

### Medical Lab Tech

Brianna Westgor is a new Medical Laboratory Technician student at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center.

Brianna's duties will include processing patient samples and performing all other necessary tasks as required in the lab.

Her parents are Kevin and Karla Westgor of Pulaski and a younger Brother named Brock.

Brianna is studying to become a Medical Laboratory Technician at Rasmussen College where she will obtain her Associates Degree upon graduation.

She is currently employed by ThedaCare as a Patient Service Representative. Brianna hopes to stay with ThedaCare, working in the lab setting, in the future



### Pictures of Success Brian Wadzinski, Ph.D.

By Schyler Martin – Contributing Reporter

Dr. Brian Wadzinski was born in Appleton, Wisconsin and is an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans. He currently resides in Franklin, Tennessee with his wife, Claudia and three children; Tyler, Keaton, and Austin and tries to visit his parents; Ivan and Loa Wadzinski and extended family on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation at least once a year when his schedule permits. He attributes his success in life to the loving support and encouragement of his wonderful family.

Dr. Wadzinski is an Associate Professor of Pharmacology at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center located in Nashville, Tennessee. His current research is being conducted in the Wadzinski Laboratory and is concentrated on the study of cellular protein serine/threonine phosphatases (PP's). This research has led to Brian being involved with over one hundred different abstracts and publications in journals such as Science, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Genes and Development, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the Journal of Neuroscience, and many others.

Dr. Wadzinski attended the Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for his high school education and the University of Wisconsin- Madison for his undergraduate education in Biochemistry and Chemistry. Dr. Wadzinski earned his doctoral degree in pharmacology at the

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## Uncovering the Diversity of Civil War History and Heritage

By Sarah Steele Wilson for The Hopewell News and News Patriot. Although it's been almost 150 years since the Civil War tore through this area, new information about the men who fought and died for here is still emerging.

"There's so much information from the Civil War that you're still uncovering these stories and finding more information," said Jo Ann Schedler, of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans of Wisconsin, whose story is proof of that statement.

Park Service staff at Petersburg only recently discovered that some of the Union dead buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery and City Point National Cemetery were Native Americans,

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(Photo by Sarah Steele Wilson) Park Service historian Jimmy Blankenship and Jo Ann Schedler discuss the history of Petersburg National Battlefield near the site where her ancestor, Levi

### Mohican Vets Princess

The Mohican Veterans have created a new position, "Mohican Veterans Princess" for the Annual Powwow to reign until next year's Annual Powwow. If you would like to be an applicant and reign as Princess please submit your name, address and phone number to Roger E. Miller, P.O. Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416 no later than

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### AFLAC Show Car at North Star

The AFLAC Show Car has a 360 cubic inch motor that puts out over 850horsepower! The car was blasting the air waves at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort! This 195 MPH racing machine was on display outside the front entrance of the Casino on Saturday, July 7.

According to AFLAC representative Trilby McIntosh (pictured) the process for scheduling the car was via application and has been in the works for the past year. Trilby McIntosh said, "I am especially excited that the Stockbridge Munsee Community and North

Star Mohican Casino Resort were selected by Aflac to have a visit by the Aflac race car!"

Trilby McIntosh added that the Wisconsin Regional Director, Steve Speichinger and District Manager, Ryan Krueger were both instrumental in helping schedule the race car for this area. She ended by saying, "I really appreciate the gracious hospitality and cooperation I received from Marketing Director Dave J. Shubinski, Promotions Manager Rob Miller and various staff during our visit."

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## Many Thanks from Head Start

Hi. My name is Julie Schultz. The people may remember me as Julie Boucher (or Crowe, depending on how far we go back). My first experience with S-M Head Start was in March 2003, being a parent volunteer in my youngest son's classroom. Within a short time, I was recruited as a Lead Teacher, and stayed until August 2004, when I began working at UW Oshkosh Head Start (Shawano Center). In the many years I worked with Head Start, I gained a great deal of experience in family and child development with various roles as classroom teacher, family support and resource referral, community partnerships, home visitation, and day care collaborations.

Life has come full circle, and I am back at Stockbridge-Munsee Head Start. As Parent, Family & Community Engagement Manager since December 2011, my role involves providing families the support and encouragement they need to achieve a "head start" in their children's preschool years. Being in the field of education for so many years has taught me some very important things about children and families. First—the foundation for learning is set very early in life, in a child's first five years. Second—relationships with adults during those early

years set the course for future development. And third—families, however they define themselves, need encouragement and support from their community so they can achieve their own goals and provide a safe and nurturing environment for their very young children.

That is why, on behalf of Head Start, I would like to give thanks for the many people in our community who took time out of their busy schedules to be present last month at our end-of-the-year celebration and graduation. The children and families had a very enjoyable time celebrating their accomplishments, and their extended family gathered to support them in their efforts. It is very clear to me that the Stockbridge-Munsee community places great value on one of this nation's greatest human resources, the young child.

In particular, many thanks go out to Joe Miller (Tribal Council member) for being the grill master for some 130 attendees; Jeff Vele (Mohican News) for his photography skills in getting shots of the Head Start children; Mr. Bingo and his crew for preparing the Mohican Many Trails Park for our event; and the Parent Committee for their decision-making and footwork that made the event such a success;

and the commitment of staff who did "whatever it takes" to serve the families. Last but not least, a huge thank you goes out to all the families of Head Start—for your trust and partnership in Head Start, for providing the care and

love, the attention and the discipline, the support of early learning and development that our children need. I look forward to this fall, to connecting and reconnecting with families as a partner in education.

## National Night Out 2012

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Please join us for activities and a fun walk at dusk!

**At the Housing Office N8618 Oak St.**

**Starting 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

Snacks and Water!

Meet and Greet with our Local Police Officers!

Come make a Crime/Drug Prevention Poster to carry on the walk!

Poster Contest 7-18 yr olds

Coloring Contest 3-6 yr olds

Walk to begin at dusk! We will have glow-sticks for walkers! We will be going around the big block in the Housing!

"National Night Out" is a nation wide event sponsored by National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and this year is the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual event. Last year over 37 million people participated! This is a unique crime/drug prevention event that is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participation in local anit-crime programs; improve police/community partnerships, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit.

Any questions please call Housing at 715-793-4219!

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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## Food Handlers Training Schedule for 2012

DATE	TIME	LOCATON
Thursday Aug 9	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	S-M Health & Wellness Center
Friday Aug 10	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness Center
Wednesday Oct 17	10 a.m. to Noon	S-M Health & Wellness Center

Per Tribal Code, Food Handler's Training and a Food Sales Permit is a requirement prior to selling food products within the Stockbridge Munsee Community. Food Handler's training is made available six different times a year. Training is for anyone interested in safe food handling or planning to work a future food sale. This requirement does not apply to pot lucks or other events where food products are not being sold.

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

### Court Closed

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court and staff will be leaving for training in Prior Lake Minnesota on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to be trained on Juvenile Justice issues in Indian Communities with emphasis on Juvenile delinquency, gang activity among tribal youth, prescription drug abuse by juvenile offenders, protecting the rights of juvenile offenders in tribal communities, child protection issues, how the TLOA affects juvenile offenders, transferring juvenile offenders to

adult courts, juvenile sex offenders and other issues.

