



Creation Story



(Editor's Note: This is the continuation of the Gathering article from the August 1, 2015 issue of the Mohican News):

Brent Stonefish, said Molly "voluntold" him that he was going to tell the creation story. Here's what Brent had to say:

"One of the things that I've been doing over the last 20 years is traveling all over trying to find our story. One of the things that I recognized over that time was that no matter how far I went, I went to the east coast, out the west, to the Oklahomans, we traveled all over the place and the one person that taught me the story was my mother. She told me the story over and over again as I was growing up.

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39th Annual Mohican Pow Wow Honoring All Veterans



By Susan Savetwith
Mohican News Reporter

The 39th Annual Mohican Pow Wow honoring all Veterans was recently held at the Many Trails Park. There were many changes to the format, and schedules were different, due to having new people on the Pow Wow Committee and rainy weather.

The Emcee was Robert Tucker; the Arena Director was Mark Denning; the Host Drum was Savage Creek; the Head Veteran Dancer was Christopher "Bully" Tomaw; the Head Dancers were Princess Vele and Jeremy Mohawk and Darrel and Patricia Delabreau.

Rain didn't allow dancing on Friday night but some vendor stands remained open to feed folks who showed up. This meant everything from Friday night's agenda was squeezed into Saturday's and Grand Entry was moved back from one p.m. to start at noon.

All of the outgoing royalty trophy dances that were not done Friday night took place during the first session on Saturday; also, the crowning of new royalty; Veterans

Eagle Feather Presentation; and Tiny Tots/Papooses were done on Saturday as well, during the feast.

The new royalty are as follows: Sienna Stevens, Miss Mahiicaniiw; Cassandra Komanekin, Jr. Miss Mahiicaniiw; Katie Welch, Lil' Miss Mahiicaniiw; and Nathan Webster, Maskaniiteeheet.

The Mohican Veterans added a new eagle feather to their staff and awarded Craig "Tully" Kroening with an eagle feather for his work within the community. Also recognized at this time was new Mohican Veteran, Christopher Annis, US Marine Corps Iraq OEF Afghanistan awarded a Mohican Veterans Medal.

After the Tiny Tots/Papoose competition the Saturday evening Grand Entry was held. Then the Oneida Smoke Dancers, Old Woodland Style singing and hand drum/canary specials. There was also a Switch Dance held in memory of Gary Stevens and several other blanket dances.

On Sunday, there was a presentation to the Mohican Veterans and the traditional give away followed by an honor song,

retreat of the flags and a traveling song.

The parking situation though inhibited a bit by soggy grounds, was much better than previous years, with marked spaces and a larger area to park thanks to the efforts of the folks at Stockbridge-Munsee Community P&E/Roads Departments. There was only parking allowed on one side of the road, but there was an enlarged paved parking lot across from the Church of the Wilderness which accommodated a lot of cars. The enlarged parking lot was also the work of P&E/Roads. Even though there was more parking made available, there were so many in attendance at the Saturday event, that in addition to the one side of the road parking, cars were parked on both sides of the road down River Road as well as on one side of the road on Putnam Lane and down Moh He Con Nuck north of Putnam Lane.

On another note there was also a nice crew working the pow wow who were always on hand with golf carts and radios to help out those who couldn't walk the long distances.

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39th Annual Mohican Pow Wow ~ Grand Entry



Special thanks to Jerilyn Johnson for taking these fantastic photos.

14th Annual Diabetes Walk



Where: Many Trails Park

When: Saturday, Sept 19, 2015

Registration Starts: 8-9 a.m.

Light Brunch from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

T-shirts available for the first 70 adults to arrive!

For more information contact Sera Jagemann
715 793-5064



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In the matter of the estate of Brett Duffek; case number 2015 PR 0002.

A petition has been filed and accepted for administration of the estate of the decedent, whose date of birth was 11/20/1958 and the date of death was 5/31/2015. The decedent died domiciled within the original boundaries of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation, located in Shawano County in the State of Wisconsin, with an address of: N7310 Elm Road, Bowler, Wisconsin 54416.



All interested parties have waived notice.

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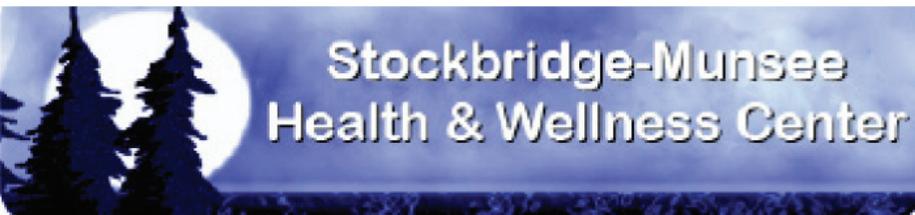
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Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center

Strengthening our Tribal Health Services

Elena Cox and Cheryl Tiegs, nurses at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center (SMHWC), have been heading up a project to help the Health and Wellness Center look at developing new services and increasing revenues for the Center.

