



“The Celestial Bear” Comes down to earth.”

New Moon of January 27th until full moon Feb 10th



days until the next (13 total). The New Moon of January marked the “New Year.” At this time, it is said by our Mohican/Munsee ancestors that the Celestial Bear returns to earth. The “Celestial Bear” is also known as the “big Dipper” constellation. It is at this time that the Big Dipper is closest to the Northern horizon and earth than it is at any other time of the 13-lunar month year. From new moon until full moon the constellation appears to come down, then return towards the heavens.

In Many Native cultures, the Bear is a wise and most importantly a healing animal. Its body, fur, bones, fat, meat, all used in medicinal healings. The belief is that the great power of the Spirit Bear/Celestial Bear is very strong at this point being so close to the earth. It is at this time our Mohican/Munsee ancestors celebrated the Spirit Bear and all its healing qualities.

In the early 1900s a Mohican Munsee by the name of “Nekatcit” Who sat down with an anthropologist to document his knowledge of the Bear Sacrifice ceremony and his knowledge of the very last ceremony to have been performed in the mid 1800s. He was a very young at that time but learned from the elders who used to perform this ceremony.

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Election Update

The Tribal Caucus was held on January 14 at the Tribal Office at 2 p.m.

The people who were nominated at the Caucus or submitted a platform will be in this issue of the Mohican News starting on page Six.

The election is February 4, 2017 from 8 am until 8 pm at the Tribal Office.

Seven Tribal Nations Facing Combined \$37 Million Annual Loss Should Illegal Ho-Chunk Wittenberg Expansion Be Allowed to Proceed

Stockbridge-Munsee to Feel Brunt of Impact, with Estimated \$22 Million Annual Loss

BOWLER, WISCONSIN (January 23, 2017)–The unlawful expansion of Ho-Chunk Nation’s ancillary gaming facility in Wittenberg into a full-blown casino-resort is projected to result in a \$36.8 million reduction in annual machine revenue (otherwise referred to as “net win”) for seven Wisconsin tribes, according to an independent economic impact study commissioned by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

Mohican Resort. While several Wisconsin tribes will see multi-million dollar losses as a result of the Wittenberg expansion, the impact on the Stockbridge-Munsee is by far the greatest, with a projected annual machine revenue reduction of \$22 million, or nearly 37 percent of its machine revenue.

The study also projects the following reductions in machine revenue (total of all individual tribal casinos):

- \$5.2 million loss for Oneida Nation casinos**
- \$4.3 million loss for Menominee casinos**
- \$3.4 million loss for Chippewa casinos**
- \$1.8 million loss for Potawatomi casinos**

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The Stockbridge-Munsee’s only gaming facility, the North Star Mohican Casino Resort, is located on the Tribe’s reservation in Shawano County, and currently accounts for 96 percent of the Stockbridge-Munsee’s earned governmental revenue. The Ho-Chunk Nation’s new casino-resort will be built just 16 miles from the Stockbridge-Munsee’s North Star



Shannon Holsey, tribal president for the Stockbridge-Munsee, was the keynote speaker for a Growth Mindset Family Night held recently at Bowler Elementary. Teachers Jody Siahaan, Crystal Brunner and Kelly Carlson also provided breakout sessions to students and parents to help expand on the growth mindset philosophy that Holsey presented earlier in the evening. Families were also treated to a delicious dinner before the presentations. More than 50 people attended the event, one of seven family nights the school hosts during the school year.

K’wawagomenema (I greet you all)
I would like to share a small portion of our Mohican/Munsee culture and tradition for this time of year. I would like to share a little about the “Celestial Bear” ceremony and time of year it represented. I will not share all details of this story as it is not always a good thing to share everything about Native ceremonies and their intricate details openly especially in publication. Therefore, I will share what I think is enough to explain the time of year and give a short description of the last Bear Sacrifice ceremony.

The Celestial Bear coming to earth marks a special time of the year. It starts during the new moon of January. We as Natives mapped the skies as well as did other cultures around the world. We held celebration times during certain Solar/universal events such as Solstice, Equinox etc. Many of Worldwide indigenous celebrations had much to do with certain celestial events for they marked a passage of time. As Indigenous people, we were obsessed with keeping time and keeping an eye on the heavens helped us plan the near future. As many ancient cultures are around the world, the new moon of January was followed by 12 new moons of the year. Each moon or “Month” was approximately 28

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Community Health Department would like to start a Support Group for those who have cancer, survivors of cancer, caregivers of cancer patients and physicians.

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NOTICE! "ELDERS"

The Arvid E Miller Memorial Library/Museum would like to know if there are any elders who would like to participate in "Hear our Elders" Video project.

If you did not participate in the previous project and would like to participate in this one please call the Library/Museum and we will put your name on the list. We would like at least 10 people signed up before we go to Council to see if we can move forward with the project.

You will get a DVD and one will go to the Library/Museum.

Telephone Number is 715-793-4270.



Correction: This is Mike Rudesill and Yvonne Creapeau

Call for Papers : Dutch-Mohican relations

The Institute for American Indian Studies, a museum and research center in Washington, Connecticut recently hosted its 11th Native American-Archaeology Round Table. The Round Tables are annual conferences that focus on a theme of interest to indigenous peoples and archaeologists and other academics through public presentations and panel discussions by Northeastern professional researchers and Native American leadership. They were originally begun to promote communications among these groups, and to introduce the general public to indigenous thought and perspectives on American history.

towards this end. I am in the process of writing up a book proposal. **But I would like very much to include a few more papers by indigenous authors, particularly Mohicans. The focus is Dutch-Indigenous relations, but the paper need not be stuck in the 17th century.** Authors might discuss the effects of those early relations on indigenous history and culture, or on contemporary indigenous communities as well. Those papers dealing with the 17th century relationships could focus on the complexity of indigenous social and political organization (possibly including the complexity of inter-tribal politics) and how that effected (and were effected by) relations with the Dutch. Or the paper could compare indigenous relationships with the Dutch to those with the English.

This year's Round Table was entitled "Early Encounters: Dutch-Indigenous Relations in 17th Century Northeastern North America", and explored the varied early relationships between these indigenous nations and their European counterparts, as mutual sovereignties and as individuals.

I envision this book for a general public audience. As a long-time museum official, my experience with the public in regards to eastern tribes is that people know little about them, and the complexity and sophistication of their cultures, politics, and world views. And so I believe it is most important for indigenous authors to continually educate the public on these points.

Speakers and panelists included Paul Gorgen (Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community); Bonney Hartley (Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Tribal Historic Preservation Office); Dr. Marshall Becker (West Chester University of Pennsylvania); Dr. Anne-Marie Cantwell (Rutgers University); Dr. Diana diZerega Wall (The City College of New York/The CUNY Graduate Center); Dr. Charles Gehring (New Netherland Research Center); Richard Manack (New Netherland Nauticals); Dr. Kevin McBride (Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center), Dr. John Pfeiffer (Town of Old Lyme), and Dr. Stephen Staggs (Calvin College). Organizer & Moderator was Dr. Lucianne Lavin (IAIS).

I do not need copy until early April, but I do need the paper title, abstract, list of any possible graphics, and a short bio blurb of the author **sent by January 31st if possible.** Please submit those, with any questions you may have to my email below. Feel free to call me for further information.