The court will be closing on August 15, for half a day and the 16, 17<sup>th</sup>, entirely. Any filing or case deadlines that must be met by ordinance will have to be brought in to the Clerk's office no later than noon on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2012. Staff will be back in their office on Monday, August 20, 2012 to attend to your need.

Thank you,  
Wayne J. Malone Sr.  
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court

### Native American Poetry Slam

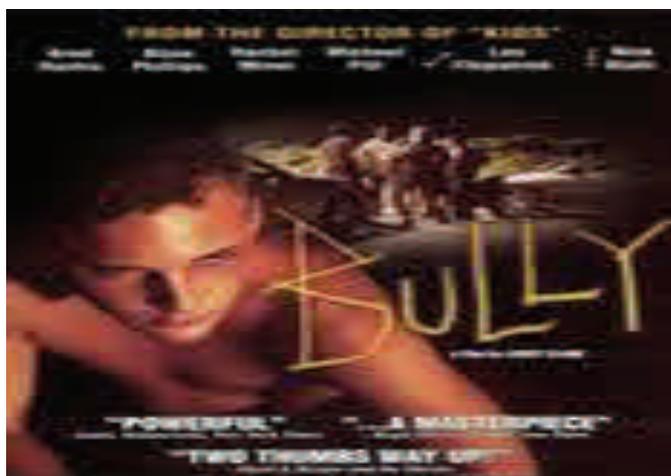
Please take note of the upcoming national Native American writers and storytellers conference coming up in Sept. 5-9th, 2012, in Milwaukee, WI. The schedule includes a Native American Poetry Slam. There is a \$400 prize in the Poetry Slam

You are welcome to attend this conference. Please pass along to this info to Native American writers and educators including exceptional student writers.

For more information: <http://yukhika-latuhse.org/>

## Sunday July 29, 2012

# 10:00 AM SHOWING



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After School & Teen Prevention Program Sponsored Event

#715-793-4085 Please speak to Linda or Tonya.

We pay for admission which includes :

Complimentary size drink and popcorn

We will meet you there, youth must be accompanied by an adult.

*"Let's Go To The Movies!" ~ Shawano Cinema*



Wilderness Lutheran Church  
presents

## "Wilderness Gone Wild"

at

## The Hatchery

(at the end of Boehm's road)

**Who:** Intergenerational - ADULTS AND YOUTH;  
**INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

**What:** A Cultural and Spiritual program filled with fun for everyone!

**When:** Beginning at 10:00a.m. on Friday, August 17th, and Ending at 6:30p.m. on Saturday, August 18th

**Where:** The Hatchery (located down Boehm's Road)

**Why:** *Wilderness Gone Wild* is a program designed to enhance the spiritual connectedness between the participants and creation. This program also highlights our call to be followers of Jesus.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OVER THE AGE OF 18.**

Participants will have an opportunity to camp out overnight at The Hatchery. And, if you prefer not to camp overnight, you may join us for the Friday activities and return on Saturday for additional fun and learning.

Registration by August 13th is required so that we may provide enough food and goodies for everyone! You may call the Church Office for registration or e-mail Melinda at [wildrnss@frontiernet.net](mailto:wildrnss@frontiernet.net).

### POTLUCK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH 5:00p.m.  
at THE HATCHERY**

Meat, table service and drinks will be provided; please bring a dish to pass.

This program is made possible by a grant from the American Indian and Alaska Native Ministries of the ELCA and our partner congregation, Grace Lutheran Church in Green Bay.



**CORRECTION (This information was inadvertently omitted from the 07-03-12 Directives):**

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: M&I Funds and Dental Department-Gregg Duffek, Director of Health Services**

Motion by Douglas William Huck to approve budget modification #1 for clinic Building and Safety carryover funds as presented by Gregg Duffek. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of Gregg W. Duffek, Director of Health Services of the modification to move funds to complete automated appointments reminder system to reduce no shows, and to expedite electronic Dental Records capability to allow us to reach meaningful use of records and gain incentive payments from Medicare and Medicaid. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

# Elder Wisdom

## What happens when you can't pay your medical bills?



By Jason Alderman

It's no secret that health care costs have been spiraling out of control for years. To fight back, your best bet is to be a well-informed consumer: Know the true costs of medical procedures, supplies and medications so you can bargain effectively; carefully anticipate and track medical expenses; and stay on top of your bills.

But sometimes, even when you follow the rules you still can get burned. I've heard many appalling stories about people – even those with comprehensive insurance – who have been denied benefits, over-charged, sent to collections or even forced to file for bankruptcy because they couldn't pay their medical bills.

Here are a few coping strategies: Carefully review each doctor, lab or hospital bill and match it against the Explanation of Benefits statement that shows how much they were reimbursed by the insurance company. Also, watch for items that may have been charged to you by mistake such as:

- Medications, supplies, treatments or meals you didn't receive while hospitalized or getting an outpatient procedure.
- Duplicate charges for a single procedure (such as x-rays, MRIs and lab work), including those that had to be redone due to a technician's error.
- Charges for a full day's hospitalization when you checked out early; or private room rates when you shared a suite.

The summary hospital bill you were sent probably doesn't contain many details, so ask for an itemized bill along with a

copy of your medical chart and a pharmacy ledger showing which drugs you were given during your stay.

If you're having difficulty paying a medical bill, don't simply ignore it. Like any creditor, doctors and hospitals often turn unpaid bills over to collection agencies, which will wreak havoc with your credit score. Contact creditors as soon as possible, explain your situation and ask them to set up an installment payment plan or work out a reduced rate.

Many people with no insurance discover that they're often charged much higher rates than those negotiated by insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid. Don't be afraid to ask for those lower rates and to work out a repayment plan – just be sure to get the agreement in writing. Most doctors and hospitals would rather accept reduced payments than have to deal with collection agencies and possibly no reimbursement at all.