Through funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the project is aimed at figuring out ways to increase Medicaid and Medicare revenues for the Health and Wellness Center.

The project funding will also provide for the development of a business plan to determine what other services the Health and Wellness Center should be offering to the community.

In keeping with the Health and Wellness Center's mission of "striving to provide the highest level of healthcare possible, within available resources, we will continuously monitor those processes which affect the delivery of healthcare in our Community...", the Center's ensuring that the services they offer continue to meet the needs of the community they exist to serve.

Currently, the majority of the funding for the SMHWC comes through the Indian Health Services (IHS). In addition to medical care, the IHS provides a wide range of other services, including sanitation and public health functions.

Although the IHS provide a significant amount of funding each year, it's not enough to cover all of the health needs of tribal members, or to offer additional services that would benefit tribal members. Medicaid is an important source of health insurance coverage for tribal members, while it also provides a key source of financing for IHS providers like the SMHWC.

Medicaid is a federal-state health care program for individuals and families with low income and limited resources as determined by the state where they live, and each state, including Wisconsin, has a Medicaid program.

Tribal members who enroll in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) can continue to receive services from health programs like the SMHWC. By enrolling in Medicaid or CHIP, tribal members would benefit by having greater access to

services that may not be provided by SMHWC, and the greater Stockbridge-Munsee community would benefit through increased resources to the SMHWC.

Many tribal members are eligible for Medicaid but remain uninsured due to an array of enrollment barriers including lack of knowledge about the program, difficulty completing the enrollment process, language barriers, and transportation barriers. This project is meant to address some of those barriers and assist eligible tribal members in enrolling in Medicaid and CHIP so that the overall IHS funding received by the Health and Wellness Center can be stretched to provide more services.

In 2009 Congress made changes that help Medicaid and CHIP participants who are American Indians. If you are American Indian and participate in the Medicaid program, you do not have to pay premiums or enrollment fees. Also, state Medicaid programs must exclude certain types of Indian trust income and Indian trust property when determining Medicaid or CHIP eligibility.

For example, the following types of income are excluded:

- Per capita payments from a tribe that come from natural resources, usage rights, leases, or royalties
- Payments from natural resources, farming, ranching, fishing, leases, or profits from Indian trust land (including reservations and former reservations)
- Money from selling things that have cultural significance, such as Indian jewelry or beadwork.

In addition, certain Indian property, income, and resources owned by American Indians are exempt from Medicaid Estate Recovery, which applies to individuals age 55 and older receiving Long Term Supports and Services, such as care in nursing homes.

This is the first of a series of articles related to this project, so stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, if you'd like more information, please contact Cheryl or Elena at 715-793-4144 or 877-898-4154 (toll free).



Elder Wisdom

On the Trail Home



John Terry Malone, Sr.

John Terry Malone, Sr., age 60, of De Pere, passed away on August 13, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family. John was born on October 11, 1954 in Shawano to the late Otho H. and Sophrona (Doxtator) Malone. On October 11, 2009, John was united in marriage

to Mary Parra in Bowler. John had a great smile and a great sense of humor. He was a generous man, always willing to help others. In his free time John enjoyed playing the guitar, working on cars, and taking road trips. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend, and will be deeply missed.

John is survived by his wife, Mary; four children, Shashe, Shawnaway, John, Jr. and Angelina; his grandchildren, Layla, Isabella, Diovani, Delano, DheOntro, Pearl, Daniel, Donte, DaMarcus, Xzaundre, Allysandra, Niyah, Alliauna, Avryauna, and another granddaughter on the way. He is further survived by two sisters, Lois (Melvin) Siim and Brenda Curtis both of Bowler; one brother, Wayne (Cheryl) Malone of Bowler and his father-in-law, Gilbert Parra.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Donna, Velma, and Eleanor, and one brother Otho.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, August 16, 2015 at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Rev. Melinda Shriner officiating. Visitation was held at the Malone Residence located at 2803 Metoxen Lane in De Pere on Friday.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE POWWOW

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SATURDAY, SEPT 26, 2015

3:00-10:00 P.M.

MEAL @ 1:00 P.M., SNACK (after 9:00 P.M.)

