chief of Police, and Randy Wright, a Shawano County Sheriff. They spoke in part on local marijuana grows. They presented incidences of small, localized operations where individuals were caught growing marijuana plants on their property, usually between taller plants. "We've had localized growers working in their backyard or their house, which we were

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pretty much used to seeing. Then, we came into a larger problem, which was the drug trafficking organizations, which is directly related to the Mexican Cartel. And, they are definitely operating in this area," Hoffman said.

Before 2001, Mexican Cartels would grow marijuana in their country and then sneak the illegal drug across the border. Now that border security is tightening up, Cartels are bringing the seeds across the border and growing the crop in isolated, remote areas of the country. These large operations were only found in the Western part of the United States and not in Northeastern Wisconsin until 2008 when a high level drug grow was discovered in the Township of Herman. A hunter discovered three plots of land in the middle of the forest full of marijuana plants. The three growth sites had 13.79 million dollars' worth of product and one plot was 100 yards long and 60 yards wide. The Mexican Cartel set up a camp with tarps and sleeping bags. All kinds of garbage was strewn across the ground, including potting trays, fertilizer bags, garbage bags, and receipts from ammunition stores and Mexican restaurants in Green Bay. Moreover, tree stands, brush piles, and spider holes were constructed in case of raids.

Since 2008, more large scale Marijuana grows have been discovered in Northern Wisconsin, including Oconto County and the Navarino State Wildlife Area. "Last year, they did have marijuana grows that were discovered in the heart of the Menominee reservation," Jim Hoffman said. He went on to explain that if anyone ever came across these plants they should not search for more. Instead, they should back out of the area the same way they came in and notify the law enforcement immediately. Innocent people out West, who have stumbled across marijuana grows, have been executed by heavily armed, camouflaged members of drug cartels. "There was a father and

son incident around 2009. They were just out hiking and both father and son were executed," Sheriff Wright said. These growth sites may be booby-trapped as well.

Officer Hoffman and Wright concluded their presentation by discussing another relatively new but major problem in this community and all over the United States: prescription pill abuse. Not only are gang members illegally selling, distributing, and trading pain pills for money, marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, but upstanding and once law abiding citizens have become addicted to prescription pills as well. Vicodin, oxycodone, oxycontin, hydrocodone, and morphine are the most common types of medication to be abused. Abusing these pain relievers can lead to dangerous short term and long term effects. Furthermore, it is not unusual for pill abusers to end up as heroin addicts. Detective Wynos said a common user's progression starts with vicodin and escalates to percodan, oxycontin, and finally heroin.

"We've collecting data, but we can guess that at least 50 percent of our community is impacted by this [drug problem]. Either directly or indirectly," President Chicks explained. "One of our doctors was threatened by a patient to write a prescription of vicodin right in the exam room. Kids are taking pills right out of their grandparent's medicine cabinet."

Chicks concluded his interview with the Mohican News by saying exactly how much importance he places on drug abuse in the community. "I pledge publically, and I mean exactly what I say, this is my number one issue. That doesn't mean I'll stop doing other important things, but I know where my priorities are and that's the number one priority. Our administrative work is good. We have to build on our programs and make them better. But in the large picture, they'll be somewhat meaningless if we let this destroy ourselves from within."

## Upcoming Events

**February 19**  
Tribal Council Meeting starting at 5 PM

**February 21**  
Mohican Family Center:  
Storyteller Joseph Bruchac performing, 5 – 7 PM  
Tween/Teen Night, 6 – 8 PM

**February 28**  
Elderly Center:  
Birthday Meal at Noon, Music by Skip Jones

**March 17**  
St. Patrick's Day

**March 18**  
Stockbridge Day: Tribal Departments are closed

**March 28**  
Headstart:  
Easter Luncheon, 11 AM  
Early Release at 12:30 PM

**March 29**  
Good Friday

**March 31**  
Easter Sunday



## Helping the 'Unbanked' Get Affordable Financial Services

By Jason Alderman

According to a recent survey by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the U.S. Census Bureau, 17 million American adults now live in "unbanked" households, while another 51 million are considered "underbanked." In other words, over 28 percent of households either have no traditional checking or savings accounts (unbanked); or their basic financial needs aren't being met by their bank or credit union so they also rely on alternative lenders like check-cashing services or payday loans (underbanked).