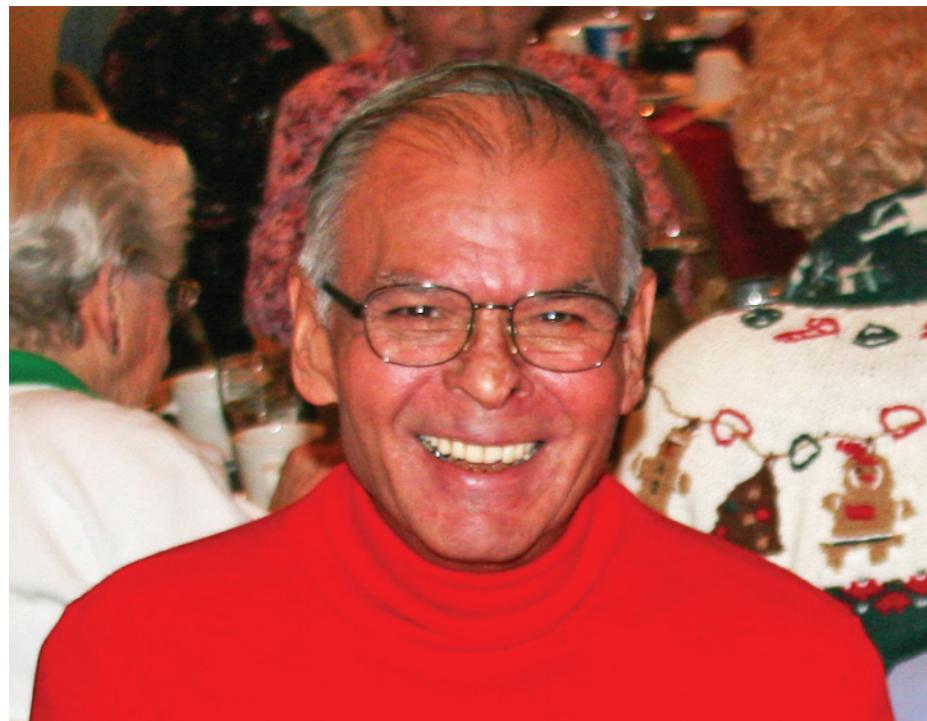
Ask the hospital's patient liaison to review your case and see whether you qualify for financial assistance from the government, a charitable organization or the hospital itself. Most will forgive some or all bills for people whose income falls below certain amounts tied to federal poverty levels. Also pursue this avenue with your doctor or other provider – ideally before they've begun collections.

A few additional cost-savings tips:

- Ask whether your employer offers flexible spending accounts, which let you pay for eligible out-of-pocket health care and/or dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis.
- Use online price-comparison services like Healthcare Blue Book and OutofPocket.com to research going rates for a variety of medical services.
- Unless it's a true emergency, try to avoid emergency rooms and use an urgent care network facility affiliated with your insurance company or ask your doctor for recommendations.

Bottom line: Know what health services cost and don't be afraid to negotiate. You'll haggle over the price of a car – why not your health?

# On the Trail Home



### Sherman L. Miller

Sherman L. Miller, age 78 of Bowler, passed away Monday, July 9, 2012 in Wausau. Born on July 4, 1934 in Morgan Siding, he was the son of the late Robert and Priscilla (Tousey) Miller. Sherman worked as a Consultant with the Department of Transportation for the State of Wisconsin. He was also a Consultant with Project Phoenix. On May 26, 1956 he was united in marriage to Marilyn Pirwitz in Milwaukee. Sherman was a member of the Stockbridge Bible Church. He was very active in his community and served on a committee for the elderly. Sherman loved spending time with his family and nature.

Sherman is survived by: his wife of 56 years, Marilyn; a daughter, Diane Mattingly; 2 sons, Mark (Thelia) Miller, Jeffrey (Mary) Miller; 9 grandchildren, Jamie, Jared, Zachary, Joshua, Jazen,

Ian, Elizabeth, Jeffrey II, Kristal; 4 great-grandchildren, Gavin, Nolan, Aiden, Cain; and 4 siblings, Ila Jean (Earl) Pomroy, Valerie Elmergreen, Robert (Brenda) Miller, Jr. and Albert Miller.

Sherman was preceded in death by: a granddaughter, Hannah; his parents; a sister, Darlene Dworschak; 2 brothers-in-law, Simon Dworschak, Michael Elmergreen; and a sister-in-law, Pat Miller.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 13, 2012 at the Stockbridge Bible Church, Morgan Siding with the Rev. Ernie Geeting officiating. Burial is in the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Cemetery in the Town of Red Springs. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano is assisting the family with the arrangements. [www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

## SERVING WOUNDED WARRIORS AND THE SURVIVORS OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

Distributed By Ken Hess - Soc. Sec. Public Affairs Specialist

It's an American tradition to pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces each Memorial Day — especially honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. If you are a military service member who was wounded and needs to apply for disability benefits, it's important to know that you will receive expedited processing. Our wounded warriors initiative is for military service members who become disabled while on active duty on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurred. Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel, including

dependent children and, in some cases, spouses, may be able to receive benefits. Learn more about it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

To learn more about the Social Security benefits for those who have served in the military, read our publication, Military Service and Social Security. You can find it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html), or send us an email at [OPI.Net.Post@ssa.gov](mailto:OPI.Net.Post@ssa.gov), or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to ask for a free copy to be mailed to you.

If the person you depended on for income has died, you should apply for survivors benefits. Learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm).

# Rambling through history...

## ...with Dot Davids



### IT'S A MATTER OF ...

Or maybe it doesn't matter ... Just a thought! I have been watching out my window for that promised rainfall. It always seems to be tomorrow ... but tomorrow never seems to come. The leaves on the cornfields appear to be somewhat shriveled, the mud puddles are dry and the dust is abundant. It reminds me of the days back in the 1930s when Pa, filled with hope, was always watching the sky. Hope remained alive, at least in Wisconsin, and finally, I suppose, it rained. Today, in 2012, the temperatures have been sweltering and heat advisories have been issued for several counties. I see a cloud ... These have been sad days in our community with two funerals in one day for tribal members Carolyn "Sis" Collins and Sherman Miller. Both lived part of their lives away from the Reservation and both (like so many others) returned home later in their lives. Community members shared family sadness at both the visitations and the funerals.\*\*\*

And then on the other hand, we learned that a young friend of ours by the name of Skye had experienced a successful "vision quest." This is a very important time for a young man, for among many tribal cultures it is a time when a young boy receives a spiritual message that he has a special calling, a special responsibility, for his life. It doesn't mean that he becomes someone else but that he learns more about his "self." (I'm just assuming that is so from some of the Sweat Lodges I have participated in my younger life and some of the things I have read.)

We have known Skye since he was a young child. In fact, we sort of adopted him as a "grand" son. It was quite natural that we be invited to a feast and "giveaway" to celebrate Skye's

successful vision quest and rites of passage. The event is time when a young "man" honors his friends and family. We felt greatly honored by this "young man." By the way, my gift is a beautiful "Indian" blanket.

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Both of these events, the funerals and the honoring, have brought many thoughts (memories) to mind. Funerals are sort of family re-unions and also family separations that require many decisions. They are sad, but they also are an opportunity to celebrate a person's life with family stories ... some loving, some humorous, some sad. How did the loved one prefer to be buried? What clothes, if any, should they wear? Who should be honored by being pall-bearers? Where will lunch be served after the service? It seems funerals bring families a little closer even when they have lost a loved one ... but one who will remain with them in Spirit.

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And what will we do with all these things they left behind? I remember when Aunt Wildie was about the age I am now, she used to go through the bureau drawers and straighten the sheets. If one admired something, she immediately gave it to them. Her photos and personal letters were piled neatly on a shelf. (We discovered that a later occupant had simply thrown many of these items out in the yard.) Bernice and I salvaged historical items for the Library Museum. Come to think of it, several years ago I had nieces and nephews identify some of my "belongings" that they wanted when I was "gone." I wonder where that list is?