Honorariums for Invited drums

Gii taa se, Puzzle Hill, Wolf River, Additional Drums TBA

Head Male Dancer-Jerome Sanapaw

Head Female Dancer- Monique Tyndall

Arena Director-Lenny Welch
Emcee-Larry Madden

Dancer Honorariums, woodland dance exhibitions, spot dances (gift cards)

Youth switch dance specials (no jingle dresses or eagle feathers please). 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

Girls ages 7-12, Boys ages 7-12, Girls ages 13-17, and Boys ages 13-17

Adult specials- 3 places for "street clothes" powwow dance

3 places for "clown dance"

Outfits for the Clown dance are similar to a masquerade costume which may/may not include pow wow regalia. The Clown Dancer demonstrates free style powwow dancing mixed with joking/clowning gestures and movements. This dance is done to bring joy & laughter to the crowd with no intent of disrespect to anyone. Please create outfits and dance styles that are funny but family oriented. (no jingle dresses or eagle feathers please)

This Community Event is sponsored by the Stockbridge-Munsee Language & Culture Committee

Tribe's public outreach picks up in New York area

By Bonney Hartley

Past articles have highlighted our Tribal Historic Preservation Office's work on protecting Mohican sites through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, participating in field monitoring with archeologists and conducting research. Another area of much progress is the growing ability to conduct public outreach.

From June 6-July 26th, the tribe was well represented at an exhibit called "Taking Root: Canisnek and the Meeting of Two Worlds" at the Athens Cultural Center along with



With panelist Rene VanSchaack, Director of Greene County IDA, who discussed their efforts to partner with the tribe on development projects above and beyond the requirements of the historic preservation laws. Also shown is Beaded Mohican Veterans Princess Crown, 2013 and sketches by Crystal Tourtillott Lepscier. Crown loaned courtesy of Ally Miller.



Panel Presentation at "Taking Root" Exhibit.

Hudson River Valley in Athens, New York. Curated by Carrie Feder, and funded from a New York Council for the Humanities grant and the Community Arts Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts, the exhibit examined the town's 350 years since its origins under a land deed with our tribe for the village then called "Canisnek." Ms. Feder put a great emphasis on including our tribe's perspectives today, including weaving in critiques throughout the show of the idea of land sales being a fair exchange. Several Mohican artists' works were represented in the show alongside other local artists. The Mohican artists featured were pastel and colored pencil drawings by Terri O'Connor, beadwork by Crystal Tourtillott Lepscier (loaned by Ally Miller), poetry by Mark Shaw and Dorothy Davids, display of the Medicine Generations book by Misty Cook, excerpts from JoAnn Schedler's National Park Service Handbook "American Indians and the Civil War" chapter, and recorded background music by Bill Miller and Brent Michael Davids.

For historic preservation, I participated in a panel discussion that complemented the Taking Root exhibit, discussing what the two cultures—Mohican and Dutch—may have understood about the land transaction for the town. I also shared information on our tribe today and our historic preservation work. There was a great deal of interest in the exhibition. Close to

three hundred people attended the art opening with several hundred more visiting the gallery on weekends for the duration of the show and it was standing room only the evening of the panel presentation. Several local elementary school classes toured the exhibit as well. The show was reported in local newspapers and in many blogs including the New York History Blog.

Another July presentation was "50 Years in an Indian Town: Reflections on the Stockbridge Experience" held at Tyringham Union Church in Tyringham, Massachusetts, near Stockbridge. The event was presented at the invitation of Bidwell House Museum's summer history series. The talk focused on how the short time living in Stockbridge—from 1735 to 1785—forever changed the tribe, and examples of how we carry many of the lessons or consequences from that experience with us as a tribe today. The talk was well received, with many attendees commenting that they had thought of Stockbridge as a Christian mission for our tribe and simply knew that our tribe later moved away; they had not considered the unfair dealings that resulted in our tribe's dispossession of land there, or been aware of our continuance today.

These community presentations, carried out through Historic Preservation as time permits, are an effort to promote public awareness and visibility of the tribe.

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And over the years I've met different elders and different people who have given me other pieces of the story.

One story that I know about my name "Stonefish," There's a story about how our first ancestors got that name. So there was this little boy he had a grandmother that was blind, and every day she had him go get fish and bring back fish for the day. So he would go to the river and get the fish and bring it back and put it in the fish basket in their home. One day he was heading down to the river and he came across a bunch of children playing, he said oh maybe I can play for a little bit. He started playing with the children and soon enough he forgot that he had to get those fish. So he ran down to the river and he didn't have time to get the fish so he grabbed a bunch of stones and took them back and put them in the fish basket before his grandmother got up. When she got up he thought that because she was blind she wouldn't know the difference. Well, she went into the basket and she felt those fish and she knew they were stones so she scolded him and from that day forward his name was Stonefish.