There have always been millions of Americans who are either unable to – or choose not to – conduct their financial transactions through a bank. Common reasons cited include:

- Don't have enough money to need an account.
- Don't write enough checks to justify monthly fees and minimum balance requirements – just buy money orders when needed.
- Lack of proper identification.
- Denied accounts due to bad banking track record.
- Language barriers.
- Bad previous banking experience or lack of trust in banking institutions.

Big retailers and other alternative financial services providers have rushed to fill the void for customers who can't – or won't – use banks or credit card issuers. For example, Bankrate.com lists dozens of prepaid cards that offer many of the same functionalities as regular credit or debit cards, including direct deposit, online purchases and bill pay, ATM access, etc. Other businesses provide such varied services as check-cashing, money orders, wire transfers, and payday, pawn shop or car-title loans.

However, charges for these services can quickly add up. After you've paid a fee to cash your paycheck and bought money orders to pay your monthly bills, you probably will have spent far more than the \$5 to \$15 a month a regular checking account typically costs.

Although monthly checking and

savings account fees at large banks have risen, you still may be able to find free or low-cost accounts at banks and credit unions. To find competitive bank account rates, visit [www.bankrate.com/checking.aspx](http://www.bankrate.com/checking.aspx). To find a credit union for which you might be eligible, use the Credit Union Locator at [www.ncu.gov](http://www.ncu.gov).

High fees aside, there's also a safety risk factor to being unbanked. Carrying or storing cash at home tempts robbers; also, money can easily be destroyed in a fire or other natural disaster. Plus, money deposited in FDIC-insured banks is insured up to \$250,000 per account (similar insurance is available to credit union accounts through NCUA). It's also more difficult for unbanked consumers to improve their credit scores due to lack of access to credit-building products like credit cards and loans.

To help bring unbanked and underbanked people into the system, an increasing number of public/private programs like Bank On ([www.joinbankon.org](http://www.joinbankon.org)) are being formed. These voluntary partnerships between local or state governments, financial institutions and community-based organizations provide low-income un- and underbanked people with free or low-cost starter or "second chance" bank accounts and access to financial education.

In addition, many financial education resources are available, including:

- MyMoney.gov. the government's website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics about financial education ([www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov)).
- FDIC's MoneySmart program of financial education workshops ([www.fdic.gov/moneysmart](http://www.fdic.gov/moneysmart)).
- Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

There's no law that says everyone must have a traditional banking relationship. But if you choose to go unbanked, carefully investigate the financial consequences – you may not be saving money after all.

Forgiveness is as valuable to the one forgiven as to the one who forgives.

Amish Proverb

# Veterans After-Christmas Party at North Star Mohican Casino

In the midst of a busy holiday season, why not celebrate Christmas after the holidays are over?



Robert Little, Melvin Riley, William Doxtator



Barry Duffek



John Groat, Roger Miller, Robert Doxtator



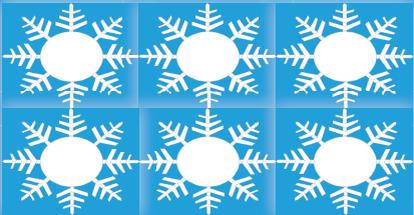
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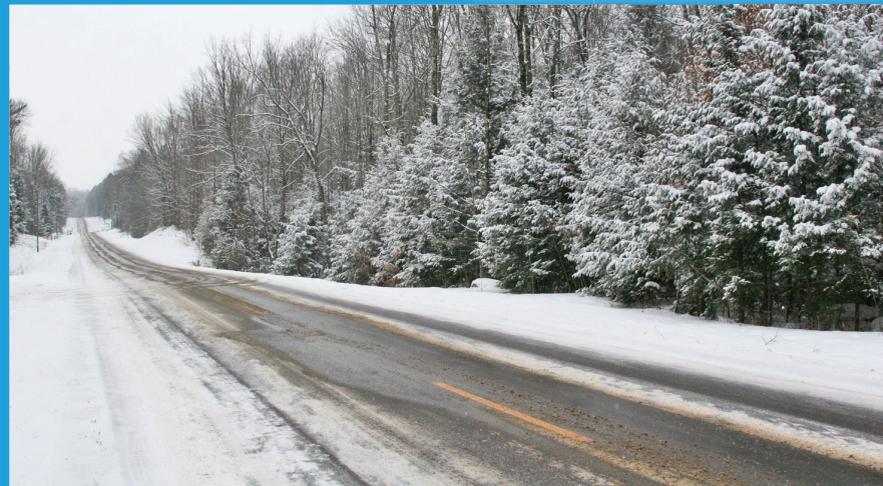
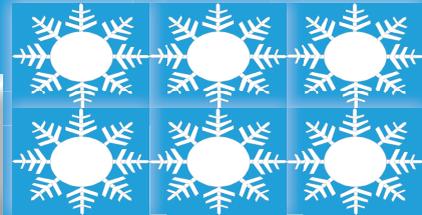
Veterans wait in line for the buffet being served at The Longhouse