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I wish I understood computers, laptops or whatever you might want to call them. Mine reminds me somewhat of my pet cats, Teeno and Baker. Both Teeno and Baker are over twenty-one years old. We have had them since they were babies, perhaps two years old, and they have us completely trained. Teeno is always hungry. She follows us around until we go into the kitchen, then she stands by her "cat bowl" and waits. Now, we never know what she is waiting for. Perhaps it is some hard cat food, perhaps it is some canned tuna, the kind we used in tuna salad. Sometimes it's just a sip of milk. Of course, we have to

try a variety of foods until Teeno finally decides to eat. My computer refuses to go "on line" and receive or send mail. When I get expert help, they say, "Just push this." Then everything works until they leave.

Baker barks a "Meow" and then runs to the tabletop where he sits and waits. Baker also stands by the door and yowls when he wants to go outside. I suppose these, like my lap-top, are adopted kids for which I have pledged some responsibility.

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I became so rapt up in the last paragraph that I didn't look out

the window. Wow! The wind and rain were thrashing on my window pane; the trees were doing a wild windstorm dance. I discovered that the rain barrel is full and running over but a light sky is looming on the horizon. I imagine the cornfields are happy though they may have taken sort of a beating.

By the way niece, Merry Wall, if you are reading this, you owe me a letter. Merry lives in Tennessee/North Carolina area where they have had extreme weather. It is also an area where my fund-raising mail says many people do not get enough to eat.

### NCAI Praises Passage of HEARTH Act Tribal Self-Determination in Land Leasing Bill Passes House and Senate Unanimously; President Obama to Sign Legislation

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday July 17 the Senate passed by unanimous consent, H.R. 205, the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act. The bill, considered critical to tribal self-determination related to leasing tribal lands and economic development, passed the House of Representatives in May, and is expected to be signed by the President in the near future. A copy of the legislation is found [here](#).

The HEARTH Act authorizes surface leasing of tribal lands without needing to obtain direct approval from the Secretary of the Interior. Instead, tribal leases can be approved by the tribe under tribal leasing regulations. The new law will enable tribes to move much more quickly on leasing and economic development, while maintaining the Secretary's responsibility to oversee trust lands.

"The HEARTH Act had strong bipartisan support. It's unanimous passage demonstrates that Congress can make progress on important legislation for Indian Country to help create jobs and improve the economy," said Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). "This

new law will speed housing and other development on tribal lands because we can do it ourselves under tribal government regulations. NCAI is very appreciative of Representative Heinrich and Senator Barrasso for taking the lead introducing the HEARTH Act in the House and Senate. We also appreciate the strong support from the Administration. Working together with the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) and many tribal leaders, the bill passed with unanimous support in both the House and Senate, such incredible support and many sponsors on both sides of the aisle."

About The National Congress of American Indians: Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of tribal governments and communities, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights. For more information visit [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)

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 on Facebook!

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fighting both for the United States and the Native American nations that claimed them. Schedler's ancestor, Levi Konkapot, was amongst that group.

So was John B. Coyhis, whose direct descendent Brian Coyhis, also of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicans of Wisconsin, just learned for the first time that his ancestor was a Civil War soldier who died and was buried in Petersburg.



(Photo by Sarah Steele Wilson)

*Jo Ann Schedler poses with a canon near the site where her ancestor Levi Konkapot was killed during General Grant's initial assault on the City of Petersburg.*

At the end of June, Schedler visited Petersburg to see the graves of the two men from her tribe who both died near Petersburg, Konkapot on the second day of Union General Ulysses S. Grant's assault on the city and Coyhis on the final day of the siege, when the Union Army broke through Confederate lines.

The Battlefield is preparing to restore the headstones at Poplar Grove National Cemetery to match the original, upright Civil War design. The stones at Poplar Grove were cut off and laid flat in the 1930s. The presence of Native American graves at the sight requires a nation to

consultation between the Battlefield and the descendants of the Native American men buried here under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

"From a family standpoint, it's pretty interesting because our father fought in World War II, his brother was a Vietnam veteran and I have two kids who were in the Marine Corps, one who fought in Iraq," Coyhis said of discovering his Civil War heritage. "It's interesting to think that it may be a family legacy, I suppose."

Konkapot may have passed along a similar legacy, since Schedler is a veteran herself and her grandson is currently serving in the Army

Historically, Native Americans have had the highest record of military service per capita of ethnic groups within the United States, even though they were not granted citizenship until 1924.

Schedler said she hopes that Coyhis' descendants and other veterans from her tribe will

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University of Wisconsin- Madison in 1989. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Division of Basic Sciences at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Wadzinski's professional experiences have included being a research assistant in the Physiology Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate Student in the Pharmacology Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He has also been invited to lecture at many institutions, including Duke University, the Max-Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics in Berlin, Germany, Purdue University, Northwestern University Medical Center, and many others.

Dr. Wadzinski's professional affiliations include Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB), American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He also sits on numerous committees, including several graduate student thesis committees, as well as performing several peer review activities.

Dr. Wadzinski's awards and honors include an Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (1985-1989) while

be able to visit the Battlefield in November to participate in the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at Poplar Grove. Coyhis said he would like to attend if he can find the time.

He said he is hoping that the tribe will be able to acquire the original grave stone the Park Service will be replacing for display in the tribal museum in Wisconsin.

In the meantime, he has seen a photograph of Coyhis' grave that Schedler took back to the family.

"We visited him yesterday and took a picture of where the headstone is," Schedler said while visiting the area. "We put some tobacco down, because I don't know if anyone else has ever visited him. We put the Grand Army of the Republic flag holders up. We put the American flag on his right and we put our tribal flag on his left."

The tobacco is a prayer of remembrance, something Schedler is trying to offer for all of the veterans from her tribe.

For Petersburg National Battlefield Superintendent Lewis

at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School, National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for Minorities, Faculty Development Award from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation, and the Vanderbilt University Medical Center- Department of Pharmacology Teaching Award.

Dr. Wadzinski realized during his freshman year of high school if he applied himself, achieving good grades was not impossible. He found a love for chemistry, which he accredits to having a good instructor and his father who is a retired chemistry teacher. He says some of the English courses were his least favorite. His first year of undergraduate studies turned out to be a little different, however. He took three courses during his first semester and was horrified to discover he did not do well on the first round of exams. After recovering from this early disappointment Dr. Wadzinski persevered and accomplished what he set out to do.

Not really knowing exactly what he wanted for a career, Dr. Wadzinski began working as a research assistant in the physiology department. Towards the end of his undergraduate studies the lab advisor suggested he consider continuing his education in graduate school. Once again Dr. Wadzinski proved he could do well and after earning his doctorate, he was offered an opportunity to participate in a Post-Doctoral Fellowship. According to Dr. Wadzinski, students need perseverance to succeed in higher education and especially graduate

Rogers, the more different participants in the siege of Petersburg his staff learns about, the better. He thinks it will capture more people's interest if they can see themselves in the history. "The more and more we learn about [the Civil War] the more we find out there were a lot of different people involved," he said.

Coyhis said he was glad to see the contributions of all the men and women who have risked their lives for the country honored. "We're thankful that the sacrifices that all Americans have made are not being forgotten," he said.

Rogers said that he wants the descendants of the Native American men buried here to participate in the Veterans Day event and hopes to place more signs in the park detailing the contributions of groups including African and Native Americans.