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Sally and Gerald Hendricks at the Elder Christmas Party

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Bear cont from page One:

About 150 years ago, there was in the midst of the joined Mohican/Munsee nation; a yearly celebration that took place among the peoples. It was called the "Celestial Bear Ceremony" which was held at the beginning of the New Moon of Jan and lasted for 12-14 days until the full moon arrived. The beginning of this ceremony called for the sacrifice of a bear, and its body to be consumed during this 2-week celebration. It would begin with a special woman from the people who had the gift of vision. She would dream of the right place and the right kind of bear would be found.

During the last known ceremony, a woman from the village had such a vision in where to find this bear. She did relay her vision to the chief of the ceremony where it could be found. The Chief then instructed 12 men to go and find this bear. (I believe the Chief and the 12 men's number reflects the 13 months of the year.) Once the bear was found in its hibernating spot, they would awaken it and lead it back to the Big House where the Chief would be waiting.

The chief was to await the bear to be led to the Big House where only the Chief was to make the kill. The killing of the bear was very humane and painless. They had used a strong club with a ball on the end to strike the bear with one blow to the head.

So, in following the vision of the Woman who had that gift of sight, the 12 men followed her directions and came upon a tree where the bear lay hidden up inside. The lead man would pound on the tree 3-4 times and say "Bear! Wake up! We need your body for the ceremony!" When they heard nothing the lead man would repeat the pounding and telling the bear to awaken.

Finally, the bear awoke and climbed down. Sitting on the ground still groggy from his slumber he held his head low to the ground. The lead man said "Come bear! Follow us to the Big House! The old man (Chief) is waiting for you!" So, the bear followed the men with absolutely no problems. But so far along the trail the bear sat down and did not move anymore. The lead man said "Bear! Get up! The old man is waiting for you at the Big House!" But the bear just sat there with his head hung low.

Finally, the lead man said "Bear! If you don't follow us to the Big House, we shall have to sacrifice you right here!" But the bear still did not move. So, the lead man told one of the other men to go to the

Big house and tell the Chief that the bear will not come. After some time, the Chief arrived with the messenger back to the spot where the bear was sitting. The Chief said "Bear! Get up and follow us to the Big House! We need your body for the Celestial Bear ceremony!" But the bear still sat there with his head hanging low. The Chief then said "Bear! If you do not come, we will have to sacrifice you here!" Still the bear remained..... So, with one precise swing, the Chief killed the bear instantly.

The men then carried the bear back to the Big House where there were women waiting to cut up the bear and begin processing it for the 2-week ceremony. One young man was left with them to assist in any way they needed. After the Bear was skinned, the Chief took the hide into the Big house. In the middle of the Big House there was a center pole. On this pole wrapped and tied was the hide from the bear that was sacrificed the previous year. He would untie the old hide, and re-tie the new one to the post.

This was the beginning of the 2-week celebration in honor of the Spirit of the bear and all its qualities. Each night there was a feast, dancing, sharing of visions of the previous year and of the year to come. Many ceremonies happening in celebration of the New Year, and the Celestial Spirit Bears' return to earth.

At the end of the celebrations the Chief would give a speech. He would give advice to all who came about making good decisions and living life in the right way. He would talk of the importance of family and community and our responsibilities to each other, telling us not to argue and fight, not to take our brothers wife home (That was really said lol). This was a new year, and a time of healing, growing, and sharing in respect to the Spirit/ Celestial Bear. A time of New Year resolutions, chasing your visions, healing broken relationships and growing as a community.

This story is known by many in our community; some people do still recognize this time of year and do our own modern respecting of this time. At the time of the 1800s, this ceremony was only being done by very few traditionals. Eventually it stopped. This man Nekatcit knew of its importance and had allowed his knowledge to be document in its entirety. It is as if he knew in time, the traditionals would rise again and rediscover this ceremony of healing and unity among the tribe. I am sure he

On the Trail Home



Sherwin Shayne Davids

Sherwin Shayne Davids found peace on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the age of 69 years in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. He was the youngest child of Ken and Minerva (Nee Miller) Davids and was born in Shawano.

After graduating from Milwaukee Lutheran High School in 1965, he served in the United States Army from 1965 through 1969, stationed throughout the US and Europe.

Following his graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, he began a life-long career as a professor at the Milwaukee Area Technical College. Shayne taught English, Native American History and Native American Literature at MATC before retiring in 2004. He made many good friends through teaching and impacted on many of his students' lives.

He enjoyed working on projects, especially carpentry and woodwork. Shayne built everything from bunk beds to picnic tables to

swinging benches.

He is survived by: his wife of 28 years, Jacquelyn; his son Shayne (Charlotte) Davids of Bedford, UK; his three grandchildren, William, Ayla and Violet Davids; his brother Roderick "Butch" Davids of Bowler, WI.; and is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded into death by his parents Kenneth and Minerva Davids, his sister Marilyn "Mary" (Timothy) Boivin, and three brothers: Kermit "Doodle" (Sharon) Davids, Ronald "Son" Davids, and Rodney "Chum" (Bonnie) Davids.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at Heritage Funeral Home in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. This spring/summer, his ashes will be laid to rest alongside his family at the Stockbridge Burial Ground. Memories and condolences may be shared at <http://www.heritagefuneral.com/obituaries/Sherwin-Davids/#!/TributeWall>

may have predicted that it would not be done the same, but I feel his biggest wish was that people would not forget what it was for! He left this knowledge behind so people like you and I could find it, share it, and teach our children about it. It is one small part of who we were/are.

I have always been taught that our ancestors have left things on our path to rediscover, but we need to recognize it and pick it up and

use it while it is there. Otherwise if we leave it and change our minds later to return to find them.... They could be gone for good.

One can request a copy of the document on Nekatcits story from the library museum (You may have to pay for paper). You will find a much more detailed version within. I merely shared a small piece! Wneeweh K'petammen!
(Thank you for listening)
Shawn Stevens

Loss cont from page One:

As the study explains, gaming in the state of Wisconsin is among the most robust in the nation, and has reached a point of saturation. In a saturated market, any increase in gaming you see from one casino to the next is not "new," rather it is simply shifted from somewhere else.

"The North Star Mohican Casino Resort is the economic lifeblood of our tribe and the largest employer in Shawano County. But that is now all at grave and unnecessary risk," said Shannon Holsey, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council. "The Ho-Chunk currently operate four of the state's 10 largest casinos. With the State of Wisconsin refusing to enforce the terms of its compact and allowing unfettered, unsanctioned expansion, Ho-Chunk will eventually have five of the state's 10 largest under its control. This will not grow the Wisconsin economy, but will instead take revenues from other, far smaller tribes. How can this be allowed to continue?"

As previously announced, The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and other tribes are calling upon Governor Walker and his Administration to fairly enforce state gaming compacts for all tribes. For decades, the State has placed clear restrictions on the size, number and nature of gaming facilities across the state, establishing a distinction between full-scale casinos and much smaller ancillary facilities. However, in a perplexing and surprising reversal on its past position, the State is allowing the Ho-Chunk Nation to broadly reinterpret its compact terms so that it can turn its ancillary gaming facilities into full-scale casino-resorts.

