



## Natural Resource Technician Hired

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Shawn Wolfe is the new Natural Resource Technician. There are two primary functions of his position. He is in charge of the solid waste and recycling programs for the Stockbridge-Munsee Environmental Department and he assists with wildlife management for the Stockbridge-Munsee Wildlife Department. Additionally, he assists the Forestry and Water Quality Departments.

Shawn currently lives with his 4½ year old son in Stevens Point, WI with whom he spends most of his time. He grew up in Waterville, Ohio, where his parents still reside. He has one brother who lives in Owego, NY and a sister who lives in Chicago. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and Environmental Science from Bowling Green State University, in Ohio.

Since his graduation from Bowling Green State University in 1991, he has worked for federal, state and county parks in various roles, including park manager, commissioned park ranger and

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## Native Communities Producing Their Own Food

By Mark Shaw – Contributing Reporter

In the early 1600's, the Mohicans had over 2400 acres of cleared land, which we used to grow corn, beans, squash, and tobacco. Henry Hudson recorded that our people, over the winter months, successfully stored more than enough corn and beans to load three ships (The Mohicans and Their Land 1609 – 1730 by Shirley Dunn). In addition to the foods we farmed, our diet consisted of wild game, fish, and many varieties of nuts, fruits, herbs, and berries. Today, the Stockbridge-Munsee diet has changed as well as our farming and gardening practices.

Over the last twenty years, many people in our community have expressed a desire to restore our cultural heritage by producing our own healthy, traditional food. We, of course, are not the only indigenous nation interested in gardening, harvesting, and changing our current eating habits.

At the Great Lakes Region Tribal Food Producer Summit, many sovereign nations from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan were represented by tribal environmentalists, agriculturalists, food processors, health workers, ranchers, and farmers. Employees of the College of Menominee Nation were also in attendance as well as the University of Wisconsin, SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), and other tribal representatives outside of the Great Lakes Region.

On April 23 and 24, the two day conference was held in Oneida, which has been a regional leader in indigenous food production for over fifteen years. They currently grow organic crops, own an apple orchard, raise bison and cows, and operate a cannery.

In the same Great Lakes Region, the Ho-Chunk are gardening three of their 385 acre "Whirling Thunder Ranch." They hope to expand in the coming years. The Shakopee have a

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## North Star Mohican Casino Resort is Making Everyone a Winner for its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Bowler, WI – The month of May marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Star Mohican Casino Resort in northern Wisconsin, with a concert, mini-festival, guaranteed winners and the giveaway of a hybrid vehicle. Known as Wisconsin's Friendliest Casino, North Star is also one of Wisconsin's newest, with a \$110 million complete rebuild in 2008.

"We are very proud of where we started, and what we have become," stated Bob Chicks, Tribal Chairperson. "We have been able to self-fund and sustain a large number of Tribal programs for the benefit of the local communities, and our 1,800 Tribal members, through revenues generated by our gaming operations. We have

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## Mission Lake Cemetery Cleanup 2012



By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor/Reporter/Receptionist

In 2005 the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe acquired ownership of the Catholic Cemetery that contains 108 Stockbridge people and is located on the north side of Mission Lake. In obtaining the cemetery the Stockbridge Tribe agreed "to maintain the cemetery in a respectful and moral manner into perpetuity."

According to Sherry White, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, "In order to keep our word to the Catholic Church and respect to our ancestors we needed to clean up the burial ground including removal of dead or diseased trees. We also want to fix headstones that have been broken from falling trees, fill in the graves that have sunken in." White proceeded to organize a cleanup scheduled for April 20, 2012 and word was sent out through the paper and Tribal email system.

Thirty-five hardy individuals headed out to the cemetery this Friday even after it had snowed at least a couple of inches the night before. The group set in to picking up brush and anything else they could get their hands on and piling it up to be picked up by Matt Putnam's logging equipment.

Word was originally sent out to cancel the cleanup and start over again when the weather got a little better. However, the people who went out to do the cleanup said they preferred to carry on with the project and on it went.

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# Protecting Our Oaks for the Future

By Paul Koll – Tribal Forester

Red Oaks are a major component of our forests here on the Stockbridge-Munsee and everyone seems to value them in different ways. Maybe you're a deer hunter that enjoys the ample acorns attracting deer to your stand. Maybe you have a beautiful oak in your yard. Maybe you heat your home with the superior firewood provided by oak. Or maybe you value the high quality and beauty oak lumber can bring to your home. Either way, it is important that we work together

Although oak wilt has probably been present in Wisconsin forests for more than 100 years, it is still in the spotlight today. This disease has the ability to kill large oak trees in a very short period of time, often in only one year. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus, *Ceratocystis fagacearum*. The fungus invades areas inside the tree where water moves. Later, bumps called tyloses are formed and they plug up the water's path through the tree. As water movement inside the tree is slowed, the leaves wilt and drop off the tree, hence oak wilt. The fungus can spread from



Aerial photograph of oak wilt mortality. Robert L. Anderson, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org

to protect this great resource for all its future uses.

The main threat to our oak trees comes from a deadly fungus that causes the disease, oak wilt.

tree to tree quickly; either by roots underground or by beetles that move the spores in the spring and summer. This means entire stands of oak can be infected and die in as quickly as a few years.

So, how do we stop this disease from taking hold in our forests? The forestry staff has been aware and active in oak wilt management for quite some time. Each year, aerial flyovers survey for problem trees in early summer and the forestry staff monitors problem areas on the ground. Problem trees are harvested the fall after an infection is detected and, using the latest knowledge of how the disease spreads, all other oaks within 66 feet of the infected tree(s) are also harvested. This limits the possibility of spread through root grafts. All timber harvesting that has a substantial oak component is conducted during the fungus' dormant periods, October to April. This is in an effort to reduce the potential for new infections by beetles attracted to the fresh wounds created by tree harvesting. These sap sucking beetles carry the fungus and can move it from tree to tree very efficiently. What can you do? The main thing we all can do to prevent the unnecessary spread of this disease is to refrain from cutting or pruning any oak between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is when the spores and spore carrying beetles are most active. Also, any cutting done during this time period may be subject to fines. Second, if you notice an oak tree beginning to wilt, turn brown or die during the summer months contact one of

your foresters at 793-4368.

Finally, if trees are harvested for firewood they should be cut and split to hasten drying. The cut pieces should be stacked and placed in the sun; then tarp the stack with 4mm plastic. Placing the



Photograph of leaf and whole tree symptoms of oak wilt in a red oak tree. Joseph O'Brien, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org

tarped pile in the sun will hasten bark deterioration and loosen it quicker. Seal the plastic around the base to prevent insects from reaching the fungal mats. If the wood is not burned that winter, leave the tarp on until the end of the following summer (approx. 1 year). Remember, free-use firewood permits only allow for the cutting of "dead oak trees that have their bark totally off".

If we all work together we can reduce the threat of this devastating disease and promote a healthy oak population for future generations to enjoy.

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

## Community Voices

Letters of opinion can be dropped off at Mohican News in the Tribal Offices or can be mailed to:

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## Beadwork Wanted

North Star Mohican Casino Resort is seeking beadwork from Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled Vendors. Please provide samples of beadwork no later than June 1, 2012 to North Star Mohican Casino Resort made to the attention of Shannon Holsey. For more information please contact 715-787-2549. Beadwork will be purchased for resale in a retail gift shop in the casino resort. We are seeking to purchase earrings, necklaces, bracelets, broaches, men's tie pieces, and rings.

With each sample, we ask for the following:

- Description (what it's made of, what it means, for our understanding of the Marketing angle in reselling)
- Cost to the Casino (each piece of jewelry)
- Volume Discounts to the Casino (for example, 10% off orders over 10 per month, or 10% off for each additional line ordered)
- Order-to-Delivery Time-frame (how long will it take for them to fill an order)

Our evaluation will be completed by June 4th, with vendor orders by June 11th, with first delivery date of June 25th.