So I was telling this story to one of my elders, and he started laughing after I told him. He said, I heard that one before. But really your name, that namesake, comes from your creation story. How do you mean? I asked him. He told me to think about it for a bit and then come back to him. So I started going through the story and the one thing I want to tell you before I start is that the story of the creation of

the earth is much older than the creation of the Lenni Lenape and the Lenape people. The story begins when there was nothing, there was just darkness and the Creator, Kiisheelumukweeng was alone and Kiisheelumukweeng sent his/her thoughts in every direction and the thoughts went east, south, west, north, up, down, inside, and out. And as those thoughts went out they started to come back and as they came back to Kiisheelumukweeng, they created the stars, and as they came back to Kiisheelumukweeng they made a sound and that sound we use now and we imitate that sound of those thoughts of the creator those sounds of the thoughts are reflected in the rattles that we use in our ceremonies and our dances those sounds represent Kiisheelumukweeng thoughts. How he/she thought us into creation. And once those thoughts came back, he/she decided to create something else, Kiisheelumukweeng created the sun and she started to create rocks to rotate that sun and by the third rock, Kiisheelumukweeng knew that this rock would sustain rock. So earth was created, mother earth, our mother. Kiisheelumukweeng created oxygen, the waters, created the land, created the grasses, the shrubs, the trees, created all the animals all the four legged ones the winged ones, all the bugs the insects the slithery ones, the fishes and then after that he/she said this looks good.

Kiisheelumukweeng sat there and envisioned what else could be put on this earth. Human type people were created, she said to them, I've given you all my gifts, what will
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you give to my people? So each animal and each plant said I will give of my body. I will give four different things to sustain the life of these human type people. And over the years thousands and thousands of years there has been different beings and they say that there were seven different beings before us and in each time they knew about death, they learned about life they learned about thinking and each time Kiisheelumukweeng had to start over with a new being because they would forget their original purpose.

And so there was this time before Lenni Lenape that these human type people did not get along with each other. So Kiisheelumukweeng said I am going to flood the whole earth and start anew. And so the animals started to prepare the plants started to prepare. And as the earth started to flood those animals that could swim or fly above the water were the ones that survived; and once the earth was totally covered Kiisheelumukweeng went to the animals and said, ok I want you to start a new land.

Start a new land for this new being that I'm going to create. And so the great turtle came along and said I will give up my body for this new land and the animals came to the turtle and the turtle began to grow and grow and grow and so it was a huge turtle. And so the animals that could swim and the birds that could fly all landed on top of this turtle. And so Kiisheelumukweeng came to the animals and said we need to cover this new land, this turtle's back with earth, but the only way we could do that is if we dive down to the bottom of the ocean and find that earth down there. And so the animals had a great council and discussed who will go down to the bottom of the ocean to find that earth.

So four different animals were talking and the first one to say I will go down was the Loon. (there are different versions of this story but the one that I know starts with the Loon) The loon says, I am sleek, I am a great diver I can swim well and I will dive down so that loon dives into the water and she swam and she swam and she swam. And all the rest of the animals were waiting for her to come back; eventually the Loon came up, floated up to the top of the water and they towed her body onto the top of the turtle and she had died. They looked in her beak and there was no earth in her beak. So the animals said who will go next? And the beaver said I'll go down I got a good nice flat tail that will get me through the water.

So the beaver dove down and

she swam and swam and she swam and she was gone longer than the Loon and eventually, her body floated up to the top and they looked in her paws there was no earth. So the otter said I will go down, my body is sleek and I can swim really fast, I will go down.

So the otter jumped into the water and she swam and she was gone twice as long as the beaver and eventually her body came up and they pulled her body up and she was dead. So at this point, the rest of the animals are like, now who's going to go down and everybody's like uh uh not me. So this little animal, she came over and she said I will do it. It was the muskrat and everybody started laughing. Your fur's all matted and you got a little skinny tail and you're not the greatest swimmer. But she said, I've got to try, these three animals sacrificed themselves. I must try.

So the little muskrat jumped in the water and she swam and she started swimming and swimming and the current started getting her and she was getting out of breath so she called out, she called out to all the fish, she said I am weak and I am small but I must do this for Kiisheelumukweeng ; I need your help. I am asking for your help and there was this little fish that sat on the bottom of the ocean and the way this fish hunts is that she takes the earth from the bottom of the ocean and waits till a fish comes along and snaps at it and so this fish said I will help this little muskrat. She took some earth in her mouth and she swam and she swam and she swam and she met that muskrat about halfway between the turtle and the bottom of the ocean and that muskrat grabbed into that fishes mouth, which was the stonefish, and took that earth out and started her way back. But before she could see the light shining through the water she took her last breath and let herself float up to the top. And her body floated up to the turtle and the rest of the animals pulled her body onto the turtle and they were all sad and they were crying the songs of mourning for this little muskrat.