According to the State's own definition, an ancillary gaming facility is restricted in both size and scope in order to clearly differentiate it from a full-scale casino. First, the non-gaming business (such as a gas station) and the gaming business must be located in the same building. Second, the gaming business must generate less than 50 percent of the combined facility's net revenue. Finally, the non-gaming portion of the building must be physically larger than the gaming portion of the building. Neither the Ho-Chunk's current Wittenberg facility nor its planned expansion adheres to those terms. Moreover, longstanding questions persist regarding whether the Ho-Chunk Nation may lawfully operate any gaming facility on its lands in Shawano County. The refusal of State and Federal regulators to enforce the land

restrictions on Indian gaming on the Ho-Chunk Nation's land in Wittenberg essentially allows any tribe to operate any type of gaming on any land it wants.

If allowed to continue, all tribal/State gaming compacts will be rendered meaningless, destabilizing Wisconsin's carefully negotiated gaming environment, increasing the likelihood of widespread and costly litigation, and creating uncertainty about the future of State tribal gaming revenues. And as the economic impact study verifies, Ho-Chunk's expansion puts the self-sustainability of a number of tribes into serious question.

Nine of Wisconsin's 24 gaming locations (including the North Star Mohican Casino Resort and the proposed Ho-Chunk Wittenberg Casino) are concentrated in adjacent parts of Brown, Shawano and Menominee Counties, making that area one of the most competitive gaming regions in the State. These nine casinos enjoy a fragile balance that the Ho-Chunk Wittenberg expansion would topple. With its greatly expanded facilities and prime location near the intersections of WI Highways 29 and 45, major state arteries, Ho-Chunk Wittenberg would intercept the North Star Mohican Casino Resort's business from northwest central Wisconsin, including its largest customer base in Wausau, Wisconsin. The effect will be crippling, forcing severe cuts in essential governmental programs and services to its members and to the region.

Several other Wisconsin tribes have raised concerns that the expanded Wittenberg casino-resort will violate the Ho-Chunk Nation's gaming compact with the State, which allows the tribe to operate an ancillary gaming facility – not a full-blown casino – at its Wittenberg site. The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community echo the Stockbridge-Munsee's concerns over the consequences of the planned Wittenberg expansion and have urged Gov. Walker and his Administration to fairly enforce state gaming compacts for all tribes.

The planned \$27 million expansion of the Ho-Chunk Wittenberg ancillary facility will include 750 slot machines, a new high-limit gaming area, 10 table games, an 86-room hotel and conference center facility, and an 84-seat restaurant/bar. The economic impact study, which was completed by Market & Fea-

sibility Advisors, LLC, only looked at the impact on machine revenue. Therefore, actual impacts may be far greater once other revenue reductions (hotel, table games, etc.) are factored.

(Editor's Note: The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has included letters on their web site for Tribal members and others to send to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin. That letter and the address are included below):

Dear Governor Walker:
I am writing you today as a proud member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, to urge that you put a stop to the unlawful expansion of Ho-Chunk Nation's ancillary gaming facility in Wittenberg into a full-blown casino-resort.

The expansion from an ancillary facility into a casino-resort is a breach of the Ho-Chunk Nation's gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin and will disproportionately hurt the Stockbridge-Munsee people.

Our tribe's economic lifeblood relies on the revenue from the North Star Mohican Casino Resort, which is located only 16 miles from the already non-compliant Ho-Chunk Wittenberg site. Not only will this non-compliant expansion impact our tribe, it will also ripple to the reservation's surrounding townships and Shawano County,

Elder Visitor Wants to Hear From You

Jan RedCloud (Hill) is the Elderly Visitor for Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services. She has been in the position for nearly a year now (February 16, 2016) and says she thought the job as an Elderly Visitor would bring her in touch with the elders of the tribe and she could be helpful and get to know them and their families. "I love to get to know people and that is what I have been trying to do. I know there are a lot of people that I haven't gotten know and some that don't know me or what I do and that is why I'm writing this," Redcloud said.

Jan encourages you to call her at 715-793-4236 or 715-793-4239 if she does not call you. She said she is not trying to be rude and not meet everyone, however, the Elder Visitor services are limited to the service area that is the 1856 Treaty Boundaries, which includes the townships of Bartelme & Red Springs. Jan says some people she's called for visits said they don't want a visit and that is fine and some she hasn't caught up to yet. "So please call me and we can get together," she emphasized. Redcloud explained her work week saying Mondays are mostly

because the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe is the largest employer in Shawano County.

The Ho-Chunk Wittenberg expansion puts the future of the Stockbridge-Munsee and the hundreds of Shawano County families who rely on us at risk.

While other Wisconsin tribes will also see multi-million dollar losses as a result of the Wittenberg expansion, the impact on the Stockbridge-Munsee is by far the greatest, with annual machine revenue at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort projected to drop by \$22 million, or nearly 37 percent, according to a recently commissioned economic impact study. The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community echo our concerns about the long-term negative consequences if state gaming compacts are not fairly enforced for all tribes.

Together, we respectfully and urgently request that you put a stop to the Ho-Chunk Nation's unlawful Wittenberg expansion and maintain the stable gaming landscape in the State of Wisconsin.

**Governor Scott Walker
State of Wisconsin
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clear but every day she picks up medications from 2 p.m. to sometimes after 3 p.m. depending on how much is picked up and the time it takes to deliver the medication. On Wednesdays, she makes trips to Bowler and Gresham for elders who need to go to the banks or stores; she also does light housekeeping arranged by appointment only. She takes elders to visit other elders that are within the Reservation Bounders, and sometimes takes elders to their medical appointments. "I help out where I can and that is also helping with the Elderly Bingo," Redcloud said.

Visitor continued on page Ten:



I, Steven Davids, am seeking a position on tribal council. Recent actions by certain members of our tribal council have raised the concerns of many and we need to restore trust in our elected officials. I offer an independent, objective and respectful candidacy to overcome the recent controversy and move forward in a clear and decisive manner.

I am a graduate of Bowler High School and UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Social Science and a minor in Political Science. I have studied all forms of government, including tribal government and the core principle of our ancestral leaders is to insure our Mohican people are provided for and cared for first. Too often we are not treated as a priority, but as second-class citizens within our own tribe. Tribal preference is often ignored for such activities as hunting and fishing, health care, services and employment. We need to redirect our resources to OUR people and make sure we can meet our needs. If elected, I will place tribal members as the top priority in ALL aspects and ensure our needs are met first before we serve others.

I am a strong supporter of building a new tribal office so we can modernize many of our programs and operations. This will in turn make our government operations more efficient and increase the effectiveness of our services. As a result, there will be a "savings" of resources that tribal government then can pass on directly to the tribal membership while still maintaining financial and economic growth. Building the new tribal office during a time that has historically low interest rates will also give us an opportunity to maximize our resources that will positively affect us for the next generation and give our employees a healthy, safe and productive work environment. *(The following is just a financial scenario, none of the dollar amounts are true financial figures)* For the new tribal office, as example, let's say it costs \$10 million to build a new building and instead of paying for it with our savings (investments), we would borrow against our investments and like a typical mortgage, apply 20% down (\$2 million) and finance the rest (\$8 million) at a low rate of 3%, while our investments make an average annual rate of 6%. We are still "making" 3% profit on the

8 million we left in our investment while paying off the loan at 3% interest rate over the course of a 10-15 year loan. In addition, we currently are charging 24+% indirect cost (IDC) on almost all federal/state grants we receive. To put into a simple math scenario; let's say we get \$20 million annually and charge (round up) 25% indirect cost (\$5 million) to support tribal operations. If the tribe moves into a more efficient facility thereby reducing our overall operational needs and costs, we can then reduce our indirect cost and redirect those savings back into the programs and services we receive the funds for in the first place. We then can reduce our tribal contribution to these programs by the savings amount and can either pass that additional savings onto our members in the form of a per capita (we will have to revise the revenue allocation plan), commit it to further grow our investments, pay down the loan faster or a combination of any of the options. Using this example, if we can reduce our indirect rate (IDC) to 15%, we would save \$2 million annually.