**Large item pick-up for the reservation will be on May 16.**

Due to a number of Wisconsin state laws, there are many items that must be recycled, and not placed into landfills. What you should know for large item pick up day is that a number of landfill banned items can be picked up, some for a fee. Anything with Freon in it (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners) will be charged at \$35. Other large appliances are \$15. A TV, with less than a 17 inch screen (measured diagonal) will be charged at \$15, greater than a 17 inch screen will be charged \$25. Microwaves and computer monitors will be charged at \$15. Furniture and old mattresses will be picked up on this day at no charge. Appliances which Harter's charges a fee to pick up will probably be picked up by tribal folks who run small side businesses and sell them for scrape at the local junk yards. No tires or car batteries will be picked up.

If you have an item which needs to be paid for pick-up, call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at 715-253-2619 to schedule a pick-up. Call the number to pay by credit/debit card over the phone the day before pick-up. If you want to pay by check, call the number a week in advance and they will tell you the address to send payment.

## Pow Wow News & Notes

The Mohican Pow-Wow Committee is looking for the art design for the 36<sup>th</sup> Mohican Pow Wow shirts and posters. Please use 4 colors or less. You can drop off your design entry at the Admin/HR building for Amanda Bowman. If you have any questions contact Amanda at 881-1231 or Karen Gardner 715-793-3823. These entries must be turned in by Thursday May 31st 2012.

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Mohican Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting bids for providing the feast August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please put your bid amount & menu in writing with your name number and address and mail to Mohican Pow-Wow Committee at P.O. Box 70 Bowler, WI 54416.

You must provide a traditional feast for 300 people that includes, meat, potato, vegetable, dessert and beverage & utensils.

If you have any questions contact Amanda at 715-881-1231 or Karen Gardner 715-793-3823. These entries must be turned in by Thursday May 31st 2012.

The Mohican Pow-Wow Committee is looking for vendors to fill our vendor spots this year. You can contact Amanda at 881-1231 or Karen Gardner 715-793-3823 to get an app sent to you. All food vendors must take our food safety class. We fill up fast! A front row spot with electricity costs \$180.00. A spot without electricity is \$125.00.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mohican Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting bids for providing the sound system August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Please put your bid amount in writing with your name, number, and address and mail to Mohican Pow-Wow Committee at PO Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416.

If you have any questions contact Amanda at 715-881-1231 or Karen Gardner 715-793-3823. These entries must be turned in by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

### TEMPORARY FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2012

**S-M Health & Wellness Center**  
Wednesday May 16 10 am.  
Wednesday June 13 10 am.  
Thursday Aug 9 2 pm to 4 pm  
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 Handlers need to renew their training every 2-years and must register to attend one of the above listed trainings. For more info, to register for training or 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.



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### NOTICE TO ALL SECOND GENERATION DESCENDANTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

As we have announced in the past, Contract Health Service funds, which are federal funds used to pay for medical services that cannot be provided at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, are limited. CHS funds usually deplete within the first few months of each fiscal year. Enrolled, First Generation and Second Generation Descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe are eligible for CHS funds. Once the CHS funds are depleted we continue to pay for medical expenses using Tribal Funds. Tribal Funds do not cover Second Generation descendants. **At this time, we must inform all Second Generation Descendants that as of May 1, 2010 you will not be eligible for Contract Health Services for the remainder of the 2010 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year runs from October 1 thru Sept. 30th of each year.** Payment for referrals for dates of service prior to May 1, 2010 will still be covered by CHS. If you receive bills after May 1, 2010 and if they are for services prior to May 1, 2010, they will still be eligible for payment by CHS. Please make sure to submit your bills to the CHS staff at the SMHWC.

### June 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.



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- Home Health Aide course- NO COST
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# Elder Wisdom

## For Mother's Day, Discuss Mom's Financial Future

By Jason Alderman

On Mother's Day, children of all ages thank their moms for the many sacrifices made during their childhoods – and well beyond, considering how many adult children still hit up their moms for a loan or free babysitting.

Unfortunately, for many mothers sacrificing extends well beyond sleepless nights and boring recitals. Women frequently leave the workforce during prime earning years to care for families. Consequently, they often fall behind on pay increases and promotions, so their retirement accounts and Social Security benefits are usually much smaller than men's. Plus, women live an average five years longer than men so their already smaller income must stretch even further.

I'm not trying to bring everyone down, but rather to suggest that your best Mother's Day gift this year might be to initiate a frank discussion about your mom's personal finances and how she can better prepare for the future. Here are a few topics you might discuss:

Put retirement savings first. You can always borrow money to pay for college or a house, but you can't get a loan to pay for retirement. If she's still working, make sure your mom is enrolled in a 401(k) plan or an IRA and saving as much as possible.

Social Security benefits. Even if your mother didn't pay into Social Security through work, she'll be eligible to collect benefits as long as her spouse did. And, if she qualifies under her own work record as well as your dad's, she'll generally receive the higher benefit amount of the two.

The longer your mom waits to draw Social Security, the larger her monthly benefit will grow. Social Security "full retirement age" is 65 for those born before 1938 and

increases gradually to 67 if born after 1959. If she meets eligibility requirements, your mom can begin drawing reduced benefits beginning at 62; however, doing so will cut her benefit amount by up to 30 percent. However, by postponing benefits until after full retirement age, her benefit will increase up to 8 percent per year, up to age 70.

Also keep in mind:

- Widows can tap Social Security benefits as early as age 60 (50, if disabled). And spousal benefits are available if she's divorced, provided the marriage lasted at least 10 years, she remains unmarried and is at least 62.
- Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, the federal government counts them as taxable income. So, depending on your mom's overall retirement income, she could owe federal tax on a portion of her benefit. IRS Publication 915 has full details.
- If your mom begins drawing benefits while still working, they could be significantly reduced depending on her income. Read "How Work Affects Your Benefits" at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) for details. (Note: The reductions aren't truly lost since benefits will be recalculated upward at full retirement age.)

Social Security has a great website for women with information on retirement, disability and other issues – in English and Spanish ([www.ssa.gov/women](http://www.ssa.gov/women)).

You can help your mom estimate her retirement needs by using their Retirement Estimator, which enters her earnings information to estimate projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, including retirement age and future earnings projections ([www.ssa.gov/estimator](http://www.ssa.gov/estimator)).

Discussing finances isn't as much fun as a picnic in the park, but your mom will appreciate your looking out for her financial future.

## 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!

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## Wisconsin driver licenses and ID cards get new look New color, format and features enhance security

Starting this week, some people renewing or getting a new Wisconsin driver license or ID card will notice some very visible changes including new color, new graphic images and laser engraving. Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) customer service centers will begin issuing the new style cards March 21 at a few locations.

Issuance of the new cards will start off gradually at select customer service centers. All DMV customer service centers will be issuing the new style cards within the next few months. All driver license and ID card holders should know that their current driver license or ID card is valid until its expiration date, including those issued previously in a different style.

The new cards meet driver license and ID standards approved by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), and have federally recommended security features designed to avert counterfeiting, reduce the risk of identity theft and decrease fraud. "These upgrades in design make driver licenses and ID cards more secure," notes DMV Bureau of Field Services Director Kristina Boardman. "They look great too." New colors distinguish license types

Each license type is further distinguished with the use of colored font.

- Regular driver license – blue
- Commercial driver license – green
- Occupational driver license – black
- Probationary driver license – red
- Identification card – black

- Instruction permit – purple
- Vertical format for younger cardholders

Persons under the age of 21 will receive driver licenses and ID cards in a vertical format making them easily distinguishable.

New driver licenses and ID cards issued from a central facility further enhances security

- People will leave the DMV with a temporary driving receipt good for 45 days, as well as their existing/expired product – if available. The receipt is valid as a driver license or ID card until the actual card arrives in the mail.