And then they noticed that her hand was clenched so they opened it and there was that soil and there were seeds in that soil.

So they took that earth and they put it in the middle of the turtle and Kiisheelumukweeng spoke once again to the animals and said, you must dance around that earth. Bring it alive, help me bring it alive. So the animals started dancing around, and they went counter clockwise around that earth and as they danced and they sang the songs of life, they sang songs of praise, they sang those songs for

the love of creation of Kiisheelumukweeng and as they danced in that counterclockwise motion that earth started to move and the turtle started to get bigger and pretty soon there was grasses that came up and from the center of that turtle came a tree and that tree grew high and that tree grew branches.

One branch went to the eastern direction and one branch went to the western direction and as that tree started growing it touched the earth and when the branches touched earth up rose this being on the east side and one on the west side. And Kiisheelumukweeng said I will breathe life into these two beings and they will be known as Lenni and Lenape they cannot exist without working together they are one being together one being of light one being of fire and one being of water one being of emotion one being of mind. Together they will make a whole person and they will work together. All those beings that came before us, all those beings that are in our legends, of the little people, the Wanchasi (sp.), and the Sasquatch. All those beings are still here. And those are our brothers and sisters and they will help these two new beings. All these beings before were given reasoning they were given emotion, they were given long life, they were given death, they were given spiritual abilities to talk to animals; the one gift that I have for Lenni Lenape is free will, is a voice and that's what will distinguish them from those other beings that are still here, is that they will have the ability to make their own choice; good or bad or indifferent.

And so that is how Lenni Lenape became to be. And so we learned from the animals we learned leadership, we learned providing, we learned how to care for each other, we learned how to build our houses we learned what was good to eat and what was not good to eat.

Listening to our speakers this morning and hearing what Bruce [Stonefish] had to say was that at one time our people were a great nation along the east coast and they say that you could stand on the tallest mountain on the east coast off the Hudson, they believe it to be Bear Mountain, and if you stood on the top of that mountain and you looked down south and up north and out west and along the east coast you could see all the fires of the Lenape communities in all those directions.

And they talk about a time when we used to get together every four years we used to get together as a great nation, not only as Lenni Lenape but with all the nations to the south, to the north, and to the west. And they talked about

everything: How they divided their territories up who could live where how we would marry how many gatherings we would need in order to marry. All these different things they did in this great council and then they had visionaries and there was one person one profit that came to them and talked about a time when Shwanak would come to the turtle island and the Shwanak would either come in brotherhood or would come as an enemy. And they talked about at this great council that they had with all the different nations and they said we need to prepare ourselves for both ways.

So the Lenape said we will stay since live on the east coast, some of us will stay to greet this Shwanak and let you know what that relationship turns into and so when Bruce talks about how we would be coming back to the other nations for our legends and our stories if this does not turn out well. There will be people amongst you that will keep those for us and so we stayed on the east coast as long as we could before we could not take it anymore and we had to move westward and those different tribes, they chose to stay on our behalf so they could continue their stewardship over mother earth in that area.

The rest of us moved westward but the thing that the profit said is that if we are almost annihilated by Shwanak we will come together at the end. We will come together to be that great nation that we once were. Because of the sacrifice that you are making on behalf of mother earth. And you will pick up your stories and you will pick up your dances and you will pick up your history and you will be proud people once again.

Everything begins and ends with creation. We have to return to creation to find our strength and those old ways. And we will make them anew. It doesn't mean that we're going to resurrect the big house and do like they did 100 years ago. It means we will pick up those and do the big house in our songs and traditions in a way that works for us. That is a part of our creation story that is a part of our legends. There are many different aspects of it and I know I totally forgot about the battle between the horned toad and the snake and the thunderbird, but that's a whole other story. We can tell our stories and teach our kids to tell those stories.

Editor's Note:
Continuation with
Stockbridge Munsee
History in next edition.

2015/2016 Royalty



Outgoing Princesses Crown the Incoming Princesses; Kayla Pecore, Katie Welch, Cassandra Komanekin Wita Webster, & Sienna Stevens. Monique Tydall & Kristen Welch in the background.

Nathan Webster - Maskaniiteeheet, Katie Welch- Lil Miss Mahiicaniiw, Cassandra Komanekin - Jr. Miss Mahiicaniiw, & Sienna Stevens - Miss Mahiicaniiw.