The next phase after the new tribal office is built and operational, we can remove the extra buildings from the tribe's operational costs by selling, leasing (for profit) or razing older buildings that cost too much to maintain. Then, work to begin converting to a four-day work week to further make operations more efficient and effective and save on operational costs to maintain building operations from five days a week to four days.

One of the other objectives I would commit to promoting is free higher education for all tribal members regardless of income. Whatever the cost is to go to college, technical school, trade school that will get a tribal member the proper education they need to pursue their career, the tribe should pay for it. As long as the member is receiving a "passing grade" for the higher education of their choosing, the tribe will pay the difference that grants/scholarships don't cover that is determined by their respective school. As part of the free education program, I would also support reviewing and consider implementing a tribal student loan forgiveness program if it is a hindrance for members pursuing their education.

The purpose of a free education is that we simply need more of our members working in all areas of tribal government and businesses and we should eliminate any barriers that prevent our tribal members from achieving success in all areas of our tribal operations and their personal lives. We need our people in; finance, health care, business management, hospitality, legal, program management,

Platforms cont on page Eleven:



Dear Tribal Members,
I Terrie K. Terrio have decided to run for the open Tribal Council seat. I am the Granddaughter of Virginia & Leonard Johnson, the daughter of Verna Johnson Miller, the Mother of Kenneth W. Miller Jr. and sister to 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

My employment with the Tribe began the spring of 1973 as the secretary of the Mohican Housing Authority for 18 months. Back in the seventies and eighties folks worked in grant funded jobs until the grant ended. The Tribe's only source of income was stumpage revenues from timber sales. After leaving the Housing I drove the Head start bus until I slide into the Directors car returning to the center in an ice storm. Marcelene Sparks was the Tribal Treasurer during the seventies when I was hired as the bookkeeper. I was responsible for the payroll functions, deposits, worker's compensation, insurances and reconciliation of up to 21 separate accounts. Marc did the rest including writing grants, handled projects and administered the HIP program. It was an exciting time for the Tribe more jobs became available, homes were being built along with the Health Center, the Tribal Office and the Library Museum.

In 1982 I ran for Tribal Council and was elected, I learned a lot about the inner workings of Tribal Government. In 1984 I was elected Tribal Treasurer, I wanted to see the Tribe make money from another source besides stumpage, cigarette sales and grants. The Tribe had a revolving loan fund at the Bowler bank that had to be extended from \$50,000.00 to \$70,000.00 due to the lateness of receiving grant funds. We were not allowed to charge the cost of the loan fund to the grants so I could see the Tribe digging a financial hole of no return.

I put together a budget to start up Bingo for \$850.00 and got it approved by Tribal Council. I ordered Tables, chairs and bingo supplies.

Thanks to the many volunteers this became very successful and the Tribal Council built the Bingo hall out on Hwy A, with the revenues generated we eliminated the revolving loan fund. I started to put excess bingo revenues into certificates of deposits in the eight-

ies which gave us a very good and safe return. Interest on CD's was very high in the eighties.

Our next move was to enter the class three gaming arena. We added onto the Bingo hall which was later added onto at least 3 times. Gaming has allowed us to be more financially stable. The revenues have allowed us to provide employment, health care, education, homes, clean water and working sanitation systems. I am proud of us tribal members who gave their time and effort to get us where we are today. I remember in the eighties when the bank called me several times to say we were over the loan fund limit and I had a certain time to get money to the bank this memory demonstrates how far we have come. We had to tighten our belt and thank goodness we had almost 50 million saved in 2008 and 2009 when building the new casino during the national financial crises but the Tribe has weathered the storms as it has historically.

We are a resilient people and we must band together if we are to survive as a nation. I have the benefit of growing with the Tribe and have obtained valuable experience. I have worked with every part of what makes our Tribe work today and I believe I have something to offer as a Tribal Council Member and I would greatly appreciate your vote. A list of some of my accomplishments are as follows:

1993 created and started up the Burial Trust Fund

1995 I and Bob Chicks met with USDA in Washington DC and secured grants and loans for water and sewer.

1998 Testified on behalf of our tribe in regards to law enforcement funding. We received \$800.00 from BIA at the time and after my testimony we receive \$80,000.00.

1999 – 2003 Served as one of two Midwest representatives on the BIA budget committee.

2002 – 2008 Served as one of two Midwest representatives on the HIS budget committee.

I would like to add that I wrote and delivered my own testimonies.

Many hours were devoted over the years to our Tribes investments, Children's Trust and the Burial Trust funds. We did not have an investment committee while I was the Treasurer prior to 2009. I was responsible for making all financial recommendations including investments. Currently we have an Investment committee that is charged with this responsibility which I currently serve as a committee member.

I am willing to roll up my sleeves and work to support our Tribe along with the rest of the Tribal Council

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask.

Respectfully,
Terrie K. Terrio

S-M Performing & Arts Talent Showcase



Participation Form

To be Eligible:

The show is open to families and students of our S-M, Bowler and Gresham communities.

All participants:

Please return a completed and signed Talent Showcase Participation Form by 2/10/17 (attached) this will help us with the line-up.

Planning your act:

Rated PG please! Lyrics, costumes and performances should be clean version and appropriate for all audiences.

Rehearsal: *February 24th*

S-M Family Services After School Program staff: Lai Lonnie, Linda and Monique # 793-4085

Rehearsal at Mohican Family Center 3:30 P.M.

If you have a scheduling conflict with the rehearsal time, please e-mail lailonnie.kosowski@mohican-nsn.gov

Show Time:

Please plan on arriving one hour before show time at MFC. Youth will be provided a spaghetti supper before the show.

Participant's Name: _____

Ages: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____

Alternate contact number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____

Description of the act:

Solo sing, duet, karaoke, skit, puppets, traditional, dance, gymnastics, comedy, magic, sports skills, art display, reading

Name of your ACT or SONG and artist/composer or YOUR ART to be displayed:

Parents: By signing below you are giving your consent for your child to participate.