- New driver licenses and ID cards will be made in a controlled, secure environment and mailed to the driver license or ID card holder's home in an unmarked envelope (similar to a passport or a credit card) and should arrive within two weeks.

- Customers will typically receive their product within 3-5 business days. Anyone who has not received their driver license or ID card within 15 days should contact DMV at [dre.dmv@dot.wi.gov](mailto:dre.dmv@dot.wi.gov) or (608) 264-7049 to inquire about status.

- With this process, driver licenses and ID cards have more security features than can be offered with the current "over-the-counter" process.

All security checks are done prior to issuing the product, further reducing the opportunity for identity theft.

### Stockbridge-Munsee Community Conservation Department

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Office: 715-793-4364 Fax: 715-793-5118

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The Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Department is looking for information regarding the illegal killing of two wolves on the reservation.

The two wolves killed are two separate incidents. One of the killings occurred in the fall of 2009 and the other in the fall of 2011. The Conservation Department is offering a reward for information regarding the wolves' deaths that directly leads to a criminal conviction, or a civil penalty assessment.

The Conservation Department will follow-up on any and all leads provided to us. We greatly appreciate the community's support in these matters, and for the help in preserving Stockbridge-Munsee Natural Resources for all of us to use and enjoy.

Respectfully,

Beau Miller  
Sterling Schreiber  
Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Wardens



# Rambling through history...

## ...with Dot Davids



### ONCE UPON A TIME

**Ramble** is a very interesting word. There's sort of a democratic feeling about it-- a freedom to choose what to talk about, freedom to change one's mind, freedom to disagree with one's *self*. One can even get lost in thought. It's like taking a walk in a dark, strange forest. Come to think of it, it's like getting old and forgetting what one was going to write about ... Oh, now I remember. My niece Sheila suggested I write about living on Big Lake and I finally found my notes, which I shall now ramble through.

Big Lake is about six miles north of Gresham. Our Gresham (there are about twenty-four Greshams in the United States) is the dot on the map that helps us direct people the short distance to Big Lake Road, which winds to the "memory lane" of my youth.

It was Aunt Wildie, who in 1985 on our way to Pine Hills, pointed to the Day's house and said, "That house is for sale." A month later, she with us, moved on to fourteen acres, that, fifty years before, used to be our old cow-pasture across from Big Lake. I get only glimpses of the water now, but I remember fishing for sunfish under the big log. I remember pulling Lois Ann out of the spongy-bottomed lagoon when she fell in. I remember the beautiful small patch of trailing arbutus that grew just beyond Frank Hyde's chicken-wire fence with barbed wire across the top. I remember the rusty old Model T that sat behind the unpainted garage. We kids used to sit in it and make believe we were driving to Gresham.

Every so often, a whiskered old man (probably about forty) used to come in his horse and buggy and call, "Rags! Rags!" Ma always had a bag full to give him. Ma said he made a living selling them

to the auto mechanics. These were the days before the Great Depression so perhaps my folks had a few more resources but I suspect during the Depression we were wearing our "rags."

Pa had some four hundred chickens and I remember gathering eggs, washing them, packing them in big crates for shipment to Chicago. When the cost of "chicken feed" was greater than what we got for the eggs (nine cents a dozen), we ate the chickens. I suspect the same thing happened with cows. When we had cows and horses they drank from a fresh water spring down near the lake. When we were little kids we also got our drinking water from that spring. Sometimes we'd kneel down and drink directly from the spring. It was after we started developing sores around our mouths that the doctor identified as something like "impetigo" that Pa and Uncle Ed decided we needed a pump. A few steps from the house and about twenty feet down, they hit fresh clean water.

Pa was an experimental farmer and he raised strawberries, black raspberries, red raspberries, okra and even peanuts. Of course we kids spent a lot of time picking berries that Ma canned. We also picked berries up on Pine Hills but we had to watch out for bears.

We lived on the shores of Big Lake. We didn't have a big sandy beach to play on but rather a gravelly ditch that ran down an embankment to the lake. Of course there was a longer trail for the Elders. We were not free to go swimming anytime. We had to wait at least an hour to go into the water (to prevent getting cramps) and if we had chores to do, they had to be done even after cramp time was up. Our swimming area, right behind our house, had a gravelly bottom too, and about twenty feet or less from the shore was a "drop off." Pa built a raft that was anchored there and if kids were in the water, someone who could swim had to be on the raft. When I think about it, rules for being in the water were very strict. I have never heard of anyone drowning. The one thing we dared do was go swimming nude after dark.

Both Pa and Ma had a quiet sense of humor. Both were interested and concerned about education. The minister's wife told Ma she would give her free organ lessons if she graduated from eighth

grade. Ma must have been quite a musician for when she was teaching Ho-chunk children to speak English at Bethany Indian Mission in Wittenberg, folks took her by horse and buggy the four or five miles to Elderon for further lessons.

At Big Lake we had a reed organ in our house. Ma used to play a march **UNDER THE DOUBLE EAGLE** and a waltz **OVER THE WAVES** as well as hymns and we would sing. I remember we used to ask her to play the **Funeral March** and we kids would march solemnly around the table. Eventually the reed organ fell apart and they moved to the Reservation. After I began teaching I bought her a little electric Thomas organ. She gave free lessons to at least a dozen kids on the reservation. She also played in church for many years. But back to Big Lake ...Pa was

trying to pay off the mortgage on Big Lake lands but during the Great Depression this was impossible. The chickens were gone, most of the cows were gone, the lakeshore was sold to try to pay the mortgage, the kids were growing up and leaving. The old barn with the word T-SPOON (Grandpa's nickname) was falling apart, the Mission School had been converted to a "day school," Pa and Ma decided to move to the other end of the Rez. What did they call this land? Mo-he-con-nuck!

I don't think any of us who ever lived on the shores of Big Lake ever forgot it. We took our memories with us. In fact, living across the road in the old cow pasture is sort of like looking back and forward at the same time. Life is quite a ramble. (This ramble is dedicated to Sheila Miller Powless.)

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**In this 3 credits course you will learn:**

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- Interpersonal Skills
- Personal Care, Restorative Skills, and Nutrition
- Needs-Specific Training,

- CPR, and First Aid Training
- Safety and Infection Control
- Community Resource Awareness

Upon completion receive the following free of charge: Set of scrubs, watch, gait belt, carry bag, workbook, and \$30 shoe voucher

### Application and registration materials and other instructions

- ✓ Home Health Aide students must be at least 16 years old
- ✓ Must have satisfactory background check
- ✓ Must not have outstanding bill at CMN
- ✓ If you are an enrolled member or descendent of a tribe your tribal ID card or proof of enrollment/descendency is required.
- ✓ **Application deadline is June 1, 2012**

\*For groups of 5 or more, we will come to your location to complete application.

### For more information or to sign up contact:

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**Casino cont from page One:**

also grown to become Shawano County's largest employer, most of whom receive full-time benefits," Chairman Chicks continued. North Star currently employs 431 employees from North central and Northeastern Wisconsin counties.

The month of celebration features a steak and lobster dinner for \$8.95 every Wednesday, a concert with Grammy Nominee, Ty Herndon, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Cinco de Mayo Beer Fest on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and a large, upscale buffet, with three carving stations, for just \$13.95, every Saturday through the month of May. This is in addition to the guaranteed winners on the Wednesday prize wheel, and the Memorial Sunday giveaway of a Hybrid Ford Fusion.