New Royalty Honor Dance



Faces of the Pow Wow



Scott Vele



Dennell & Roberta Carrington



Kathryn Footit



Donna Church



Tara Metoxen & Cami Miller



AJ Miller



Bev Miller



Debbie John



Kenna Davids & Shawn Moede



Kemawin Dess



Lenore Shepard



Carrie Hertzner - ARCW



Geradette Richmond - CMN



Tynea Johnson



Jaiden Parker & Riley Mohawk



Princess Vele,
Head Dancer



Jeremy Mohawk, Head Dancer



Pow Wow Coordinator, Monique Tyndall & Emcee, Robert Tucker



Dayon Doxtator, Gabby Hubber,
& Heaven Williams



Randy Malone



Mark Shepard



Quin Miller



Judy & Jeff Heubel



Traditional Dancer



Katie Lewis



Janae Kirkland & Payton Barnes



Bev Jacobs & Loren Putnam



Jaylyn Caldwell



Rhianne Jacobs



Andrew Heubel



Larry Madden



Louise Mohawk



John Yost & Traditional Male



Darby Rockman Welch



Darrel Delabreau



Kayla Pecore & Kenna Davids



Lucy & Skyler Martin



Lovell & Princess



Bull E. Tomaw



McKayla Putnam



Mia Kosbab & Stephanie Bowman

Tiny Tots & Papoose



Note: While we knew some of the names of these children, there were many we did not know; to be fair we just included all photos without names. Special thanks to Jerilyn & Tynea Johnson for the great photos.



Education

Fellowships Available

Richard M. Milanovich was the Tribal Council Chairman for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians for 29 years. The Richard M. Milanovich Fellowship began in 2015 as a partnership between The George Washington University and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians with two goals in mind: to prepare the next generation of leaders in Indian County, and to honor and preserve the legacy of service and leadership of the late Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich. The George Washington University and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians invite qualified Native American applicants to apply for this prestigious opportunity.

Special Spring Semester Seminar
May 2-6, 2016

In addition to the two core courses students will take in the Native American Political Leadership Program from January 11 to April 29, fellowships will attend a special week-long seminar series that consists of briefings with key policy makers, issue advocates, and community leaders in Washington.

Spring Semester 2016 Application
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Tribal Council Directives

On Thursday, July 23, 2015, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken on the motions:

Tribal Council Members present: Wallace A. Miller, Terrie K. Terrio, JoAnn Schedler, Joe Miller and Shannon Holsey (Gregory L. Miller and Jeremy Mohawk (PTO))

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Add: Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Representative Motion by Shannon Holsey to accept the agendas for Thursday, July 23, 2015, as amended. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

TRIBAL/INTERIOR BUDGET COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION- Motion by Shannon Holsey to appoint Terrie K. Terrio, Tribal Treasurer to the Tribal/Interior Budget Council. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler.

Roll Call: Terrie abstain, JoAnn yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

FY2016 BUDGETS: Remaining, Budgets, Capitals and Royalty Casino Royalty Requests- **Brian VanEnkenvoort, General Manager and Tammy Wyrobeck, Casino CFO**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the capitals of the Casino. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Legal Budget- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Legal Budget for fiscal year 2016. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Tribal Council- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Tribal Council budget for fiscal year 2016. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion to include: the compensation rates will only be applicable to the newly elected Tribal Council. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Commission- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the for the Gaming Commission budget for fiscal year 2016. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Family Center- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the tribal contribution for the Family Center for fiscal year 2016. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Tribal Courts- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve tribal contribution for 2016 for Tribal Courts. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Education- Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the Education Budget, tribal contribution. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried. Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize monies to be used for this

intern program at the Education, of the donated Dwyer money. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion maker amends motion to state: every budget year until the funds are exhausted. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Public Safety- Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the Public Safety tribal contribution. Seconded Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Elderly- Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve the Elderly budget tribal contribution. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Library/Museum- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve for the Library Museum fiscal year 2016 tribal contribution. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation- Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the 2016 Tribal Historic Preservation tribal contribution. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Utilities- Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve the Public Utilities budget tribal contribution. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Health Center- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2016 tribal contribution for the Health and Wellness Center. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

CHILD SUPPORT- Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve the Child Support budget tribal contribution. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion maker amends motion to include: that this is a revision of the previous budget motion. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Property & Equipment- Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the Property and Equipment tribal contribution. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

MIS- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio 2016 Indirect Cost Pool budget for MIS. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

Surveillance- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2016 Surveillance budget. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

MIS- Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the 2016 Enterprises, MIS tribal contribution. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker amends motion changing tribal contribution to: a direct bill to the casino. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Capitals- Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the capitals as discussed.

Directives cont on pg Thirteen:

Directives cont from pg Eleven:

Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Royalty-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2016 Royalty Allocation Plan, which shows a total unallocated amount. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

Per Capita-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to set the 2016 Per Capital amount per enrolled member. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Per Capita Distribution Date-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the distribution of the Per Capita payments on October 30, 2015. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried at 11:35 AM.