The site of the Battle of the Crater is at the top of his list for such signs. "There's a lot of really neat stories that come out of that area," he said." (Repinted with permission of www.hopewellnews.com).

school. Successful experiments are not always guaranteed and may require several attempts before they work out. Dr. Wadzinski says, "It is like a ray of sunshine when the experiment finally works out."

Dr. Wadzinski believes reaching out to students, as early as middle school, can help foster a love of science. He suggests offering students opportunities to work in a lab or shadow a scientist can allow the student to discover if a career in science is really for them. Programs, such as the Vanderbilt Summer Academy, offer students a chance to leave home and try performing research in a working laboratory. One particular student who participated in this program was also asked to participate in a mock interview session. When the student finished her interview with mentioning her summer lab experience, the interviewer informed her that she should have mentioned this experience first, because it demonstrates she has lab experience and that is what an employer would want to know.

One of the challenges Dr. Wadzinski believes is hampering science research today is funding for research projects. Over the years, especially during the recent economic downturn, acquiring funds has become more competitive. Most funds are tied to the researcher's publications. In the past only the top twenty percent would be considered for funding. Nowadays only the top eight percent receive consideration. Dr. Wadzinski says this lack of funding has caused many skilled researchers and labs to move to other countries where funding scientific research is of a higher priority. He suggests communicating the importance of scientific research to Congress and the general public may be the key to overcoming this challenge. Scientists have not always done well with effectively communicating the importance of what Dr. Wadzinski calls "pure research" in terms the general public can understand and embrace.

Dr. Wadzinski is a perfect example of how Native Americans can succeed in the field of science. His hard work and perseverance have helped him to succeed in an area that many Native American males believe is beyond their reach. His participation with groups such as SACNAS, AAAS, as well as the Vanderbilt Summer Academy demonstrates his commitment to encouraging more participation and providing more opportunities to Native American students across the country. Dr. Wadzinski strongly believes diversity helps make the scientific research performed today even more valuable for everyone and will help lead to discoveries that will change the world.

## Newly Updated Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease Program Now Offered in Bowler

**[Bowler, WI] – July 30, 2012 –** Do you want relief from arthritis pain or just want to be more active? Starting Monday, August 13, Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center will offer the Arthritis Foundation *Walk With Ease* class which will teach participants how to safely make physical activity part of their everyday life. The evidence-based program is designed for people with or without arthritis – young and old, male and female, fit and not-so-fit. Based on research and tested programs in exercise science, behavior change and arthritis management, *Walk With Ease* is shown to:

- Increase balance, strength, & walking pace
- Reduce pain and discomfort of arthritis
- Improve overall health
- Build confidence to be physically active

*Walk With Ease* is a structured walking program that offers support, information and tools to help participants develop successful exercise routines. The class will be taught by Seralee Jagemann and Julie Casper, certified *Walk With Ease* Leaders. During the program, participants will learn proper stretching and pain management techniques, as well as build stamina and walking pace. The program can even be modified to meet the needs of individual participants so that each person can develop an exercise routine that fits their unique goals. Alison Eschweiler of the Arthritis Foundation, Upper Midwest Region, Wisconsin Chapter said, "Walking can also help manage weight which can reduce one's risk for arthritis in the knee, heart disease and diabetes. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you will most likely have success with *Walk With Ease*."

The *Walk With Ease* program will be offered from Monday, August 13 through Thursday, September 21 at the Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center located at N8651 Maplewood Street in Bowler. Classes will meet every Monday and Thursday from 10:00am – 11:00am for 6 weeks. The class will be offered for FREE and includes a *Walk With Ease* book, incentives, and the 6-week class! For more information or to register before Friday, August 10, please contact Seralee Jagemann at (715) 793-5064 or Julie Casper at (715) 793-5013.

**Take Control, One Step at a Time Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease Class Offered at Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center**

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**Editor's Note: See flyer on page 11 of this issue of the Mohican News).**



## Well child care at the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center

Many employers have eliminated well child visits as a benefit of the health insurance that they provide for their employees. Fortunately, all children who are members of the Stockbridge Munsee band of the Mohicans can be seen for a well child visit free of charge at the Health and Wellness Center, and we love doing it!

Everyone who owns a car knows that they need to change the oil on a regular basis or have someone else do it. Why not provide your children with the same benefit, a regular tune-up? All of the providers at the Health and Wellness Center are parents or grandparents and we all received training in well child care as part of our training as a nurse practitioner or as family practice specialists. I would much rather first meet a child during a fun well child visit than when they are already sick and fearful about seeing a new doctor.

We suggest seeing your child at 2 weeks of age, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 24 months, and then annually thereafter. Besides asking questions about your child's growth and development that are appropriate for their age at every visit, we have printed patient education material about everything from ear infections to diaper rashes. Ask about any issues that concerns you and we will provide information about the condition and if the condition is unusual or more complex, we will involve the appropriate specialists in your care too.

Sports physicals are also an important way to help provide well child care. The sports physical visit is often the only time that a child is seen by their provider. In addition to making sure that your child can safely compete in competitive sports, it also provides a great chance to review any changes in their health since their last visit and also provide information about disease detection and prevention.

### What's new in well child care?

Unfortunately, obesity is occurring in unprecedented numbers among our children. One new idea that

was first developed by the Maine Public Health Department and is now being promoted by all the members of the Minnesota Academy of Pediatrics is the 5,2,1,0 system.

5-the number of servings of fruits and vegetables that a child should eat every day; which leads to eating less the junk foods that makes it hard to control weight gain

2-hours of "screen time", TV plus computers plus all electric gaming per day

1-hour of outside exercise, something that is fun that makes the child sweat, every day

0-sodas or sugary sports drinks per day

All our children who are struggling with gaining weight too fast should try to follow the 5,2,1,0. We will be asking about this the next time that we see them.

Screening for high cholesterol; We used to screen only children that were severely obese or had a strong family history of high cholesterol but we have been missing a lot of children with high cholesterol this way. The new recommendation by the American Academies of Family Practice and Pediatrics is for every child who is 9-11 years old to have cholesterol testing once. Children who are already older than 11 who haven't ever had the test should also have it done. Why is this important? Because a child with a cholesterol above 200 has 5 times the risk of having a heart attack in the next 40 years vs. a child with a cholesterol of less than 172 now.

It is very rare for a child who is 9 year of age or older to need medication for high cholesterol, but starting to correct bad diet and exercise habits and control their weight now will hopefully prevent most of those heart attacks.

Please let us know if you have any questions about well child care at the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center. Come see us and let us help your children grow in a healthy way!