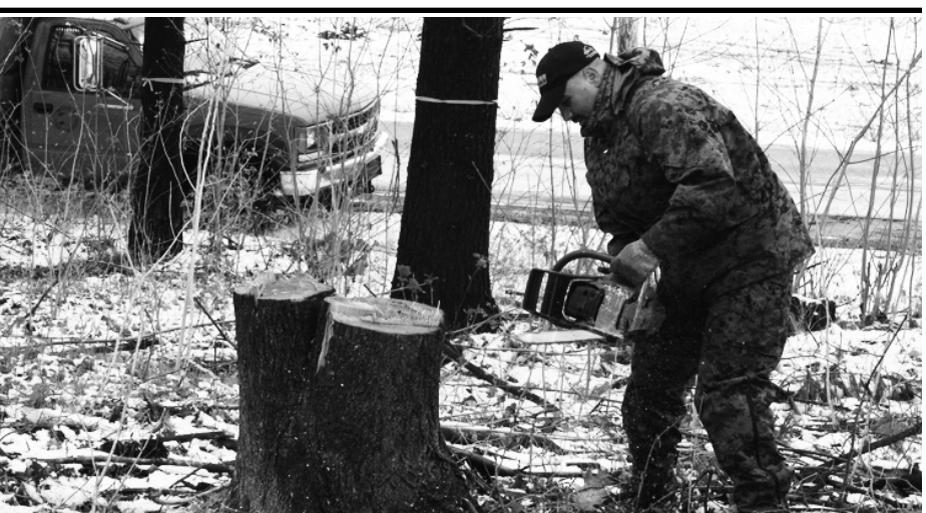
"Giving away a hybrid vehicle at the end of our first 20 years, is a look forward to the next 20 years," said Brian D. Decorah, General Manager. "A lot has changed over the years, but our goal of being Wisconsin's friendliest casino has not. Looking forward, being environmentally friendly will help define our operation in the coming decades."

The first casino was approximately 85,000 square feet, and like most Native-owned casinos, was preceded by a bingo hall, known as Mohican Bingo (which celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November,

2011). Today, North Star boasts a 600,000 square foot facility with state-of-the-art equipment, a bingo hall, a poker room, meeting space, a 97-room hotel, four restaurants, nearby Pine Hills Golf Course and a full-service spa and salon (operated by Terradea Spa of Wausau).

"Everyone that walks through the doors on Wednesdays, will win," stated Dave Shubinski, Marketing Director and enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. "There is no better way to give back, than to actually give something back!" Every casino guest is invited to spin a prize wheel at the player's club desk, once per week, to win anything from \$10 in free slot play, up to \$2,000 in cash!

Known as the "Midwest's Friendliest Casino," North Star Mohican Casino Resort offers 1,200 gaming machines, bingo, Texas Hold'em Poker, blackjack, Let-it-Ride, 3-Card Poker, roulette, craps and Ultimate Texas Hold'em, in addition to its four restaurants, 97-room upscale hotel, golf course, spa and meeting space. Proudly owned and operated by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, North Star Mohican Casino Resort is located between Green Bay and Wausau just off Hwy 29 on County Road A between the Villages of Gresham and Bowler in Shawano County.



*Matt Putnam donated his time and use of his equipment to cut the bottoms of the logs and to pick up the debris at the site.*

**Cemetery cont from page One:**

The following is a list of people who were involved in the project: Cindy Hardin, JoAnn Schedler, Jeff Vele Sr., Betty Schiel, Nathan Webster, Joe Blum, Charles Gardner, Mike Mohawk Sr., Misti Cook, Les Slater Jr., Leonard Welch Sr., Jill Tieg, Bill Terrio, Kelly Davids, Keith Rudesill, Bob Miller, Joe Miller, Rob Miller, Brandy Moede, Tom Kazik I, Two Missionaries named Elder Jensen and Elder Leben, Paul Koll, Craig Kroening, Joe Gardner, Dan Moede, Joey Stoehr, Mark Tedford, Roberta Carrington, Deb John, Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Sherry White, Gladys Jacobs, Bob Little, and a special thanks to Matt Putnam who brought in a couple

of his loggers and his logging equipment to haul out the brush from the site.

White said, "Thank you to everyone who helped cleaned up the Mission Lake Cemetery today and the ladies who worked in the kitchen cleaning and cooking and people who donated food. The weather caused some issues this morning, but the people who were already there wanted to work wet or not, so we did. We will not need to have another cleanup day since we were able to complete what we needed to do. The final step will be to place a large marker with the names of our ancestors who have been buried here."

**Food cont from page One:**

six acre garden, which supplies produce to their day care, casino, and health food store. They also have two youth gardens and an apiary (beehive). They, too, will be expanding their operations. Additionally, the people of the White Earth have an impressive "Land Recovery Project and Native Harvest" that supplies farmer's markets and three local schools with food. One can buy their products online.

Most of the other tribes represented at the conference have small, manageable gardens as well as farmer's markets. Everyone in attendance was looking for more ways to increase the amount food their nation produced. Jeff Metoxen—the director of "Tsyunhehkwa," otherwise known as the Oneida Food Systems—encouraged other tribes to pursue food sustainability, yet he advised them to start small and expand slowly.

The Stockbridge-Munsee community is following this advice by slightly expanding both the educational garden behind the Education Building and the Family Services garden at the Mohican Family Center. With these two gardens, we will continue to educate the youth and all interested community members in gardening, healthy eating practices, and traditional growing methods.

This year we have an enthusiastic couple from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation who is willing to teach us what they have learned from mother earth. Fred and Germaine Pidgeon live in Wisconsin Rapids but travel an hour and forty-five minutes to the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center because they believe it is the friendliest, most helpful, and best managed clinic in the region. When they heard our nation was interested in producing our own food, they asked if they could give back to our community by offering free teachings in canning; no-till, organic gardening; and even rabbit farming.

For most of their lives, the Pidgeons have been living a natural, organic lifestyle by

producing the majority of the food they eat. In their backyard, they have three raised garden beds (8 ft x 40 ft) that yield 600 jars of home canned food a year. In the past, they also have farmed as many as 350 rabbits in a 1400 square foot pen for meat and manure.

Germaine Pidgeon says that she and her husband are "both diabetics and we need to control what we put into our bodies. At the beginning we realized our dependence on store bought canned foods was making it harder for us to control our disease. The salt, preservatives, and who knows what the 'natural flavors' are that came in the cans with the pretty labels really weren't all that good. We started small with one paid for project at a time. Many of the things we did cost us nothing but a change to our own habits. We began to realize how everything is interconnected. That to sustain changes made in one area of our lives, required changes to nearly everything we were accustomed to doing. Our change has slowly evolved to become what we now call the 'circle of sustainability.' We have developed a method of gardening that requires no tilling. After building the bed, the only work is planting and harvesting the produce. We would be honored to share it and all of the other parts of our 'circle of sustainability' with you."

On May 29, 2012, Fred and Germaine Pidgeon will be giving a presentation at the Elderly Center at 1 PM; everyone is welcomed to come. This couple will be giving more teachings and workshops later on in the summer and fall at the Mohican Family Center. Read more of them on page Ten of this issue of the Mohican News.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in teaching other community members about gardening, farming, canning, tapping maple syrup, or traditional Native farming, please contact Tribal Americorps member Mark Shaw ([mark.shaw@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:mark.shaw@mohican-nsn.gov)). We are looking for more people—particularly those in our own community—who are willing to share their knowledge in food sustainability. Anushiik!

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park naturalist. A few parks he has worked at include Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in Colorado, New River State Park in North Carolina and Standing Rocks Park in Portage County, Wisconsin. He has also worked for Blue Ridge Rural Land Trust as a Stewardship Specialist, where he guided nature walks for financial donors and helped protect two North Carolina State Natural Areas.

His research includes *The Peatland Project*, with Wisconsin DNR (2005-06), during which he

surveyed bogs and other wetlands for the presence of birds, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals and plants. His primary interests and skills are the identification and management of non-game and endangered species, from butterflies to wolves.

He is also a musician who plays guitar and harmonica. Nature is a recurring theme in the songs he writes. Finally, he is interested in historic preservation and he is appreciative for the opportunity given by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community to work in this position.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stockbridge-Munsee Graduation Banquet to be Held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The S-M Education Board will be honoring the graduating seniors at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Stockbridge-Munsee Graduation Banquet, Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. The banquet will be held at The Many Trails Banquet Hall.