On Tuesday, August 5, 2015, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken on the motions:

Tribal Council Members Present: Wallace A. Miller, Gregory L. Miller, Shannon Holsey, JoAnn Schedler, Joe Miller and Jeremy Mohawk (Terrie K. Terrio-Travel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Strike: Systems Administrators Job Description and Sole Source Transformation item

Add: Cedar Permit

Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, August 4, 2015, as amended. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

CEDAR PERMIT REQUEST-

Motion by Gregory L. Miller to allow Joe to cut cedar for the raised beds. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

TRIBAL FINANCIALS FOR APRIL 2015-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Shannon Holsey to accept the Tribal Financials from April 2015, from Amanda Stevens, CFO. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

REVISIONS TO EMPLOYMENT HANDBOOK-

Brian VanEnkenvoort, General Manager and Karla Bowman, Human Resource Manager

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the revisions to the revisions to the Gaming Employee Entertainment Policies presented this evening. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO WAIVE BID POLICY FOR GIFT SHOP-Brian VanEnkenvoort, GM

Motion by Gregory L. Miller to waive the bid policy for the Gift Shop as presented by the Casino Manager and award to Samuels Group in an amount not to exceed a set amount. Seconded by JoAnn

Schedler.

Roll Call: JoAnn yes, Shannon abstain, Greg yes, Jeremy yes and Joe abstain.

Council Member Holsey abstained, due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

CASINO JOB DESCRIPTION:

Customer Care/Training Development - Brian VanEnkenvoort, General Manager and Karla Bowman, Human Resource Manager

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the recommended job description of Customer Care Training and Development Specialist, as presented. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

BUDGET MOD: Human Resources-Beverly Miller, Human Resource Manager

This item will come back at the next regular meeting for further discussion.

CHANGE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY-Beverly Miller, Human Resource Manager

This item will come back to the next regular meeting agenda for further discussion.

REVISIONS TO EMPLOYMENT MANUALS: Rehire Guidelines-Beverly Miller, Human Resource Manager

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to accept changes to the handbook on the Rehire Guidelines for the Casino/Tribal sides. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker amends motion to include: Option #1. Second concurs.

Motion maker rescinds motion. Second concurs. Motion rescinded.

This item will be brought back to the next Tribal Council meeting.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Fleet Coordinator-Stacey Schreiber, Public Works Director

Motion by Gregory L. Miller to approve and fund the Fleet Coordinator position as presented. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler.

Motion maker amends motion changing under number 16: 100 lbs to 75 lbs. Second concurs. Motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATION: MIS-Will LaSalle, CIO

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to go along with Will LaSalle, CIO's recommendation to approve the MIS budget modification #1, for fiscal year 2016, as presented. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Motion maker amends motion changing: 2016 to 2015. Second concurs. Motion carried.

SOLE SOURCE OF MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT-Will LaSalle, CIO

Motion by Shannon Holsey to go along with the Will LaSalle, CIO's recommendation and approve a sole source procurement and bid waiver, to enter into a Microsoft Enterprise agreement through RMM Solutions, which will

immediately allow us to become compliant and also to deploy current future technologies without risk of being out of compliance for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Enterprise, consisting of the Government Offices, North Star Casino and Health Center, the cost for this enterprise agreement is a set amount annually. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

BID AWARD TTSP #1-Stacey Schreiber, Public Works Director

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to go along with Stacey Schreiber, Public Works Director's recommendation and award the bid to OTIE for the project. Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker adds: for the development of a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan. Second concurs. Motion carried.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION-Tribal Transportation Workgroup

By consensus, the group will move forward and work on Option #1.

KOREAN VISTOR REQUEUST-Steven Davids, Director of Economic Support

Motion by Joe Miller to grant the Korean Contingent access to tribal lands and waters during the duration of their visit, until this coming Friday. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION-Bridget Swanke, Senior Counsel

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commission regarding the Complaint Review Process as submitted this evening. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Tribal Self-Funded Insurance-Bridget Swanke, Senior Counsel

Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve resolution 056-15, whereas, the Tribe has amended the terms of its tribally-funded self-insured health plan to include an exclusionary clause prohibiting payment if the patient is eligible for Contract Health Services; now therefore it be resolved, the Tribal Council hereby provides written authorization that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's tribally-funded self-insured health plan shall be the payor of last resort to the extent permitted to do so under federal law and consistent with its health plan documents, be it further resolved, that this authorization shall be effective as of January 1, 2015 and shall have a period of one (1) year, be it finally resolved, this authorization may be revoked at any time by the Tribal Council of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Chapter 26-Bridget Swanke, Senior Counsel

Motion by Shannon Holsey to approve resolution 057-15, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby repeals the existing version of Chapter 26 and adopts the revised document that includes the recommended changes as a new Chapter 26, the Public Health and Safety Ordinance. Seconded by Gregory L. Miller. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR 3 ADDITIONAL HEADSTART STUDENTS-Roberta Carrington and Regina Putnam, Head Start Policy Council

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to increase the current Head Start enrollment from 25 students up to 28 students and amend the current Head Start State License to reflect the increase of enrollment. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried.