Mohican Veterans Princess Arell Miller with Ryan Haswood



## Our Beautiful Land During Winter





Employees of the Month for December at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort are Linda Grenz (above), Slot Department and Loretta Olson (below), Cage Department



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MERCEDES JEAN MARTINEZ**  
 December 21, 1982 - February 19, 2012 (1 year ago)  
 My beloved Mercedes passed on to the Great Spirit at the age of 29 years young. She is greatly missed by her grandmother Vaughn and all her family and her many friends and extended aunts and uncles. The love we shared in her short life left a hole in my heart that nothing can fill. I miss her loving, caring, happy-go-lucky way of life. I get some relief knowing she is no longer in physical pain and at peace at last with the Great Spirit. Mercedes is still missed and remembered lovingly by her family and her dear friends.  
**The Vaughn LaBelle Family**

**Avoid Delay! Enroll Your Child Today!**  
 STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE HEAD START IS NOW ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.

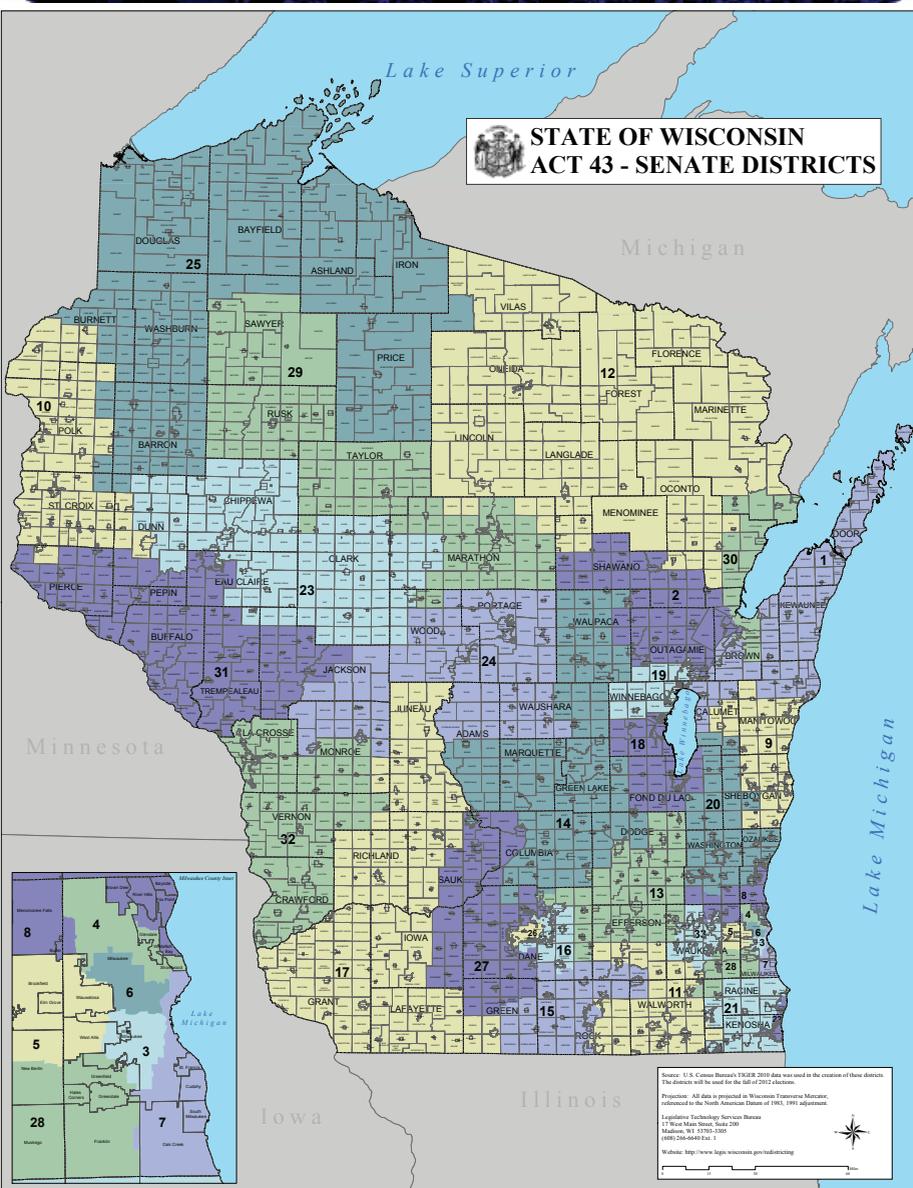


Head Start is a Comprehensive Early Childhood and Family Development Program for income eligible families with children ages 3 to 5. The program also serves families who have children with Disabilities regardless of income. Head Start provides Educational, Health, Nutritional, Emotional, and Social Services for each child and offers support for family members. Your child must be age 3 by September 1, 2013 and reside in the Bowler or Gresham School Districts (within the Townships of Bartelme and Red Springs).

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013.**

Applications can be picked up at the Head Start Office  
 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
 W13429 Cherry Street, Bowler, WI 54416  
 Or call to request an application to be mailed directly to you.  
 715-793-4993 (Office)      715-793-4994 (FAX)  
 Contact Delores Meek, Head Start Manager or  
 Julie Schultz, Administrative Assistant





Districts of WI poster taken from Wisc State Legislature website: [http://legis.wisconsin.gov/ltsb/redistricting/Bills/act43\\_senate\\_poster.pdf](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/ltsb/redistricting/Bills/act43_senate_poster.pdf)

## Make A Difference - Email or VOTE!

There has been much controversy over the Wisconsin Mining Bill SB1/AB1. Experts debate over the economic benefits and the environmental harm the proposed mine site could create. Many people have expressed differing opinions on whether or not politicians are trying to quickly pass the bill through with as few public hearings as possible.

Native Americans, in particular, feel their voices are not getting heard. Tribal Councilman Joe Miller stopped by the Mohican News office to voice his opinion on AB-1/SB-1.