Seniors will be honored with plaques and special gifts. A Memorial Scholarship will be awarded sponsored by Dorothy Davids, along with her Family & Friends.

Also on the evenings agenda will be an Elder recognition segment, entertainment and a guest speaker. This year's speaker is Diane Burr, who received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood from UW-Oshkosh and her Graduate Degree in Special Education from

UW-Stevens Point.

If interested in attending please make reservations by calling the Education Office by **May 21, 2012**. The cost of the meal will be provided for the graduating seniors and four of their guests. Additional reservations will be \$10.00 per person. In honor of our seniors the banquet will be smoke and alcohol free. RSVP to [chris.miller@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:chris.miller@mohican-nsn.gov) or by calling 793-4100 or 4060.

**2012 Seniors: Dakota (Rudesill) Adams, Taylor DePerry, Monique Dickson, Phillip Duffek, BriAnne Goss, Lyle Grosskopf III, Skylar Hill, Lucas Kroening, Kevin Mohawk, Rainer Posselt, Rainer Shooter and Dominique Vele.**

## Senate Passes VAWA, Including Protections for Native Women

Washington, DC - In a significant step forward for protection of Native women, the U.S. Senate passed S. 1925, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2012. Title IX will address the epidemic of violence perpetrated against American Indian and Alaska Native women by restoring concurrent tribal criminal jurisdiction over all persons who commit misdemeanor domestic and dating violence in Indian country and clarifying tribal court authority to issue and enforce civil protection orders. Additionally, it strengthens federal authority to address violent felonies on Indian reservations.

Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians, applauded the Senate. "It was encouraging to see our leaders in the Senate put aside partisan politics and pass a bill that protects and serves all victims of domestic and sexual violence across the country—including our Native sisters, mothers, and daughters. Today's vote on the VAWA reauthorization represents a historic vote for Native people and tribal sovereignty. Now, we must turn our full attention to the House and count on the same good will and bipartisanship to turn this bill into law and make these protections a reality."

Several Senators took the floor to champion the tribal provisions in S. 1925, Cantwell, and Murkowski. Senator Akaka, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and sponsor of the Stand Against Violence and Empower Native Women Act, had this to say about the bill's key tribal provisions: "This bill's tribal provisions address the epidemic rates of violence against Native women -- by enabling VAWA programs to more

directly and promptly respond to their concerns and needs. These tribal provisions are critical to the lives of Native women and doubly important to me as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs -- and a Native Hawaiian." After sharing a powerful story from a Native victim of domestic violence, Senator Udall commented: "This is just one of the daily, even hourly, stories of abuse. Stories that should outrage us all. And that could end through local intervention. Local authority that will only be made possible through an act of Congress. We have the opportunity to support such an act in the tribal provisions of VAWA. I encourage my colleagues to fully support the tribal provisions in this important bill."

Senator Murkowski spoke strongly in favor of the legislation and addressed concerns regarding violence against Native women in Alaska. She described included amendments that "ensure that Alaska Tribes lose none of the jurisdiction and authority that they have to issue and enforce their domestic violence protection orders."

S. 1925 passed the Senate on a 68 to 31 vote. Senator Hutchison offered a substitute version of the bill that would have removed the provisions affirming tribal court authority among other changes, but it was not accepted by a vote of 36 to 63. As a next step for the legislation, the House Judiciary Committee has scheduled a markup for May 8<sup>th</sup>, and House Members will be home in their districts next week. NCAI encourages tribal leaders and all others to urge their House Members to support full inclusion of Title IX of S. 1925 in any House bill.



## Events planned to raise awareness of sexual assault

Shawano will again promote awareness of sexual assault with two events in April- the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Take Back the Night rally on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> and a second fundraising event to support victim services called Dance Back the Night on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Both events highlight services provided to sexual assault victims in Shawano and Menominee counties as well as the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe. Last year, Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Support Center met individually with 121 sexual assault clients.

The rally on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> will start at 6:00 pm at the Shawano Co. Courthouse. There will be a variety of speakers during the event and an opportunity of survivors from the community to share their stories during our "Speak Out." The community is encouraged to gather, bring their voices and demonstrate support for the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence in our community. Together we will shed light and take back the night!

Dance Back the Night will be held Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> at The Gathering in Shawano. Doors will open at 5:30pm. The price of admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and children 5 years and under are free. This price includes a dinner of soup, hot sandwiches, salad and dessert from 5:30 to 7:30. Please register at Safe Haven for

dinner by calling 715-526-3421. Dance performances are planned from 6-8pm. The DJ service Geo and a Mike will keep the evening rolling with music and various types of dance from belly dance to performances from local dance studios, Shuffles and Ignite. This year we welcome the Menominee drum group Wind Eagle along with their singers and dancers for a very special set!

There will also be a one of a kind and very moving performance piece to a song from The Angel Band Project by Pamela Luedtke. The Angel Band's mission is to promote healing through music, provide hope for those suffering from unthinkable violence and to raise money and awareness for victims of sexual violence. You can become a member of the band at our Dance Back the Night event when you buy one of The Angel Band t-shirts and Cd's that will be for sale. To learn more about Pamela or The Angel Band Project you can visit [www.pamelaluke.com](http://www.pamelaluke.com) and [www.theangelbandproject.org](http://www.theangelbandproject.org). Dance Back the Night has again recieved significant financial support from ThedaCare-Shawano Medical Center and Thrivent Financial. The leadership at Shawano Medical Center continues to recognize the important and dynamic role that role that the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) programs play in our community. Thank you for your continued support!

## PSC Says Call the Diggers Hotline Before You Dig!

MADISON - Spring has arrived and so has Diggers Hotline Week! Governor Walker has proclaimed Diggers Hotline Week in Wisconsin. The proclamation is one of several efforts in a national campaign to promote Safe Digging.

The Public Service Commission is also asking Wisconsin residents to participate in the [811 promise](#):

1. Make a free call to 811 a few days before digging.
2. Wait the required time.
3. Locate accurately.
4. Respect the marks.
5. Dig with care.

Pipelines, wires, and cables create an intricate network of underground substructures and digging without proper knowledge of what's below can hurt or kill you, disrupt service, and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Diggers Hotline is Wisconsin's statewide one-call notification system. It gives excavators and the

general public the ability to notify multiple owners of underground facilities with a single call. Diggers are urged to call three working days (excluding weekends and holidays) before undertaking a project.

Failure to call before starting an outdoor project results in more than 200,000 digging accidents annually across the nation.

To file a free request contact the Diggers Hotline by either dialing 811 or online at: [www.DiggersHotline.com](http://www.DiggersHotline.com). Contacting and notifying the Digger's Hotline before every digging project such as excavating, digging trenches, drilling, tunneling, scraping, plowing cable or pipe, planting trees, shrubs, building a deck, installing rural mailbox can help prevent outages, disturbances, and is required by state law (Wisconsin Statute 182.0175).

# Mission Lake Cemetery Cleanup 2012



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16 WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN

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## Take It OR Leave It

YOU COULD WIN **\$3,000 CASH** and **\$500 Tables MatchPlay!**

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Get specific hands at each table game and get entries  
**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
THEN ON  
**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> BEGINNING AT 5 PM**

One winner will be chosen every hour until 11:00 pm.  
Winners will pick three cards. When the prize is revealed on the first card you will be able to Take It and walk away with that prize or have the option to Leave It and reveal the next card and Take It or Leave It. If you get to the Final Card that is your prize.

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**THURSDAY - MONDAY**  
8:00 PM to midnight  
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### Mission Accomplished: Sylvia Browne Tickets Sold Out!