## Need Help Getting Women's Health Checkups?

The Wisconsin Well Women Program pays for mammograms, pap tests and certain other screening exams. You may be eligible for services AT NO COST TO YOU IF: You are a women ages 45-64; You have little or no health insurance; Your annual

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# 36th Annual Mohican Pow Wow

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Invited Drums: Eagle Singers; Wind Eagle; Wolf River Singers; Sawanohsaeh

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1st place \$250.00 2nd place \$150.00 3rd place \$50.00

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Grand Entry Friday 7pm Saturday 1pm & 7pm Sunday Noon

Fry Bread Contest Sunday at 4pm prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd - Anyone welcome to join

Bubble gum contest 12 and under Sunday at 1:30



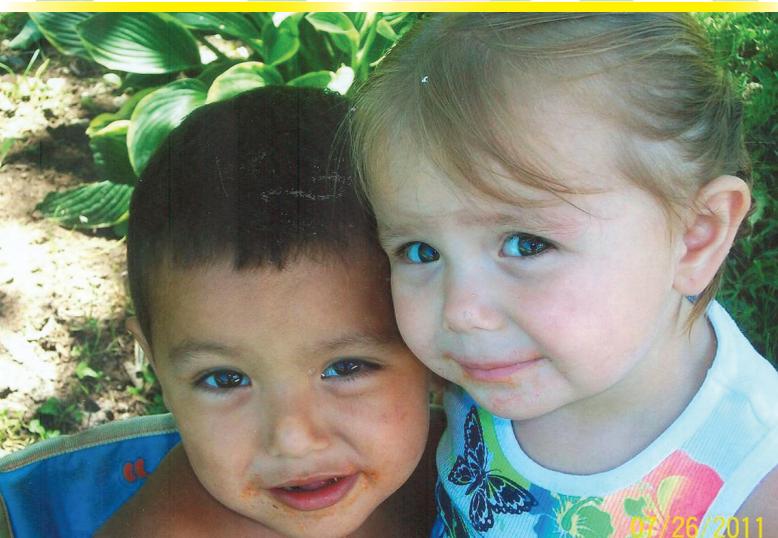
*Mohican Veterans carry in the Colors at the annual Bowler School Pow wow held each year at the school.*



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Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to my Princess Girl  
Kayliahna E. Brulette  
Love and Miss You Always, Mama

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5 Generations with Grandma Johnson. In order (above) from left to right; Great Grandmother Verna Johnson Miller, Great Great Grandmother Virginia Johnson, Grandmother Verna (Miss B) Micik, father Mitchell Micik, mother Whitney Huffman and daughter Amara Michele Micik (being held by Miss B). Born in Shawano to Mitchell Micik and Whitney Huffman on June 15, 2012, 9lbs. 1oz, 20 1/2 inches.





# Community

## Profile of a Native American Science Educator: Ms. Alpha Creapeau

Lucille Martin, QEM Network Intern



I chose to research and interview Alpha Creapeau because, like me, she is enrolled in the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Nations and is a direct descendent of the Menominee Nation.

Ms. Creapeau has done a lot for our tribe and for the community during her more than 20 years as an educator. She also has shown a great deal of leadership not only within the Stockbridge Munsee tribe, but also within the College of Menominee Nation (CMN).

I have known her my whole life, and she definitely has been an inspiration. She is one of the most helpful people I know. She does whatever she can to help students achieve their dreams. She always is willing to talk to you when you need her, be it is about homework or if someone is simply stressed out. She is more than a mentor or a teacher. She befriends her students and checks on them to make sure they are doing well. I am writing this in hopes that Ms Creapeau's story will inspire others the way it has inspired me.

Ms. Creapeau began her career at CMN in 2006 as the Developmental and Preparatory Program Director. In 2011, Ms. Creapeau transferred to the Teacher Education Department, where she is now Chair. She also works with the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teachers of Education Excellence Projects (STEEP) students, is an instructor in the CMN Math and Science Divisions, and teaches upper-division method courses for student teachers.

Ms. Creapeau also is a member of the Stockbridge Munsee Education Board, where she oversees the tribe's education programs from Head Start to graduate school. She serves on the Stockbridge Munsee Fish and Wildlife Board as

well, overseeing the conservation and protection of the tribe's natural resources.

Ms. Creapeau is pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Native American Education and Curricula at North Central University. She already has earned a Master's of Science Education with an emphasis in Environmental Science from St. Norbert College, a Master's of Science in Management and Organization Behavior from Silver Lake College, and a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Native American Studies from St. Norbert College.

Prior to working at CMN, Ms. Creapeau taught middle school science at the Menominee Tribal School for 13 years. She said she was drawn to STEM because she enjoyed seeing children begin to understand that math and science are linked. While still working as a middle school science teacher, she wrote her own curriculum, based on Menominee culture and infused it with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) standards.

Ms. Creapeau has worked her entire career to improve Native American students' performance and participation in STEM, and she takes great pride when they succeed. She has also sought out opportunities to enhance her leadership skills and professional development to better serve her students. Aside from teaching, she developed the STEM Scholars Program at CMN for struggling students. Every summer she helps out with STEM training for students, faculty, and community members. Between August 2006 and August 2007,

Ms. Creapeau participated in the QEM Leadership Development Institute (LDI) for faculty from tribal colleges or universities (TCUs). The LDI prepared her to take a leadership role in designing, promoting, and managing new STEM projects at the College of Menominee Nation. The institute also provided an opportunity for her to network with educators from different colleges. The main goal from attending LDI was to increase the numbers of students who are pursuing STEM degrees.

Ms. Creapeau grew up in

Wisconsin. As a child, education was not her first career choice. In middle school, she wanted to be a professional baseball player. However, she always wanted to go to college. She was fortunate to participate in a special program for increasing the number of Native American teachers when she entered college. That was the moment she knew she wanted to become a teacher. Although she did not become a professional baseball player, she spent ten years as a middle school sports coach.

Because of her experiences, Ms. Creapeau has a lot of wisdom to share with students who are interested in STEM and knowledge about what can be done to improve STEM education for the Native American community and increase Native American involvement in STEM. During the recent interview I conducted with her, Ms. Creapeau suggested that educators start with younger kids. Teachers should be trained to teach children that science and mathematics can be fun.

Native American students need to be told they will succeed. She said she would have loved to take part in an internship during her undergraduate years, but she had three children and a husband. "I took a long and winding path to get where I am today." Despite that, she has great success in STEM education.

She said her only regret was not starting her education earlier. She recommended that students continue to pursue their education before life becomes filled with too many other responsibilities. Ms. Creapeau also had advice for Native American students who are considering a career in education. She said that teaching will not provide them with a lot of money, but the rewards are far more precious than being rich.

I am interested in becoming an elementary school teacher. I feel fortunate to have met Ms. Creapeau because she has had a long career in the same field I hope to go into. I am a STEEP student, and, therefore, have had Ms. Creapeau as a mentor and advisor for the past year. It is a pleasure getting to work with her every day because of her knowledge and experience. She has advised me about my education and inspired me since we first met. I am most inspired by her pursuit of a doctoral degree.

It makes me believe that I will be able to work on mine one day, too. I am glad I had the chance to interview her and write her profile. I learned a lot I would not have known otherwise.



**Vets continued from page One:**  
August 1, 2012. The following rules apply to all applicants:  
Must be an enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee member or descendent of a Mohican Veteran.  
Must be between 13 and 18 years of age during your reign as princess.  
Must have a clean background and stay trouble free during your reign as princess, includes no illegal drugs and be a non-smoker (additional rules may be set by the Mohican Veterans Princess Committee).

The Mohican Veterans Committee will select applicants based on criteria they have established and will pick the princess and runner-up at the annual powwow. The princess will wear a crown and sash for the year representing the Mohican Veterans at powwow's and etc. The princess will keep the crown after her reign. The sash will be passed on to the next princess the following year at the Annual Powwow.