Parent's Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Student's _____

Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show? Yes

Please return to ASP in an envelope marked "Talent Showcase"

FAMILY TALENT AND ART SHOW

FEBRUARY 28TH

5:30 P.M. SHOWTIME

6:30 INTERMISSION

Concessions Available in the LOBBY



ASP Family Event at Mohican Family Center

Please contact: Lai Lonnie, ASP Youth Activities **# 793-4085 ~ SIGN UP YOUR FAMILY ACT!**

2016 Community Memorial



David Marshall Tousey
June 1, 1952 - January 15, 2016



Lucy Beth Christine Bowersock (Hass)
May 29, 1939 - January 18, 2016



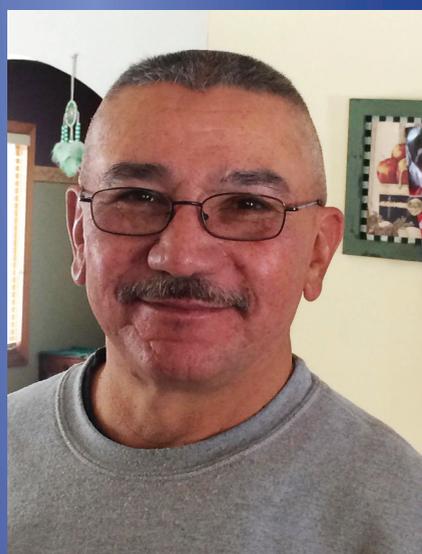
Clyde H. Jacobs, Sr.
June 13, 1941 - February 22, 2016



Michelle Peters
November 17, 1971 - March 17, 2016



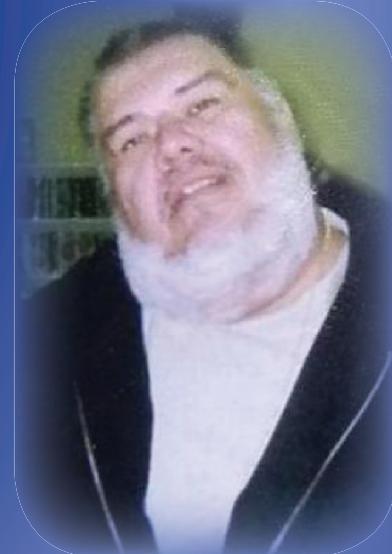
Joan Marie Vele
December 28, 1966 - March 21, 2016



William B. Miller
October 16, 1957 - April 23, 2016



Wilma R. (Doxtator) DeMain
August 29, 1952 - May 27, 2016



Robert Wayne Curtis
June 28, 1967 - June 29, 2016



Charlene "Polly" Hazel Moon
July 16, 2016



Mary Joan Stick/Bertram
July 2, 2016



Eunice Lone Stick
August 31, 1919 - July 23, 2016



Joanne M. Malone
May 31, 1941 - August 23, 2016



Arnold M. Kosbab
July 2, 1953 - October 7, 2016
Elsa Mae Kosbab
December 7, 1945 - September 30, 2016



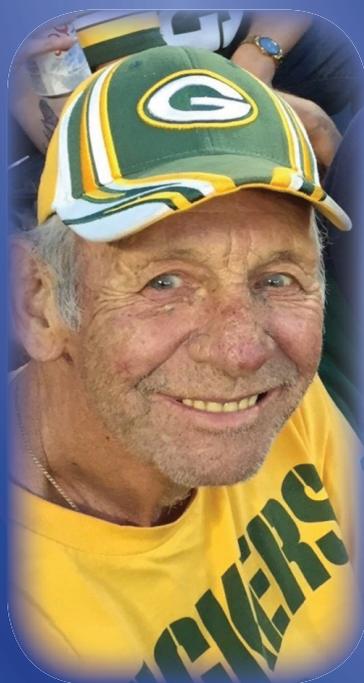
Emma Jane Grosskopf
August 11, 1933 - October 6, 2016



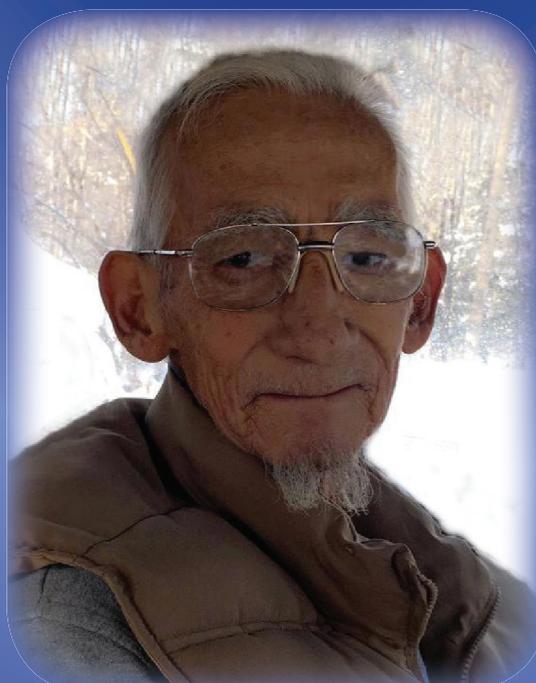
Gerald "Jerry" J. Ashenbrenner
November 3, 1947 - November 14,
2016



Ralph K. Beilke
March 22, 1958 - November 16,
2016



Martin "Marty" M. Sybeldon
December 3, 2016



Irvin M. Doxtator
December 9, 1948 - December 21, 2016



Leona Sarah Bowman
April 6, 1920 - December 14, 2016



Community

Visitor cont from page One:

According to Redcloud, even though this sounds like a lot of things she does; it isn't. "I love to visit and the best times for me to visit are in the mornings because of the medication pickup and delivery in the afternoon," she explained.

"If I don't call you, please don't feel bad. You can always call me and I will be happy to come see you or visit with you. I would love to get to know you and spend some time with you. Please call me," Jan encouraged.

A little about Jan: Her parents were Earl Hill (Squirrely) and Violet (Malone) Hill.

She says she and her family mostly lived on the S/M reservation. She said she had eight siblings and jokes about being a middle child. Redcloud has three adult children; Melissa Kosowski, married to Rob Kosowski, is her oldest daughter

and Violet Azzolina, married to Frank Azzolina, is the middle child, and her son Charles Terrio IV is the youngest.

She says she's a proud grandmother of nine grandchildren. She also says she's been a widow for 13 years.

According to Jan, she worked for the S/M tribe for a while as an intern Alcohol and Drug Counselor and then went work as a counselor there. She met her second husband and moved to Ho-Chunk land, where she worked for about 13 years as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor and other jobs; but mostly in the counseling field. Jan says after her husband died she moved home and worked as the Client Service Advocate for Family Services for almost five years and worked for the Ho Chunks again as a Domestic Abuse Advocate and as Client Skills Advocate for Ho Chunk Social Services.

Home for Sale



Reduced

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is accepting bids from tribal members on a home located at W10249 Town Hall Road, Gresham, Wisconsin.

Minimum Bid \$30,000

HOME INFORMATION:

- Approximately 1,100 sq. ft.
- Partial fieldstone basement
- 3 bedrooms and 1 full bath
- 1 unattached garages\converted church\unattached shed
- 1.44 acre lot
- Country setting within walking distance to lake access
- Home has fuel oil furnace\ supplemental wood heat
- Home and buildings to be sold in "AS IS CONDITION"

This sale will be a cash sale or financed through our loan department with qualified credit. Bidders must be able to close on the sale within 45 days of bid acceptance.

If you are interested in viewing the property or need additional information, please contact Land Management at 793-4855 OR 793-4869

All bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR GRESHAM HOME AT W10249 Town Hall Road

All bids must be sealed and presented to:

JERILYN JOHNSON
TRIBAL OFFICES
N8476 MOH HE CON NUCK ROAD
BOWLER, WI 54416

Bids will be accepted until: **Friday February 10th, 2017 AT 4:30PM**

2/1/2017

FRUIT & VEGETABLE OF THE MONTH

CABBAGE

Cruciferous vegetables like cabbage, kale, and broccoli are notorious for being chock-full of beneficial nutrients. If you are trying to improve your diet, cruciferous

Main Health Benefits:

1. Protection from radiation therapy: A compound in cabbage has been found to protect against the harmful effects of radiation therapy.
2. Cancer Prevention: Cruciferous vegetables are associated with a lower cancer risk. The protection is found in the bitter taste component of the vegetable.
3. Heart Health: By suppressing inflammation cabbage is shown to protect against cardiovascular disease.
4. Immunity and Digestion: The fiber and water in cabbage helps prevent constipation and maintain a healthy digestive tract.