Keshena, Wisconsin – May 7th, 2012 – The high demand for tickets to Sylvia Browne's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show has sold out at the Menominee Casino Resort. Adult ticket holders are highly encouraged to redeem their Free2Play on the day of the show before 5:30 p.m. for their chance to meet and greet the world- renowned spiritual teacher. Sylvia Browne is one of many prominent artists to appear at the Menominee Casino Resort.



5th-grade play at Bowler Elementary held recently called "All That Glitters is Not Gold." The play was directed by the school's elementary guidance department and stresses making good choices.



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As a result of a change in federal law, effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after July 1, 2009, members identified as part of a Federally Recognized Tribes are exempt from all cost share requirements, which includes premiums and copays, for covered services provided directly by a tribal health care provider or by a contracted entity. A contracted entity is an individual or an organization contracted by a tribal health center to perform medical services or a provider that has accepted a referral for services from a provider at an Indian Health Service Facility. This exemption applies to tribal members and descendants who are eligible to receive Direct Services at an Indian Health Service (IHS) Facility.





## Veterans of the Menominee Nation

The Veterans of the Menominee Nation (VMN) will be hosting their 23rd Annual Gathering of Warriors Powwow on May 18-19-20, 2012 at the Woodland Bowl in Keshena, Wisconsin. This year's powwow will honor all "Career Military Personnel". The special honoring recognition of all career military personnel will take place on Saturday, May 19 after the 1:00 p.m. Grand Entry.

Activities will begin on Friday May 18th with the opening ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a blessing of the grounds. Presentations will be made to tribal veterans and community members who have supported the veterans association and community throughout the year. This year two members from the community will be honored. Opening ceremonies will also include the raising of family flags of deceased veterans from the community. The flags will fly over the Woodland Bowl in honor of these fallen warriors during the weekend's powwow activities.

Saturday May 19th is Armed Forces Day. Powwow dancing will begin with Grand Entries at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Recognition will be given to all veterans including this year's special honoree's. Each honoree will be given a special gift from the Veterans of the Menominee Nation. The afternoon will also include the crowning of a new VMN princess as outgoing VMN Princess Heather Delabrué relinquishes her crown. There will also be several family giveaways. A feast for all veterans, dancers, drummers, singers, and special guests will be held at 5:00 p.m. The highlight of the 7:00 p.m. evening session will be the performance of the Veterans Snake Dance, a dance simulating a military unit on combat patrol as veteran's line-up single file and dance in unison to a special song sung by the host drum during which the flags will be retired for the day. The evening session will also include exhibition dancing for all adult dancers.

Sunday May 20th is another day of honor and recognition. Grand entry time is 12 noon. A Ho-Chunk drum group will sing their tribal songs for each branch of the military as members of those branches of service are invited to come out to dance. Members of Rolling Thunder will again do their "Table Ceremony" to remind people of

those soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice and those who are still missing. And, that afternoon a special honor dance will be held to recognize all the past Veterans of the Menominee Nation Princesses. The Veterans of the Menominee Nation will conclude the powwow with the drawings for the VMN raffle and their give-away at which everyone in attendance will receive a gift on their behalf before retiring the colors for this year's powwow.

A number of tribal military honor guard units will be appearing in the Grand Entries. Units are expected from South Dakota, New York, Arizona, Washington state, Michigan and Minnesota. Local units from the Oneida Nation, Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe Nation, Forest County Potawatomi and Mohican Nation will also be represented along with the host organization.

The host drum is Five Clan from the Menominee Nation. Each session on Saturday and Sunday will feature different head dancers who are Menominee tribal members as well as male and female head veteran dancers from the Menominee Indian Tribe. Dan King, Oneida, U.S. Army-Viet Nam veteran and John Teller, Jr., USMC, Iraqi Freedom veteran will serve as the powwow M.C.'s. Stan Latender, Viet Nam and Luis Kakkak, Iraqi Freedom, both former United States Marines, will serve as arena directors.

Attendees will have the opportunity to stroll among various food and craft vendors set-up on the powwow grounds. Camping and fire wood will be available on site. Security will be provided. People who wish to set-up a vendor's stand for the powwow can contact Alan "Sarge" McCann at 715-701-1936 before May 1, 2012 to reserve a vendors location.

The Veterans of the Menominee Nation is a community-based organization that uses the proceeds from the powwow and other fundraising activities to support their association's activities.

Admission to the powwow is \$8.00 for a weekend button or \$5.00 for a daily pass. Veterans in uniform, elders 55 years of age or older and children under 5 years of age are "free".



*Fred and Germaine Pidgeon*

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We looked at the manicured back lawn, the one we both hated to mow, and decided that a manicured lawn was wasteful on so many levels. It was not the way to honor Mother Earth. So began the journey... Our back yard is full of tree stumps hidden by the manicured lawn making tilling or turning the soil out of the question. We needed to think outside the box if we wanted a garden back there. We both had been raised by gardening parents.

I remembered a method my grandmother used to create a flower bed around a tree stump. Perhaps I could do something similar on top of the backyard lawn.

To keep the weeds and grass from coming up into the garden area we laid down cardboard layered it to deprive the weeds of light. Cardboard flies away easy so that led to edging the garden with scrap 6x4's. Fred bought old sign

posts from our County Highway Department. The broken ones could be had for 50 cents each. Each week we would purchase all the broken posts. They held the cardboard down and created an enclosed place to build our first garden bed. The task of filling the bed led to further innovations. We were like the chickadees gathering yard waste and garden materials from everywhere. The first layer was all the branches, leaves and grass clippings we could find. We also raised rabbits at the time so all of their "bunny gold" and litter pan leftovers went into the pile. Fred found a farm that had a composted pile of horse manure adorned by a sign with the magic word FREE. We loaded our little pickup truck three times and spread that in our fledgling garden bed.

We made some mistakes along the way; one of them was using the "free" compost our city gives away. It looked like black dirt. It was mostly sand and handling it left your hands with a greasy black coating. Also the plants we planted in it didn't survive. Lesson learned... look the gift horse in the mouth. We eventually found someone who had a pile of real black dirt which we could have if we moved it. After a year of activity we were able to plant a reasonable garden. Fresh veggies cooked minutes after picking... ooh they're so good. Time to work on the next opportunity for improvement...

We have developed a method of gardening that requires no tilling, after building the bed the only "work" is planting and harvesting the produce.

We would be honored to share it and all of the other parts of our "Circle of Sustainability" with you. We hope you are looking around your property now seeing it as a new way to provide you with food and health; the way Creator intended.



### S/M Lab Scientist Award Winning Quilter

Mary Sisum has worked full time for the tribe in the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Laboratory for 12 years this last month. In her spare time she likes to travel, read, knit, visit with her family, and quilt.

This skill at quilting became evident at the Fox Valley Sewing and Quilting Expo held in Oshkosh recently. Mary won the Viewer's Choice Award in the bed quilt

division.

The Expo also featured classes on many topics and vendors with many quilting supplies available for purchase. Several ladies from the Health Center attended including Linda Kohler, Maria Antonucci, and Barbara Stephenson. Needless to say they were not as surprised as Mary when she won the award because they had already seen the quality of work she produces.

### SDI Attended Native Plants Restoration Workshop

On April 19, 2012, SDI staff attended a Native Plants Restoration Workshop in Wilson, MI titled "KINOMAAGEWIN-AKI, Teachings from the Earth." The workshop provided training and information on a wide range of Native Plants topics. Insights were shared on traditional Native cultural teachings, medicinal plants and challenges facing native plants restoration, pollinator-protection efforts, and perspectives on technical support. Speakers shared success stories on growing Native Plants and provided resources, such as information on invasive species.

makes us much different from anything else, whether it be plants or animals. "We're a product of our ancestors," he said, "The same time you do ecological restoration; you have to do cultural and spiritual restoration."

Much effort was placed on not only supporting one another, but to also help our plant family, especially now with climate change and plant extinction. Jan Schultz, from the USDA Forest Service commented: "We are neighbors on the landscape and are connected by common need."