### What's in a Nickname?

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor/Reporter/Receptionist

To make a short story long, several people in the Community got together and started thinking about nicknames they knew about and sent the list to the Mohican News.

We printed that list in the July 1, 2012 issue of the paper.

Since then Jermaine "Mayne" Davids sent in several nicknames she remembered:  
Don 'Rufus' Coyhis;  
Darwin 'Cooper' Coyhis;  
Chester 'Toeseeloy' Welch;  
Wayne 'Weiner' Burr;  
Yvonne 'Big Lady' Gleason; and  
Elaine 'Little Lady' Jacobi.

If anyone else remembers others they would like to share please send them in and we will include them in a future issue of the Mohican News.

**(Editor's Note: This list was generated and presented in the spirit of enjoyment and entertainment. It is in no way meant to present any negative associations to any person, living or deceased).**

## New Policy Regarding Failed Dental Appointments to Be Implemented On August 20, 2012

On July 5, 2012, Tribal Council approved the Failed/Late Arrival of Scheduled Dental Appointments Policy. Currently, one out of every six dental appointments is failed. The dental clinic averages between 95 – 100 failed appointments every month. According to Dr. Chapin, Dental Director, the dental clinic is scheduling at least two months out. When there are so many patients wanting to be seen, it is frustrating to see so many appointments not utilized. Dental's scheduling problems are further compounded when the patients who missed their appointments call back to reschedule another appointment. PLEASE, let us know if you cannot keep your appointment so we can give it to someone else. And always know, we like to see your smiling face!

### Policy Title: Failed/Late Arrival of Scheduled Dental Appointments

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to reduce the number of failed or late cancellations that negatively impact the availability of appointment times at the SMHWC Dental Clinic.

**Policy:** It is the policy of the dental department at the SMHWC that:

- a. Patients who fail two (2) times in one twelve (12) month period will forfeit the privilege of scheduling appointments in advance for a period of one (1) year.
- b. Patients seeking emergency care services will be triaged. Any patient with true emergent needs will be scheduled to receive treatment for that need.
- c. The failure of one (1) preparation appointment for specialized care is considered the rejection of that care for a period of one (1) year.
- d. The failure of three (3) delivery appointments for specialized care or the refusal to schedule a delivery appointment within 120 days of the preparation appointment is considered the rejection of the specialized care and will result in the patient being liable for lab costs associated with such care.

### Definitions:

Failed Appointment can be any one of the following:

- a. Failing to show up for a scheduled appointment in the Dental Department;
- b. Failing to show up for a referred appointment with an outside provider;
- c. Failing to provide at least 4 business hours of notice to cancel a scheduled appointment.
- d. Arriving more than 10 minutes late for an appointment without notifying the department.

### Procedure:

1. The dental department will place confirmation phone calls

to all scheduled patients. At the confirmation call the staff will confirm the appointment (if possible), inform the patient of the required 4 business hour notice to cancel, and the existence of a failed appointment policy that could restrict their ability to schedule appointments in the future.

2. After the first failed appointment, the patient will be sent notification of their failed appointment and a copy of the policy. They will also be given a courtesy call to remind them of the policy and the consequences of failing a second appointment.

3. The failed appointment and subsequent communications will be documented in the patient's health record.

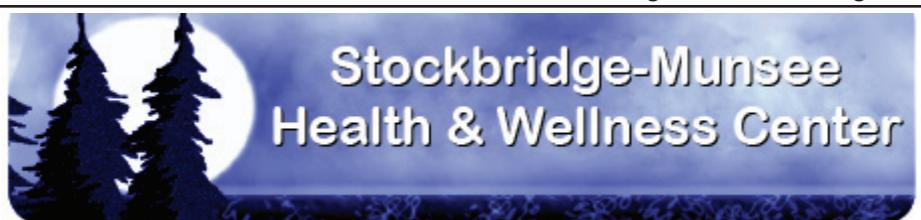
4. After the second failed appointment, a certified letter will be mailed to the patient to inform them that they have failed two appointments in the last 12 months and their scheduling privileges are being revoked for a period of one year.

6. The dental department will maintain a list of patients who are revoked from scheduling advance appointments and the date the patients scheduling privileges can be resumed.

7. Crowns, and bridges, and full and partial dentures are specialized care. The time taken to prepare for a crown, bridge, or denture could be used to provide basic care to a different patient. Therefore, a failure of one crown/bridge preparation (initial impressions for dentures) appointment is considered a rejection of the specialized care. Patients who fail these preparation/initial appointments are considered to have rejected the treatment and will give up the privilege of receiving a crown/bridge/denture for one year. After failing three appointments for the delivery of a crown, bridge, or denture, or the refusal to schedule an appointment for delivery in a 3 month period will result in the patient being responsible for the lab fees associated with their crowns, bridges, or dentures.

### Implementation:

1. No advance scheduled appointments for one year after the second failed appointment.
2. Any series of previously scheduled appointments will be cancelled after the second failed appointment.
3. Revoked patients will be placed on a "short call" list and offered short notice appointments when they become available.
4. If you notify us that you are running late and we are able to accommodate your late arrival you will not be charged with a failed appointment.



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Class meets every Monday & Thursday  
Please register by Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

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**Location:** Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center  
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5. How often do you go for follow-up appointments?  
wks \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Times a year N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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## August WIC

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Cert day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Check day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Back-up day

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



# Education

## Kids' Summer Vacation: Not What It Used to Be?

Tim Morrissey

MADISON, Wis. - Summer vacation can be a tough time for kids who don't have summer classes to attend, or an organized reading program. They can lose part of what they've learned - and they may also gain weight, Jeff Smink with the National Summer Learning Program warns.

"Kids lose academic skills over the summer months, particularly in reading. There's also an emerging body of research showing that kids actually gain weight over the summer, at rates much faster than during the school year."

Smink says parents of K-through-12 kids should check with schools, libraries, and parks and recreation department officials to find out what's available to them. He says if there are no affordable programs, even working parents should try to find an hour a day, at the very least, to read with their kids.

Smink says research shows the value of an engaging summer reading program - as well as the cost of not having access to one.

You would think that kids would be more active in the summer, when they're not sitting in a classroom much of the day, but Smink says that's often not the case.

"Not having the structure that's associated with the school day leads to more snacking, things like that. We also know that kids in high-poverty communities often live in neighborhoods where it's not safe to go outside, so they're actually inside more and less active."

He says the best summer programs avoid the stigma of "summer school" by incorporating field trips and fun activities, along with the structure and academic work that keeps kids from summertime back-sliding.

## First Peoples Fund The Purpose:

To cultivate entrepreneurial artists to a small business level (consistent and reliable income) where business concepts are understood and applied.

### The Strategy:

First Peoples Fund selects artists based on demonstrated artistic talent, evidence of possessing the qualities of an entrepreneur, and indication of embodying the values of First Peoples Fund.

This self-directed, independent business arts fellowship is a one-year self-directed program is supported by individualized professional development training, and working capital funds to strengthen their marketing strategies. The fellowship also provides a focus on new work to stimulate creativity and a renewal of energy in Native art expression.