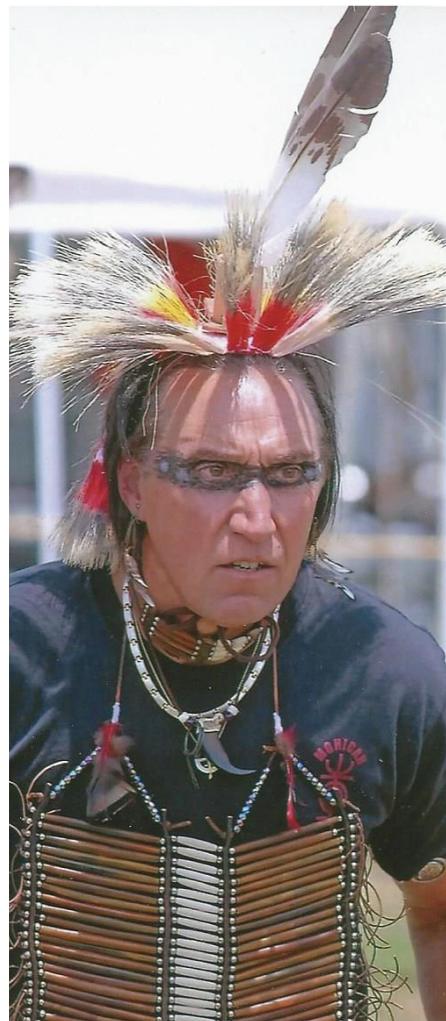


vegetables should be at the very top of your grocery list.

Cabbage can vary in color from green to red and purple, and the leaves can be smooth or crinkled. With less than 20 calories per half cup cooked, it is a vegetable worth making room on your plate for.

QUICK TIPS FOR EATING MORE CABBAGE:

- Keep it simple and drizzle roasted chopped cabbage with olive oil, cracked black pepper, and minced garlic
- Add shredded cabbage to a fresh green salad
- Add chopped cabbage to any soup or stew near the end of cooking



Merry Christmas to all the wonderful staff at Mohican News. Thank you for the hard work you do. I am blessed to be able to keep up with all the information that you provide for our wonderful people, many thanks and blessings to you all and my friends at Mohican Veterans, Arvid E. Miller Library Museum, and Tribal Council.

Photos are me dancing for all Mohican Vets, Vets past, and Vets present, and my nephew, serving in the Army – Mohican Vet, Corporal Philip Sechow

Roland Webb

Be a Part of Your Child's Dental Health

The Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center Dental Department is asking parents and guardians to attend dental appointments with their children. Specifically, we are asking parents/guardians to be available in the SMHWC Dental Clinic waiting room during the duration of any minor's appointment and if necessary in the dental operatory itself. The following is an explanation regarding why we are making this request.

While we understand and appreciate the busy life of a parent/guardian, we are asking that children/minors no longer be dropped off for their appointments without a responsible adult. A legal guardian is necessary to obtain legal consent for treatment of children under the age of 18. Treatment plans are revised at each hygiene appointment and can sometimes greatly change as a child loses and gains new teeth. We want parents and guardians to be part of the decision making process, know what to expect before and after treatment, and take part in understanding how to make necessary changes to improve oral homecare. Even during non-treatment planning appointments, procedures can sometimes unexpectedly change.

When unexpected changes in treatment occur, we need the input and preferences of the parent or guardian to decide what's best for their child. Fillings can turn into recommendations for extractions and tooth colored fillings are sometimes recommended to be

silver fillings instead. When these things happen, we want to the parent/guardian to be part of the decision making process.

Although they do not happen often, medical emergencies are at an increased likelihood when in a dental chair. This can be attributed to the increased stress, variety of dental products, and sometimes unknown allergies of patients. If such an unfortunate situation were to arise, a parent/guardian would be a key source of information and decision making for an emergency response team. Although also unlikely, in the event of a fire, tornado, or other clinic-wide emergency situation it would be best for your child to have their guardian at their side. As you might expect all of these situations carry with them legal questions and implications that the SMHWC would rather not assume.

If you are coming to the SMHWC dental clinic with your child in the future please plan on staying in the Dental Clinic area during the duration of your child's appointment. Our spacious waiting room offers an abundance of chairs, magazines, satellite TV (with an approved list of channels), and windows that provide views of the surrounding natural beauty.

Feel free to bring a book, smartphone, or simply enjoy the company of our friendly community members while you wait. We look forward to seeing you soon and having you in the clinic as a vital part of your child's oral healthcare team.



My name is Regina (Putnam) Williams and I would like you to consider voting for me in the upcoming Tribal election.

I am the daughter of Joe and Rosie Putnam and have lived in the Stockbridge Munsee Community for most my life. I have Associates degrees in Biological Sciences and Business administration, a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and am currently working on an MBA at Lakeland University. My employment experience is primarily in gaming, but I have been working for the Tribe as a Child Support Specialist for the past four years. In addition,

I have served on the election board, Head Start policy council, and currently serve on the health board.

Any individual elected to serve the Tribe as a council member has a responsibility to serve the people. As a Tribal Council member, it is also important to know the concerns of the people you are serving. I currently attend most Tribal Council meetings and try to stay up to date on the issues they will be voting on at those meetings. As a Tribal member, I ask questions about things and contribute my thoughts or concerns. I see other Tribal members doing this as well, and I think it is very valuable to have Tribal member involvement in these meetings as their involvement assists in helping our elected leaders in doing their jobs well.

I cannot pretend to have all the answers and will not make a slew of campaign promises. I can say that if elected I would do my best to make informed votes and represent the best interests of the Tribe in all matters. Thank you for your consideration and remember to vote on February 4th, 2017!



Matters of the Heart: Feb Heart Health Month

Coronary heart disease—often simply called heart disease—is the main form of heart disease. It is a disorder of the blood vessels of the heart that can lead to heart attack. A heart attack happens when an artery becomes blocked, preventing oxygen and nutrients from getting to the heart. Heart disease is one of several cardiovascular diseases, which are diseases of the heart and blood vessel system. Other cardiovascular diseases include stroke, high blood pressure, angina (chest pain), and rheumatic heart disease.

One reason some people aren't too concerned about heart disease is that they think it can be "cured" with surgery or medication. This is a myth. Heart disease is a lifelong condition—once you get it, you'll always have it. True, procedures such as bypass surgery and percutaneous coronary intervention can help blood and oxygen flow to the heart more easily. But the arteries remain damaged, which means you are more likely to have a heart attack. What's more, the condition of your blood vessels will steadily worsen unless you make changes in your daily habits. Many people

die of complications from heart disease, or become permanently disabled. That's why it is so vital to take action to prevent and control this disease.