SDI was honored to be part of the workshop and plans to continue to work with the group in the future. Tobacco seeds from the workshop will be planted in the College of Menominee Nation greenhouse with SDI soon. If you would like to work with the planting or Traditional Native plants restoration, contact SDI. [sdi@menominee.edu](mailto:sdi@menominee.edu).

Attendees strengthened ties with one another and learned of local efforts in place. "You're all being brought together by the plant world, the spirit world," noted a speaker. Scott Herron suggested that to stay in balance, we need to stay connected with plants and posed the question of what really



### Medication Bag Logo Design Winner

A great big thank you goes out to all those who participated in the medication bag logo design contest. There were nine beautiful designs to choose from, and the Health Center staff determined the winner through voting for their favorite design. It was a close competition between several of the designs. And the winner is Terri O'Connor of Poynette, Wisconsin. Please take a peak of the attached image of the winning design. If you submitted a design and would like it returned please contact me and I'll be sure to get your artwork back to you. We are very appreciative

of everyone's time and effort and artistic abilities.

It will be a few weeks until we receive the completed bags and begin to hand them out at the Health Center. It is a wonderful thing to see the Community involvement in our health care projects. This is just the beginning to a healthier Community...stay tuned for more on our health care promotions and educational projects!

Thank you,

Rita Kopitzke  
Accreditation Coordinator

### The General Mills Foundation Awards Grant to American Indian College Fund

*Grant enables college scholarships for 26 American Indian students*

**Denver, Colorado – April 20, 2012–** The American Indian College Fund has received a \$60,000 donation from the General Mills Foundation to continue the General Mills Foundation Tribal College Scholarship Program. The grant will provide scholarships each semester to 26 American Indian students attending tribal colleges in Minnesota and New Mexico.

"The General Mills Foundation has partnered with the American Indian College Fund for 20 years to support Native student education," said Richard B. Williams, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund. "Most American Indian students cannot afford to attend college without financial assistance due to

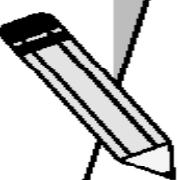
high rates of poverty. The General Mills Foundation has helped many American Indian students to earn a college degree as a result of their generosity, and have given them a chance to make positive contributions to their communities and Indian Country."

"General Mills has long been an advocate for youth education," said Ellen Goldberg Luger, General Mills vice president and General Mills Foundation executive director. "The scholarships provided through the General Mills Foundation Tribal College Scholarship Program will help provide students with enriching educational experiences, and help put them on a great path for the future."

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
- Saturday: 8:00 – 4:00 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.



# Education

## Bowler Notes:

Here are two attached photos from Bowler Elementary School taken from an electrical presentation given recently by Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op of Rosholt to fourth- and fifth-graders.



Lineman John Bestul shows a simulation of a hot dog burning from a live electrical wire. The program was free of charge to the school.



Nick Young, a fifth-grader, pedals with all of his might to generate electricity to turn on a row of light bulbs as he gets encouragement from Mark Forseth, vice president of marketing.

## Gresham DFS offering community scholarships

Gresham Dollars for Scholars is offering a Community Scholarship for any community member who has completed two semesters in a post-secondary education institution with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Gresham Dollars for Scholars is planning to give up to three \$750 awards in 2012.

**Applications are due June 30 by 4:00 p.m.**

Applications are available at Gresham Community School Office, or at [www.cffoxvalley.org](http://www.cffoxvalley.org). Click on the scholarship listing tab,

and scroll down the list to the link (Gresham Dollars for Scholars - Community Scholarship) to download the application instructions and application form.

For details, contact the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley office (920) 830-1290 or Robert Klopke, 1312 Park Hills Drive Gresham, WI 54128, or (715) 787-3386.

GDFS has enjoyed great support from the community and is in a position to expand upon its mission to assist community individuals in furthering their education, Klopke said.

## Gresham Community School Junior/Senior High School Third Quarter Honor Roll-2011-2012

### SENIORS High Honors:

Kayla Arndt, Larissa Cerveny, Kelly Daniels, Jami Grice, Jasmine Hoffman, Jamey Kierzek, Andrew Marheine, \*Trevor Olsen, Brandon Ready, Dominic Westphal.

### Honors:

Mason Boucher, Destinee Hoffman, Alexander Jones, Ben Smith.

### JUNIORS High Honors:

Hope Hoffman, Darci Huntington, Shianne Welk.

### Honors:

Violet Gardner, Brady Hoffman, Kiera Moreno, Fancy Vele.

### SOPHOMORES High Honors:

\*Lindsay Anderson, Brittney Andrews, Tana Jensen, Austin Olsen.

### Honors:

Scott Cerveny Jr, Kimberly Petrich

### FRESHMEN High Honors:

Michael Grice, Christian Haffner, Tyli Lau

### Honors:

Nande Carroll, Nicole Creapeau, Kevin Ile, James Kazik, Brianna Stehberger

### GRADE EIGHT High Honors:

\*Tatelyn Ferguson, Beau Hoffinan, Taylor Hoffman, Emma Lau, \*Levi Ludvigsen, River Otradovec

**Honors:** Jade Kast, Johnnie Surprise.

### GRADE SEVEN High Honors:

Makena Amdt, Arthur Boucher, Nathaniel Bowman, Neal Cerveny, Sydney Coffman, Raymond Creapeau, \*Sydney Jensen, \*Kayli Posselt, Alyssa Roe, Eric Schmidt, Calynn Schroeder.

### Honors:

Kayla Londre, Diego Moreno, Legacy Skenandore, Austin Welk

### GRADE SIX High Honors:

Kamille Davids, Kiersten Fischer, Drew Haffner, Hailey Hoffman, \*Mackenzie Hoffman, Dani Huntington, Kalisa Jones, Elizabeth Ketchum, Madisyn Ludvigsen, Emily Munoz, Todd Otradovec, Ryan Schroeder, Kaci Wendorff.

**Honors:** Marcus Grice, Austin Meuret, Thomas Seidler, Leslie Verstoppen.

**\*4.00 = Straight A**

## Tribal Council Directives

On Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made and carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

**ADD:** Legal Issue in executive session

Hiring Recommendation in executive session

Donation requests: Schylar and Lucy Martin request and John Bayless, WTCH Radio

Contract Issue and Escrow Account Issue in executive session

**CORRECTION:** Family Center Board should only select 3 and not 4

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Tuesday, May 1, 2012 agenda as amended. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2012 FOR POSTING-Amanda Stevens, Director of Finance

Motion by Scott R. Vele to post the February 2012 and March 2012 financial statements as presented and verified by the Director of Finance and the Tribal Treasurer. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUESTS: Bowler Chemical Free Graduation Party-Senior Class Representatives** Motion by Douglas William Huck to donate for the Bowler Chemical Free Graduation party out of donations. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

### American Indian Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing-Douglas William Huck

Motion by Douglas William Huck to donate as a Tournament Supporter for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament with the American Indian Chamber Commerce of Wisconsin. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

### Tribal Members Request-Schylar and Lucy Martin, Enrolled Members

No action taken

### Senior Salutes Donation Request-John Bayless, WTCH Radio

Motion by Joe Miller to donate representing the 26 Bowler graduating seniors for the WTCH senior salutes for the month of May and June. Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

### CASINO MONTHLY GM's REPORT FOR MARCH 2012, CASINO FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2012 AND BIGNO FINANCIALS Directives cont on pg Thirteen:

**Directives cont from pg Twelve:  
FOR MARCH 2012-Brian Deco-  
rah, General Manager and Beth  
Gilsoul, CFO**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the casino monthly gm's report March 2012, the casino financials for March 2012 and the bingo financials for March 2012. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