### Eligibility:

Artist applicants must be in mid career (5+ years) in their experience in marketing their art at Indian art markets, galleries, and have wholesale experience.

Artists will have chosen art as a means to obtain economic self-sufficiency for their family and to establish themselves as

independent, credible artists with viable community based businesses.

Be a member of a Northern Great Plains tribe located in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Western Dakota of Minnesota, Nebraska, the Eastern Plateau region of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, a tribe from the Great Lakes Region of Minnesota, Michigan, or Wisconsin, a tribe belonging to the U.S. Eastern Seaboard states, Hawaiian Native or an Alaskan tribe. Affiliated Canadian First Nations artist applicants are eligible.

Must demonstrate a strong vision and articulated plan for implementing effective market strategies over the one-year fellowship period and will effectively use this opportunity to explore New Works and demonstrate marketing initiative effectively.

Grant amount: \$5,000

Application deadline: September 1, 2012

For more information and to download the application, [http://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/artists\\_artist\\_in\\_business\\_leadership.html](http://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/artists_artist_in_business_leadership.html)



Sometimes, through very careful planning and scheduling, we get the pictures we need to illustrate change within the Community. Such is not the case with the two pictures of the Mission Lake Cemetery. I took several pictures of the Cemetery after the group did the most recent cleanup. Then I happened along a week or two later and lo and behold, the dirt was dumped and leveled! The Cemetery is really looking like the image the planners had in mind when they decided to make improvements in it.

## 2012 Housing Workshops

Dates	Subject	Speaker
August 15th	Home Repair Demo	Bob Vele, Housing
August 22nd	Section 184 Indian Loan	Bay Bank Reps
October 13th	Fire Safety Parade/open House	At Fire Dept

If no one has registered for any workshop 2 days before the date, the workshop will be cancelled.

Call our office with any questions  
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**\*50/50 sales will begin July 30<sup>th</sup> & end August 11<sup>th</sup> The drawing will be held at the pow-wow @2pm. Cash Prizes will increase based on ticket sales. Judges & drums will receive honorarium & cash.**

**August 11th, 2012**  
**Time: 9-???**  
**Place: Many Trails Park Dance Arena**  
**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockbridge-Munsee Veterans Pow-Wow**

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## 2012 Iron Woman Fancy Shawl Dance Special

On August 11, 2012, the family of Danika Decorah (Stockbridge-Munsee/Ho-Chunk) is sponsoring an Iron Woman Fancy Shawl Dance Special at 9 p.m. at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mohican Veterans' Pow-Wow at the Stockbridge-Munsee Many Trails Park in Bowler, WI. The Mohican Pow-Wow Committee has given Danika Decorah the honor of serving as Female Head Dancer. Danika is the daughter of Brian Decorah (Ho-Chunk) and Stacey Schreiber (Stockbridge-Munsee). Her paternal grandparents are Bonnie Decorah Tech (Ho-Chunk), Terrill Tech, and the late Leslie Decorah Sr. (Ho-Chunk), Lucille Bear Chief (Nebraska Winnebago), Harriet Jean Gilman Tech and Dale Tech. Her maternal grandparents are Ellen Mohawk Schreiber (Stockbridge-Munsee) and the late Duane Schreiber, Elizabeth (Liza) Welch Mohawk, Milford (Riley) Mohawk Sr. (Stockbridge-Munsee), Mary Schroeder

Schreiber Young and George Schreiber.

Danika is 17 years old and graduated from Wittenberg-Biramwood High School on June 2, 2012. She feels the duty she has been asked to complete is a huge honor, and she wanted to do something special to show her appreciation. The money the Mohican Pow-Wow Committee planned to pay her is being given back to cover the cash prizes for the dance special winners. All other costs associated with this special will be covered by 50/50 raffle proceeds and Danika's family. The cash prizes for the winners will increase based on ticket sales.

The 2012 Iron Woman Fancy Shawl Dance Special is open to all women ages 13 and over. The woman will dance until they cannot dance anymore. The last one standing will be crowned 2012 Iron Woman. 1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive a trophy & \$250 Cash; 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Vehicle titles will be sent to lien holders starting July 30, 2012

Vehicle owners will receive titles when a loan is paid off Wisconsin soon joins 38 states in becoming a title-to-lien holder state. This means that any title with a lien (loan) listed on or after July 30, 2012 will be sent to the lien holder rather than the owner. Lien holders may choose to receive either paper or electronic titles. The advantage to electronic delivery is that Wisconsin does not issue a paper title to the lender or owner of the vehicle until the lien is satisfied. This process eliminates most of the paper handling involved in vehicle titling and results in greater convenience and lower costs. These changes implement provisions included in the 2011-2013 state budget passed by the legislature last year. As far as vehicles titled before this date are concerned, Mitchell

Warren, director of the DMV Bureau of Vehicle Services wants people to know that "if you already have your title, even if it lists a lien holder, nothing changes. You can keep it. Titles will only be issued to lien holders on or after July 30." Owners of vehicles with liens purchased on or after July 30, 2012 will receive a Confirmation of Ownership ([www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/title/lienholder/images/t056-sample.jpg](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/title/lienholder/images/t056-sample.jpg)) and will receive the actual title when all liens are paid off. Warren notes that "a confirmation of ownership does not replace a vehicle title. What it does do is confirm that a person owns the vehicle and specifies that there is a lien on that vehicle." More information can be found at the WisDOT web site at <http://liens.dot.wi.gov>.



**On Tuesday, July 10, 2012, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held an Emergency Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made, carried, defeated or died:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the agenda as presented for the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 8:37 AM.

Motion by Shannon Holsey to come back into Regular Session. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried at 9:30 AM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a couple of legal issues.

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve negotiation as discussed in Case Number 2011AP000364. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize minor trust account funds for an ICW Placement for Case Number 2010CU0001. Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize Tribal Chairman's travel to Washington DC. Seconded by

Shannon Holsey. Motion carried. **ADJOURNMENT-** Motion by Shannon Holsey to adjourn. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried 9:32 AM.

**On Thursday, July 12, 2012, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held an Emergency Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made, carried, defeated or died.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the agenda of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Motion by Joe Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 2:42 PM.

Motion by Joe Miller to come into Regular Session. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 3:17 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a legal case.

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the negotiation as discussed in Case Number 2011AP000364. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 3:18 PM.

Place will receive a trophy & \$100 Cash; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will receive a trophy & \$50 Cash. All drums will receive an honorarium and cash. There will be four judges to cover all directions; they will receive an honorarium and cash as well.

The family of Danika Decorah wants this event to become an annual event at the Mohican Veterans' Pow-Wow and is truly grateful to the Mohican Pow-Wow Committee for bestowing such an honor on their young relative.

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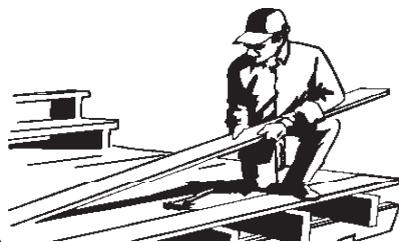
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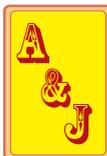
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