Joe said, "First of all, I'd like to ask why the State of Wisconsin would propose legislation that is so divisive. If governments would emphasize recycling what has already been fabricated and manufactured, there would be no need to dig a four mile long, one mile deep hole in the ground for excavating new iron ore."

Miller added, "We here in Stockbridge have always maintained consistency. Dating back to the mid 80's with the nuclear waste repository issue that we were ground zero in. We fought that issue and we were successful in getting that effort stopped. In the mid 90's and 2000's with the Crandon issue—another effort as a result of all Indian communities, including Stockbridge-Munsee, weighing in on that issue. We were able to get those efforts stopped."

Miller ended by saying, "It's all about money and it's all about greed and we understand that. It's from political donations made from the mining industry and other advocates of that industry given to those elected officials. We're talking millions of dollars given to elected officials who support the mining and a miniscule few thousand dollars from the environmentalists groups who oppose it. So, that in and of itself tells us who's calling the shots. Big money is ramrodding this through. There's absolutely no reason for the State to take the position of fast-tracking as

they are." If you would like to email your local politician regarding this bill, look for their contact information below.

## Wisconsin U.S. Senators

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(R-10) HARSDORF, Sheila  
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## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The VITA Program generally offers **free** tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide **free** basic income tax return preparation to **qualified** individuals.

Please call Debbie John at 715-793-4812 to schedule an appointment. The days are February 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the North Star Casino Northwoods room and walk-ins are welcome!

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remarkable integration of science and folklore, continue to receive critical acclaim and to be used in classrooms throughout the country.

"Lori Mueller has worked diligently to make this dream come true. She began with a grant from UW-Green Bay's Institute for Learning Partnership to provide a cart of

books for Bowler's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, rich with authentic Native American literature and it grew into a dream to bring a storyteller here to share with our students and families, said Mrs. Munsey, Elementary Principal. "Through this collaborative effort we are able to bring this extraordinary experience to Bowler."