Risk factors are conditions or habits that make a person more likely to develop a disease. They can also increase the chances that an existing disease will get worse. Important risk factors for heart disease that you can do something about are:

- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Diabetes and prediabetes
- Smoking
- Being overweight or obese
- Being physically inactive
- Having a family history of early heart disease
- Having a history of preeclampsia during pregnancy
- Unhealthy diet
- Age (55 or older for women)

Some risk factors, such as age and family history of early heart disease, can't be changed so it is vitally important to change the ones we can.

Please stop by the clinic February 14th between 10am & 2pm to learn what you can do to improve your heart health.

Hello, my name is Randall Wollenhaup and I am asking for your consideration in the upcoming tribal election. I am the son of Prena (Bowman) Wollenhaup and the late Ray "Hopper" Wollenhaup. I received my degree in wildlife ecology and management in 2004 from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and began work for the U.S. Forest Service after graduation as a district wildlife biologist. In 2010, I left the Forest Service to work for our Tribe in the Ecology Department, where I have been employed for the past 6 years. Working for the Tribe has truly been a rewarding experience and I have done my best to take advantage of the opportunities granted to me through the sacrifices of those that came before me. I believe providing Tribal members with opportunities for advancement in education and employment is a top priority. I have worked hard over the past 6 years to enhance this priority by expanding the summer youth program and creating internships in the field of natural resources. I would like to see these opportunities for Tribal members grow by including other fields such as business, health care, administration, etc. in these

programs. The leaders that came before us made huge sacrifices to provide future generations with opportunities for advancement and I feel the best way to honor them is to work diligently to ensure all current and future tribal members have the necessary opportunities to see their goals come to fruition. I am honored to accept the nomination for Tribal Council and will always base my decisions on what is best for the Tribe as a whole.

Again, thanks for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

Randall Wollenhaup
randall.wollenhaup@gmail.com

Platforms cont from pg Six:
construction, government leadership, IT, human resources, and more.

I have many ideas and plans that will greatly improve the lives of our membership and look forward to be given the opportunity to serve you as a member of tribal council. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,
Steven J. Davids
Candidate for Tribal Council



Education

INSPIRE Pre-College Program

This program is a **full scholarship** program open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, INCLUDING the 2017 anticipated graduates. This is a 3 week program from July 2 to July 21, 2017 spent on the George Washington University campus in Washington, D.C., to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government.

Program Scholarship Includes:

- **FREE** application process
- One course in Native Politics and the American Political System
- Room and Board
- Airfare to and From Washington, D.C. (one round trip ticket)
- All required textbooks
- Required local travel related to course

How to apply:

Submit application online through this link à <https://inspire.naplp.gwu.edu/inspire-pre-college-application>

Include Supporting Documents

(may be submitted separately through information provided below):

- 350 Word essay- Please write your essay stating why you are interested in the INSPIRE Pre-College Program and what you hope to learn. Indicate what type of

career you want to pursue in public service or politics. How do you currently serve your community or how do you want to serve your community in the future?

- High School Transcript
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment or Ancestry

· [Recommendation form](#) completed by a teacher or counselor à <https://inspire.naplp.gwu.edu/sites/inspire.naplp.gwu.edu/files/downloads/INSPIRE%20Pre-College%20Recommendation%20Form%20-%20Final%202017.pdf>

To submit supporting documents separately you can

- [Email](mailto:inspire@gwu.edu) digital copies to inspire@gwu.edu; or
- [Fax](tel:202-994-8471) copies to 202-994-8471; or
- [Mail](#) copies to [The Native American Political Leadership Program at the George Washington University, Attn: The INSPIRE Pre-College Program, 1922 F Street NW Suite 401, Washington, DC 20052.](#)

All applications including supporting documents must be received ON or BEFORE **MARCH 1, 2017.**

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the program/ scholarship please visit <https://inspire.naplp.gwu.edu/about-inspire-pre-college-program>

2017 WIC Dates

- January 3, Cert Day; 4, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 12, Backup Day
- February 7, Cert Day; 8, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 16, Backup Day
- March 7, Cert Day; 8, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 13, Backup Day
- April 4, Cert Day; 5, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 12, Backup Day
- May 2, Cert Day; 3, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 11, Backup Day
- June 6, Cert Day; 7, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 15, Backup Day
- July 5, Cert Day; 6, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 13, Backup Day
- August 1, Cert Day; 2, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 10, Backup Day
- September 5, Cert Day; 6, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 14, Backup Day
- October 3, Cert Day; 4, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 12, Backup Day
- November 7, Cert Day; 8, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 16, Backup Day
- December 5, Cert Day; 6, Check/Benefit Pickup Day; 14, Backup Day

Grand Ronde Tribe adopts Independent Press Ordinance

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to create independent editorial board and adopt press protections

GRAND RONDE, Ore. – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has joined an increasing number of other Native American Tribes nationwide in adopting an Independent Press Ordinance that will codify that the Tribal news publication has the independence to report Grand Ronde news objectively and free from undue political influence by Tribal elected officials.

The ordinance was adopted by the Grand Ronde Tribal Council at its Wednesday, Dec. 28, meeting and goes into effect in mid-January.

Although the Grand Ronde Tribal Constitution, adopted in 1984, states that “Tribal Council shall not deny ... freedom of speech, press, or religion,” the Tribal publication, Smoke Signals, has for many years been supervised by a manager who reports directly to Tribal Council. The government structure created concerns among newspaper staff members, Tribal employees and Tribal members about the newspaper’s ability to report news objectively without undue influence.

The new ordinance was shepherded through the ordinance process by Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, who previously worked as a reporter for Smoke Signals before being first elected to Tribal Council in 2004.

“Freedom of the press was guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution when this country was founded,” Mercier said. “It has always been a fundamental right of American citizens. I think that when people approved our Tribal Constitution in 1984 they included language for freedom of the press for a reason. I do believe that this is what they had in mind.”

The ordinance will create an Editorial Board of between three and five members with a majority being Grand Ronde Tribal members.

The board, which will be appointed by Tribal Council, will supervise the editor of Smoke Signals.

Board members will serve for three-year terms and adhere to accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association. “The Editorial Board members shall serve their terms of office free from any undue influence or any political interest,” the ordinance states.

The ordinance also requires the editor to adhere to accepted ethics of journalism and to serve free from undue influence and any political interest. The ordinance also provides Smoke Signals staff members with protection from disclosing their sources.

Smoke Signals has been published by the Grand Ronde Tribe since 1984 and is currently published on the first and 15th of each month. The newspaper consistently wins awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association and Native American Journalists Association.

About the Tribe

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon includes more than 27 Tribes and Bands from western Oregon, southwestern Washington and northern California that were relocated to the Grand Ronde Reservation between 1855-1875.

These Tribes and Bands include the Rogue River, Umpqua, Chasta, Kalapuya, Molalla, Salmon River, Tillamook and Nestucca Indians.

The Tribes’ ceded lands in Oregon extend from the California border to southwestern Washington, and reach from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

For more information about the Tribe, visit www.grandronde.org.



Tribal Council Directives

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at the time the following motion were made:

Tribal Council Members present: Shannon Holsey, Jolene Bowman, Janet Miller, Chad Miller, and Sterling Schreiber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Add: Amendment to Gaming Waiver resolution

Motion by Jolene Bowman to

approve the Tuesday, January 3, agenda with the one addition. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Janet Miller to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 20th, 2016, noting that an amendment will be made later in the meeting, in reference to the Gaming Waiver resolution. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber.