**CISCO PHONE SYSTEM PRO-  
POSAL-Julie Carroll, MIS Ad-  
ministrator**

No action, item is to be brought back at the next meeting

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
MODIFICATION-Douglas Wil-  
liam Huck, Tribal Treasurer**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to approve modifying legal's budget for FY2012 by reallocating monies in legal's budget and increasing legal's consultant line item from the Tribe's consultant line item. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

**Roll Call:** Scott abstains, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: Amendments  
to Chapter 27-Bridget Swanke,  
Staff Attorney**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to adopt resolution number 034-12 now therefore be it resolved the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council here by revoked Resolution 060-11 adopting the amendments to Chapter 27 based on technical issues with the execution of Resolution 060-11; and be it further resolved the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby adopts the amendments to Chapter 27, which were posted for comment and discussed in September 2011, and include the following changes:

**Amending Section 27.2 (D)** by deleting "high school graduation rates" and inserting "secondary and post education"; deleting "complete" and inserting "acquire"; deleting "schooling" and inserting "education" and **Amending Section 27.3 (B)** by deleting "improvements" and inserting "expenditures including capital improvements"; deleting "offices" and inserting "government buildings"; inserting "tribal utilities and roads," deleting "improvement program"; inserting "and Health and Wellness Center, tribal government legal and finance services, tribal court, tribal law enforcement services"; deleting "Constitutional revision and a tribal judicial system, including tribal court system, tribal prosecutor, tribal police department and other" and inserting "future"; and **Amending Section 27.3 (C)** by deleting "sixty" and inserting "one hundred and twenty"; deleting "Tribal Council" and inserting "Tribe's Finance Department"; deleting "listed in Section 27.3 (b)"; and **Amending Section 27.3 (D)** by inserting "At least sixty days prior to the commencement of each new fiscal year, the "; and

**Amending Section 27.3 (E)** by deleting "or its appointed agent" and inserting "through the tribe's finance department,"; deleting "operations or program's generally accepted accounting methods." And inserting "Tribe's policies and procedures and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles,"; and **Amending Section 27.3 (F)** by inserting "new"; and **Amending Section 27.4 (A) (1)** by deleting "revise and increase" and inserting "increase or decrease"; deleting "the tribal government operations and programs" and inserting "tribal economic development"; and **Amending Section 27.4 (D)** by inserting "renewable energy and energy efficiency projects"; and **Amending Section 27.5 (A) (1)** by deleting "revise and increase" and inserting "increase or decrease"; deleting "this percentage may be decreased, at the Council's discretion, after budget review, to fund any per capita payment authorized under Section 27.7 of this plan" and inserting "If it deems necessary, the Tribal Council may allocate a percentage of the general welfare to fund per capita payments authorized under Section 27.7 of this Plan"; and **Amending Section 27.6 (B)** by deleting "the tribal Council may show a preference to such charitable donation requests that benefit tribal members or native American/Indian people generally" and inserting "pursuant to the Tribal Council Donation Policy"; and **Amending Section 27.7 (A)** by deleting "60" and inserting "sixty"; inserting "The percentage allocation for total per capita payments shall not exceed the amount budgeted from gaming revenues for Tribal investments in the upcoming fiscal year; and **Amending 27.7 (A) (1)** by inserting "not" and inserting "prior to" and deleting "no later than"; deleting "subsequent" and inserting "upcoming"; deleting "The Tribal Council hereby reserves the right to amend this provision to provide for an alternative distribution schedule for per capita payment, if per capita payments are approved"; and **Amending Section 27.7 (A) (3)** by deleting "this" and inserting "the"; deleting "subsequent" and inserting "upcoming"; and **Amending Section 27.7 (B)** by inserting "calendar"; and **Amending Section 27.7 (B) (1)** by deleting "this" and inserting "the"; and **Amending Section 27.7 (F)** by deleting "Amounts" and inserting "Obligations"; inserting "In the event that the obligations of the tribal member are non-monetary then the tribal member's per capita payment will be withheld until the individual satisfies the obligation. If the individual has failed to comply with thirty (30) days, then the tribal member's per capita payment for that particular year will be returned to the Net Gaming Revenue's General Welfare Fund.

Examples include but are not limited to a tribal member refusing to vacate a tribal housing unit, failing to complete community service, etc. In addition to any other tribal remedies, the tribal member's per capita payment would be withheld. If the individual continued to fail to vacate or perform community service as required, then the tribal member's per capita payment would be turned to the Net Gaming Revenue General Welfare Fund." Seconded by Scott R. Vele. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO  
CHAPTER 21, FISH AND WILD-  
LIFE ORDINANCE-Bridget  
Swanke, Staff Attorney**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to post the Chapter 21, Fish and Wildlife Ordinance for 30 days. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**HEALTH ASSESSMENTS-Rene  
Montez, Employee Benefits As-  
sistant**

Motion by Joe Miller to first authorize Interactive Health Solutions to the risk assessment program again this year and it is not mandatory but it is encouraged, participation is not mandatory but it is encouraged. Seconded by Douglas William Huck.

**Roll Call:** Scott abstains, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRO-  
GRAM MANAGER/COUNSEL-  
OR-Gregg Duffek, Health Center  
Director**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go along with the Health Center Director's request to revise the Behavioral Health Program Manager Counselor position as presented. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

**BID APPROVAL FOR ARCHI-  
TECTURAL SERVICES-Gregg  
Duffek, Health Center Director**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go with the Director of Health.

Motion maker withdraws motion. Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the request of the Health and Wellness Center Director's request that the bid for architectural services for remodeling the lobby and registration project at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center be awarded to CWE, Inc at of 5707 Schofield Avenue Weston, Wisconsin and that the additional oversight of possible remodeling to the Occupational Health room might be utilized for future exam rooms for patients. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

**HEAD START GARAGE EXTEN-  
SION BIDS-Delores Meek, Head  
Start Manager**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to approve the contract with Arrowhead Builders to complete the Head Start extension and to utilize monies out of FY 2012 capital approved funds. Seconded by JoAnn

Schedler.

Motion maker amends to say: Approve the contract to Arrowhead Builders in the amount to not exceed a set amount. Second concurs.

**Roll Call:** Scott abstain, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe abstain. Motion carried.

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEET-  
ING MINUTES-Forestry Commit-  
tee Member**

Tabled, no committee member was present to present the minutes.

**SELECTION OF (3) FAMILY  
CENTER BOARD MEMBERS-**

Motion by Wallace A. Miller to appoint Seralee Jagemann, Misty Cook and Annette Schreiber to the Family Center Board. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

**Roll Call:** Scott no, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into executive session. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried at 6:35 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out executive session. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried at 7:37 PM.

While in executive session discussion was held on and audit report, gaming waiver applications, contract issue, escrow account issue and hiring recommendations.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution 035-12 for the President's signature which is a gaming waiver whereas the subject of this waiver request has demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation and presents fitness and is recommended by the Gaming Commission to approve resolution 035-12 which is for application 12.1.W. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve resolution 036-12 which is a waiver for applicant 12.2.W and as recommended by the Stockbridge-Munsee Gaming Commission and reviewed by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize the Interview Panel to negotiate salaries with the person selected for the H.R. Executive Director and for the Business Development Specialist. Seconded by Douglas William Huck. Motion carried.

Motion by Douglas William Huck to authorize the President to sign the letter regarding a ban to visiting Tribal Government buildings within the parameters discussed in executive session.

**Roll Call:** Scott abstain, JoAnn yes, Shannon yes, Wally yes, Doug yes and Joe yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Scott R. Vele to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 7:41 PM.

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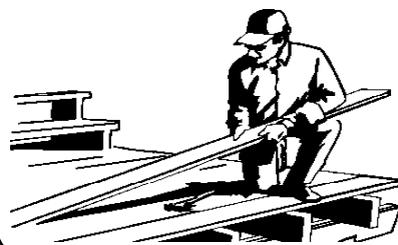
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