## Last-minute ways to trim your taxes

By Jason Alderman

From now until New Year's is probably when you have the least amount of time to spare on mundane financial bookkeeping tasks. But if you can dedicate a few minutes to review your benefits and tax paperwork, you might be able to shave hundreds – or even thousands – of dollars off your 2012 taxes.

Here are a few suggestions:

If you haven't already maxed out on contributions, ask your employer if you can make a catch-up contribution to your 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan before year's end. Most people can contribute up to \$17,000 in 2012 (a \$500 increase over 2011), plus an additional \$5,500 if they're over 50.

If you contribute on a pretax basis, your taxable income is reduced, which in turn lowers your taxes. At a minimum, if your employer offers matching contributions (essentially, free money), be sure to contribute at least enough to take full advantage of the match.

If you participate in employer-sponsored flexible spending accounts (FSAs), which let you use pretax dollars to pay for eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses, an important change is coming next year: Beginning January 1, 2013, the maximum annual contribution for healthcare FSAs will shrink to \$2,500 from the \$5,000 limit many employers currently offer; however, if your spouse has FSAs at work, you still may contribute up to \$2,500 to each account. Dependent care account limits remain unchanged.

It's vital to calculate and use any untapped 2012 account balances before your plan-year deadline (sometimes up to 75 days into the following year); otherwise, you'll forfeit the remaining balance. If

you have a surplus, consider which 2013 expenses you could pay before December 31, 2012. And, keep the new limit in mind when planning your 2013 healthcare FSA.

You can use your healthcare FSA for copayments, deductibles and medical devices such as glasses, contact lenses and braces, among other expenses; over-the-counter medicines are only eligible with a doctor's prescription (an exception is made for insulin).

Charitable contributions. If you plan to itemize deductions on your 2012 taxes, charitable contributions made to IRS-approved organizations by December 31, 2012, are generally tax-deductible. If you've got extra cash now and want to lower your 2012 taxes even further, consider moving up donations you would have made in 2013.

Gifts. Unless Congress intervenes, the federal income tax exemption for estate distributions and lifetime gifts will drop from the 2012 limit (\$5.12 million) to the pre-2011 level of \$1 million (for married couples, it drops from \$10.24 million to \$2 million); in addition, the tax rate on gifts or estate distributions above those limits will increase from 35 percent in 2012 to 55 percent in 2013.

One way to exceed the lifetime gift limit – and avoid having to file a Gift Tax Return – is by giving separate, annual gifts of up to \$13,000 per year, per person. (Married couples filing jointly can give \$26,000 per recipient.) Rules for gift and estate taxes are complex, so read IRS Publication 950 (at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) and consult your financial advisor.

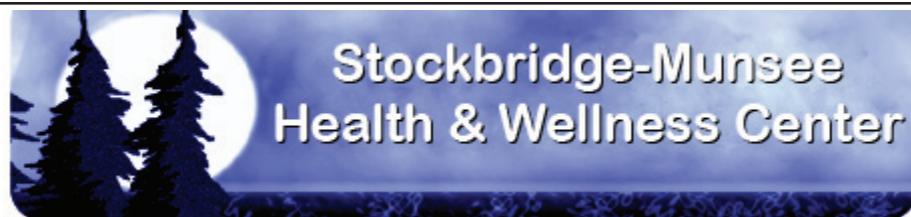
This isn't an ideal time to take on any additional tasks, but if some or all of these situations apply, you could considerably lower your tax bill – wouldn't that be a great way to start the New Year?

## Reinhart Food Service To Host Chamber Business Connection

SHAWANO WI -Reinhart Food Service in Shawano will host the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Business Connection on Tuesday, February 19, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. All attendees will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and tours of the updated offices, test kitchen and expanded warehouse areas. Guests can register to win several door prizes and the Chamber Ambassador's "Pot of Gold." This event is open to Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce members, their employees and guests. For reservations, please

contact the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at (715) 524-2139 or [chamber@shawano.com](mailto:chamber@shawano.com) by February 15.

Business Connections are held monthly at a Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce member business and provide an opportunity for area business owners/operators and community leaders to network in an informal environment. For information on hosting a Business Connection, contact the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at (715) 524-2139 or email [chamber@shawano.com](mailto:chamber@shawano.com).



## STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE COMMUNITY TEMPORARY FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2013

| DATE               | TIME          | LOCATON                    |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Wednesday March 13 | 10 a.m.-Noon  | S-M Health & Wellness Cntr |
| Wednesday May 15   | 10 a.m.-Noon  | S-M Health & Wellness Cntr |
| Wednesday July 31  | 10 a.m.-Noon  | S-M Health & Wellness Cntr |
| Thursday Aug 8     | 2 p.m.-4 p.m. | S-M Health & Wellness Cntr |
| Friday Aug 9       | 10 a.m.-Noon  | S-M Health & Wellness Cntr |
| Wednesday Oct 16   | 10 a.m.-Noon  | S-M Health & Wellness Cntr |

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 two years), you must register to attend one of the above listed trainings. For more information, to register for training, or request a Food Sale Permit, please contact Delwar Mian, Health Director, or Mary Murray or Julie Casper at the S-M Health & Wellness Center at 715-793-4144.

## March WIC



5<sup>th</sup> - Cert day

6<sup>th</sup> - Check day

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

If you have any questions please call Mary Murray 793-5006 or Julie Casper 793-5013.

## Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### Emergency/Crisis Services

The Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center Behavioral Health Department is pleased to announce that it now offers an after-hours crisis line for community members needing emergency services. We are now contracted with Canvas Health Crisis Connection, which provides after hours, holiday, and weekend crisis services.

swings, help is available.

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Please contact the Stockbridge-Munsee Behavioral Health Department at 715-793-3000 for more information regarding our emergency/crisis services.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing a crisis involving suicidal feelings, depression, anxiety or panic attacks, hopelessness, hallucinations or rapid mood



# Education

## Minority Health Care Scholarship Program

St. Mary's Hospital is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the hospital's Minority Health Care Scholarship Program. This program provides tuition scholarship up to \$2,500 annually for minority students enroll full time in a baccalaureate or associate degree program at Madison Area Technical College, University of Wisconsin-Madison or Edgewood College. Two scholarships will be offered and will be awarded for the fall semester 2013 in the areas of Dietetics,

Clinical Laboratory Technician or Technologist, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Radiography Technology and Respiratory Therapy.

**Application deadline: March 1, 2013**

For more information please contact Ester Lowery at 800-336-6101 ext. 6632, [ester-lowery@ssmhc.com](mailto:ester-lowery@ssmhc.com) or the S/M Education Office, 715-793-4100

## Vision Maker Media Offering Public Media Internships for Native College Students

Deadline to Apply is Friday, March 1, 2013

Lincoln, Neb.: Vision Maker Media is looking to partner American Indian and Alaska Native college students with Public Television stations to offer multiple summer internships. From all submissions, Vision Maker Media will select top student applicants who are currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate coursework for this 10-week, paid internship.

Top applicants will be notified in April 2013.

With major funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the purpose of this paid summer internship is to increase the journalism and production skills for the selected college student. One of the major goals of the internship will be to increase the quantity and quality of multimedia reporting available to Public Television audiences and other news outlets.

Interns can be located at Vision Maker Media's offices at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln, Neb., or at a Public Television station in the U.S. Vision Maker Media will contact Public Television stations that are requested by interns to determine placement options. If you are a Public Television station that would be interested in hosting a Public Media intern, please contact us to let us know of your interest at [visionmaker@unl.edu](mailto:visionmaker@unl.edu).

For more information and to apply for this paid internship, visit [visionmakermedia.org/intern](http://visionmakermedia.org/intern).

To find out more about Vision Maker Media, follow us online at <http://about.me/visionmakermedia>.

Executive Director Shirley K. Sneve (Rosebud Sioux) commented, "Providing experience for Native students in the media is vitally important to ensure that we can continue a strong tradition of digital storytelling. We are grateful for the support of local PBS stations in helping us achieve this goal."

Vision Maker Media, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) which receives major funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, shares Native stories with the world by advancing media that represents the experiences, values, and cultures of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Founded in 1977, Vision Maker Media is your premier source for quality Native American and Pacific Islander educational and home videos. All aspects of our programs encourage the involvement of young people to learn more about careers in the media—to be the next generation of storytellers. Located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, we offer student employment, internships, and fellowships. For more information, visit [visionmakermedia.org](http://visionmakermedia.org).