Directives cont on pg Thirteen:

Directives cont from pg Twelve:
Roll Call: Sterling yes, Chad yes, Jolene abstain and Janet yes.
Vice President Bowman abstained, as she was on funeral leave.
Motion carried.

WIPFLI CHANGE ORDER-Mary Thao, CIO
Motion by Janet Miller to approve the additional funds to cover Change Order #1, making the project not to exceed a set amount, as presented by Mary Thao, CIO. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

HR SCREENING/INTERVIEW PROCESS-Evan Mills, HR Executive Director and Beverly Miller, HR Manager
Working meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

WALKOVER-PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY-Paul Koll, Forester
The Tribal Forester, by consensus, will go back to redefine the scope of work and negotiate the cost of the survey with the Commonwealth Heritage Group and bring back to Council for reconsideration.

FORWARDER PURCHASE REQUEST-Paul Koll, Forester
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Forestry Department's request of waiver of the normal bid policy, allowing the department to spend monies on a 4x4 or 6x6 rubber wheeled, single bunk forwarder in good working condition. Seconded by Janet Miller.

Roll Call: Sterling no, Chad yes, Jolene yes and Janet no. President Holsey votes yes to break the tie. Motion carried.
TREE SERVICE BID ACCEPTANCE-Paul Koll, Forester

Motion by Jolene Bowman to accept the Mid State Tree Service bid for the tree removal near River Road, on the newly acquired Morgan property. Seconded by Chad Miller.
Roll Call: Sterling no, Chad yes, Jolene yes and Janet no. President Holsey votes no to break the tie. Motion defeated.

BIA NOXIOUS WEED MANGEMENT GRANT-Randall Wollenhaupt, Wildlife Manager
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the 2016 Bureau of Indian Affairs Noxious Weed Management Program grant proposal as presented. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-Randall Wollenhaupt
Motion by Janet Miller to accept the Regular Forestry Meeting minutes of Wednesday, November 2, 2016 and Wednesday, December 7th, 2016, as presented. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF BOARD/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Joe Miller to the Fish and

Game Board. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AMENDMENT-
Motion by Jolene to amend resolution number 16.5-W to number 018-17. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 6:09 PM.
Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded Chad Miller. Motion carried at 6:55 PM

While in Executive Session discussion was held on some legal issues and a personnel issue.
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve for the authorization for the Tribal President's signature approving the settlement of the Tribe's Contract Support Costs claim against the Indian Health Service, United States Department of Health and Human Services and authorizing the execution of all paperwork associated with such settlement. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

-OPEN AGENDA- ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Chad Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 7:02 PM.

On Wednesday, January 18, 2017, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at the time the following motion were made:

Tribal Council Members present: Shannon Holsey, Jolene Bowman, Janet Miller, Jeremy Mohawk, Chad Miller, and Sterling Schreiber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Add: Forest Trust Applications
Strike: Computer Screen Purchase
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the agenda for Tuesday, January 18, 2017, with the addition and deletion. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Janet Miller to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Chad Miller.

Roll Call: Sterling yes, Chad yes, Jolene yes, Janet yes and Jeremy abstain. Motion carried.

TRIBAL FINANCIALS FOR POSTING-Oct/Nov 2016-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to post the Tribal Financials for October and November 2016. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS: Consolidated Tribal Government Reprogramming-Janet Miller
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 019-17, now

therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the Tribe's Model Contract for FY 17, 18, 19, for the purpose of 638 contracting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the following programs: Roads Maintenance. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to adopt resolution 020-17, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs: 1) Reprogram FY17 Continuing Appropriation Act (CR-1) funds from Economic Development to Consolidated Tribal Government Program. 2) Also upon request transfer FY17 funds from CTGP Program to 477 program (A15AV00129). Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

RECORDS POLICY-Police and Fire Commission-Jim Hoffman, Chief of Police and Annette Schreiber, Police and Fire Commission
Motion by Janet Miller to approve policy #205 for the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department as presented. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT MANUAL EAP Eligibility Refinement-Evan Mills, Executive Director of HR
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Executive HR Director's recommendation to change the Random Drug Testing from what it is now to the proposed and presented. Seconded by Janet Miller.

Roll Call: Sterling yes, Chad yes, Jolene yes, Janet yes and Jeremy no. Motion carried.

HR SCREENING & INTERVIEW PROCESS-Evan Mills
No action taken at this time, Evan along with the Executive Team will meet to discuss the agenda item.

RIVER ROAD OAK WILT-Paul Koll, Forester/Willy Miller, Roads Manager
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Mid-State Tree Service's Bid not to exceed a set amount. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. (for the River Road Oak Wilt) Motion carried.

BID AWARD: Ah Toh Wuk Lift Station Project-Stacey Schreiber
Motion by Jolene Bowman to award the Ah Toh Wuk lift station renovation bid to Savel Mechanical LLC, and authorize President Holsey to sign the Notice of award, also noting it was the lowest bid. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

NATIONAL GRID MOA-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve for signature the Lock 8 Mohawk River MOA with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES-
Motion by Janet Miller to accept the Fish & Wildlife Board minutes of September 13, 2016 and October 12, 2016. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber.

Motion maker amends motion to include: and the actions contained within. Second concurs. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Home Conveyance-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 021-17, now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council supports the recommendation of the Division of Community Housing in the Conveyance of Tenant #108-01, Tara (Miller) Moderson. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

2016-2017 FOREST CROP TRUST APPLICATION-Chad Miller, Land Management
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to waive the bid policy and sole source the Land Management contract with Jack Hietpas and to work with Legal in developing said contract. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Audit Report, Human Resources, Legal, Business Development, and Health Center
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried at 6:13 PM.

Motion by Janet Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried 7:05 PM.
The Tribal Council will return to Executive Session after Open Agenda.

OPEN AGENDA- EXECUTIVE SESSION Continued-
Motion by Chad Miller to go back into Executive Session. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried at 7:06 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried at 8:16 PM.
While in Executive Session discussion was held an audit report, an HR Issue, a Business Development Issue and a Health Center Issue.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to authorize recommendation 1 & 2 with the addition of letter from TC and bring back chapter 62 with any recommendations, as discussed in Executive Session pertaining to Chapter 62. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve Legal's recommendation in employment law as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried. 8:17 PM.

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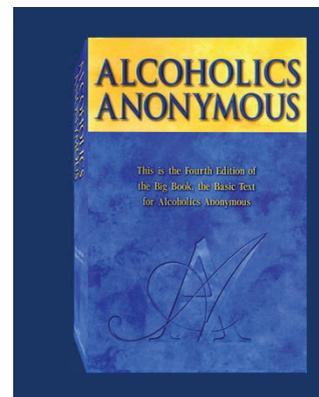
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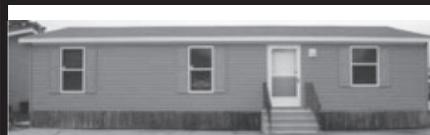
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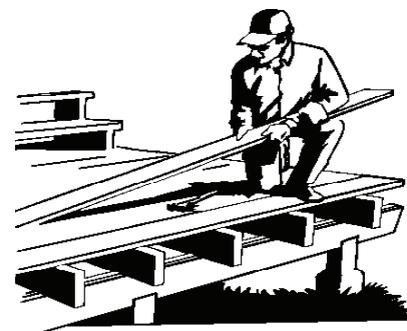
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