REVISIONS: S/M SENIOR BANQUET POLICY-Roberta Carrington, Education Board

Motion by Shannon Holsey to go along with the Education Board's recommendations and revise the S/M Senior Banquet Policy, to reflect the changes of application deadline from April 1st to May 15th and the changes to the banquet date from the beginning of June to the beginning of July. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

REVISIONS TO S/M EDUCATION HANDBOOK - Roberta Carrington, Education Board

Motion by Gregory L. Miller to approve the changes and additions to the Stockbridge-Munsee Education Handbook, as presented. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

PICTORIAL BOOK-Nathalee Kristiansen, Library/Museum Manager

Motion by Gregory L. Miller to support the first section of the draft book. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

-OPEN AGENDA-

No questions or concerns were brought up during Open Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Shannon Holsey to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 7:02 PM.

Motion by Shannon Holsey to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Gregory L. Miller. Motion carried at 7:15 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a legal issue and a minor's trust request.

Motion by Gregory L. Miller out of donations, to donate to US Representative Tom Kohl, who is a champion in Indian Country and to have Kevin Wadzinski deliver the check. Seconded by JoAnn Schedler. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Shannon Holsey. Motion carried at 7:16 PM.

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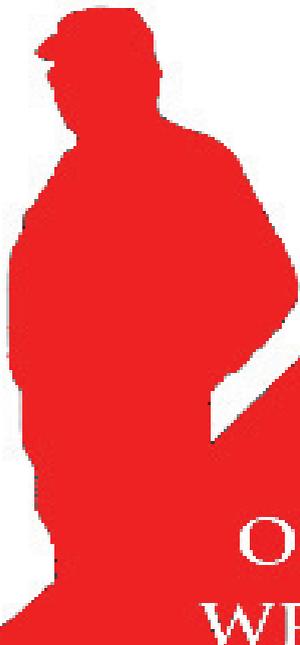
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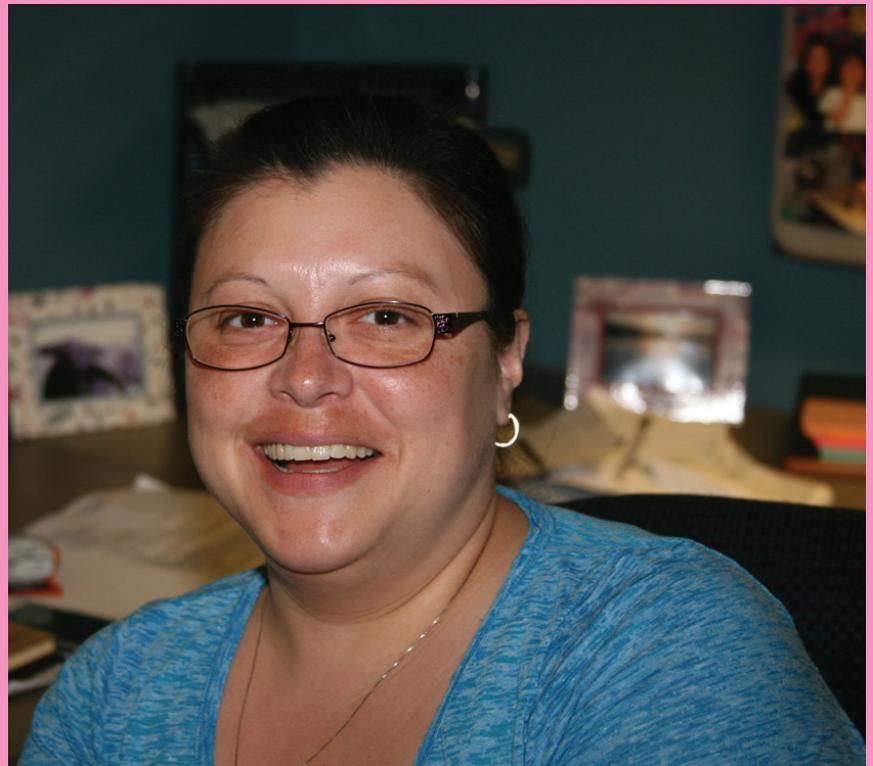
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