The application process includes a cover letter, resume, work samples, an official school transcript, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or former supervisor. All applications must include the signed application form and the materials referenced above with a postmarked date of March 1, 2013.

The future always holds something for the man who keeps his faith in it.

H.L. Hollis

## Gresham Horse makes it to Washington D.C.



You never know what you're going to find at an auction. I have pulled out two awesome horses and I know the group who usually goes have pulled out some nice trail and show horses from this auction. This horse was my first purchase there, a black beauty with a "Z" branded on her back hip. It was late in the day and I couldn't stay but called a friend to do my bidding. Tim Burr bid for me while I was on my way home and a couple of hours later called to let me know I got her and he trailered her home to Gresham. Farrah was this big bold mares name. My daughter and I worked with her, got outside training, showed and placed at the Shawano County Fair and Heartland Show with her and went on trail rides. In the summer of 2010 I sold her to the Culver

Academy, in Culver, IND. Ed Little who is in charge of these horses at the Culver Academy emailed me to let me know "she is with us here in DC". I was happy for this horse; she is well taken care of and has a big job that she deserves. She was one of the 82 horses the Black Horse Troup the Academy used in the 2013 Inaugural parade for President Obama. When going to this auction you never know what you're going to see or bring home. The excitement of holding that number up, bidding, and the entertainment and the great group of people you meet. If you go don't forget to bring a trailer for you never know what you're going to bring home.

Owner of Farrah, Kim Vetter

## Sustainability Leadership Cohort

The Sustainable Development Institute is offering a unique opportunity for high school students to engage in a "Sustainability Leadership Cohort." The Cohort is a paid opportunity for students to travel to New York, participate in a forest and climate leaders research retreat, edit and produce a film, engage in a community based action research film project, and celebrate their participation in an indigenous science forest camp. The program is at no cost to the students and they have the potential to earn up to \$1,300

throughout the program. Students must apply by February 18, 2013. Any high school student currently in grades 9-12 is eligible to apply provided they have transportation to CMN, especially throughout the summer. We will select 10 students through an application and interview process.

Please go to our website to find more information and application materials: <http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org/2013/01/high-school-sustainability-cohort-opportunity/>

## Dear Families,

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Pebbles L Peterson, MSW MAC  
Native American Counselor  
Stockbridge Munsee Education Dept.  
Bowler School k-6th grade (715) 793-4122

## Scholarships for WI Students Interested in Healthy Air

Tim Morrissey

BROOKFIELD, Wis. - To give a boost to students interested in healthy air, three \$2,500 scholarships have been made available. Supported by the American Lung Association in Wisconsin as part of its Clean Air Choice Program, the scholarships will be awarded to students at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls.

The manager of the association's "Clean Fuels and Vehicles Technology" program, Jerry Medinger, said they want to help students make a difference in the economy and in the air people breathe.

"There's this link between bio-fuels - we're supporters of E-85 and bio-diesel - to new students who are coming into a program at the universities," he said. "They can make a link between the environment and agriculture."

Students and parents can get information on the scholarships at [www.cleanairchoice.org](http://www.cleanairchoice.org), he said. "There's a link on that page to the Clean Air Choice Scholarship, which will give them access to the vital information and the application," he said,

"as well as the contacts at each university who they can reach for more information."

Medinger stressed the importance of finding ways to reduce emissions that can be harmful to lung health and ways to pursue energy independence. He said air pollution, specifically particle pollution, is a year-round problem in Wisconsin, and bio-fuels offer part of the solution.

The scholarships are a tangible way, Medinger added, of showing that Clean Air Choice is working to support the advancement of cleaner burning bio-fuels like E-85 and bio-diesel.

"We are always looking for ways people can make choices that would be better for the environment," he explained. "So, we support the cleaner-burning fuels, and this scholarship is an attempt to connect students at the universities with that idea."

The scholarships are being offered for the fall term that begins September 2013; the application deadline is March 1. Scholarship information and application forms are available at [www.cleanairchoice.org](http://www.cleanairchoice.org).

## Spring Planting is Near:

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Blue Spruce Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Wisconsin who joins the Foundation in February 2013 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. "The blue-green hue and distinctive shape of Colorado blue spruce trees will help beautify Wisconsin for many years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of Wisconsin's existing Tree City USA communities."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting,

between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2013, or visit [arborday.org/february](http://arborday.org/february).



On Thursday, January 24, 2013, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were

made, carried, defeated or died: **APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Add:** Amicus Brief to Regular Session and Discussion on a pending court case to Executive

Session.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Thursday, January 24, 2013, as revised and adding the two issues. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALISTS (2)-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of Human Resources, Tammy Pecore, Child Support Manager, Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support, Steven Davids, Director of Economic Support, Starlyn Tourtillott, Staff Attorney and Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Child Support Specialist, as presented with the following changes, that the salary will be negotiated and it will be at a current pay grade 17, and with the following changes; under qualifications an associate's degree minimally and four years successful work history in a closely related, that would be for the Child Support Specialist, two positions. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**CHILD SUPPORT MANAGER REVISION-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of Human Resources, Tammy Pecore, Child Support Manager, Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support, Steven Davids, Director of Economic Support, Starlyn Tourtillott, Staff Attorney and Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to have the Executive Director of Human Resources Department, revise the current Child Support Manager position, from the date of the directives to pay grade 20, starting at \$21.05, as reported. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion changing: pay grade 20 to 23, starting at \$21.05. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**CHILD SUPPORT FINANCIAL SPECIALIST-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of Human Resources, Tammy Pecore, Child Support Manager, Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support, Steven Davids, Director of Economic Support, Starlyn Tourtillott, Staff Attorney and Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Child Support Financial Specialist as presented, categorized in pay grade 17, with the starting pay to be negotiated based on experience and education and that under qualifications, the following changes should be changed, qualification number one should read as such; vocational/technical/ associate's degree minimally in accounting or closing related field with four years of experience working with automated system is required. Seconded by Terrie K.

Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion deleting: or closely related field. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**COMPREHENSIVE CHILD SUPPORT PLAN-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of Human Resources, Tammy Pecore, Child Support Manager, Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support, Steven Davids, Director of Economic Support, Starlyn Tourtillott, Staff Attorney and Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Child Support Comprehensive Plan, as presented by Tammy Pecore, the Child Support Manager and staff. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**CHILD SUPPORT ATTORNEY POSITION DESCRIPTION-Sherri Dessell, Executive Director of Human Resources, Tammy Pecore, Child Support Manager, Crystal Malone, Assistant Director of Economic Support, Steven Davids, Director of Economic Support, Starlyn Tourtillott, Staff Attorney and Kimberly Vele, Lead Attorney**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the position description of Tribal Child Support Attorney with the following changes, under part-time grant based it should added contracted and under reports to, Child Support Manager. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion adding: to add reports to Lead Attorney and works with the Child Support Manager. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio that a wage comparison for the individuals who have supervisory authority over the Child Support Agency come back to the Council for consideration. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**AMICUS BRIEF-Starlyn Tourtillott, Staff Attorney**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go along with the recommendation of the Tribal Attorney, to join in the amicus brief for Baby Veronica case. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion maker amends motion adding: authorizing up to \$500.00 out of the Tribal Council contractual line item. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 2:31 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 3:01 PM

While in Executive Session was discussion was held on a pending court case.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 3:02 PM.

## Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Available at BAY BANK

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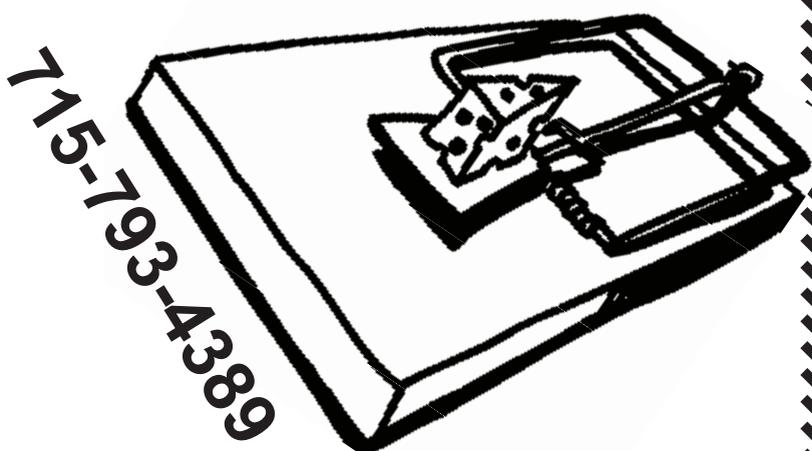
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