

# MOHICAN NEWS

The people of the waters that are never still

## Forestry Reproduction and Regeneration Techniques



Thomas Kazik- News Reporter

If you have driven through the Reservation or walked in the woods, you may have noticed we are currently experiencing some logging. All our forestry practices come from the Tribes Forestry Management Plan. These practices are put into place to receive the best possible growth/regrowth and health for the land.

The following was taken from our Tribes Forestry Management Plan, specifically the Management Treatments and Techniques section.

When a tree or stand becomes mature, it is time to regenerate the site, and turn the focus of management to its successor. Reproduction and regeneration techniques are used to encourage vigorous young trees to develop. These treatments manipulate environmental conditions such as the competition for moisture, nutrients and especially light, that occurs among the trees on a site.

There are two general systems of promoting tree regeneration in a

managed forest. The first system uses even-age management methods. This system of regeneration is employed at the end of a stand's rotation as a final harvest. This system is applied within a relatively concentrated time period so all the trees in the new stand will be of approximately the same age. The second system of promoting regeneration produces an uneven or all-age stand. Frequent and periodic harvesting creates scattered small 1/50th to 1/100th acre openings which appropriate space for regeneration of new trees while still maintaining a continuous overstory of larger trees. Select cutting is the only regeneration system intended to create and maintain an uneven age stand with at least three different age classes. There are definite trade-offs within each system. It is the goal of this plan to use both systems in the appropriate place.

**NATURAL REGENERATION**  
Natural regeneration methods are used to develop the next generation of trees from seed, seedlings, suckers, or stump

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## Thanks to ALL Veterans



Veterans day has come and gone. We here at the Mohican news would like to send a Thank You for your Service to all veterans. We especially want to thank all Mohican Veterans current members and we have listed them below (if we forgot anyone, please let us know so we can improve the list for next year):

- Annis, Christopher-U.S. Marine Corps-Kaukauna, WI,
- Armour, John R.-US Marine Corps-Hamstead, NC,
- Barton, Carl J.-U.S. Navy-Gresham, WI,
- Beaulieu, Theresa L.-U.S. Army-Milwaukee, WI,

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## Gov. Evers Vetoes GOP's "Gerrymandering 2.0" Maps

Governor vetoes maps that would maintain Republicans' undemocratic majorities, increase partisan advantage

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers recently vetoed legislation passed by the Wisconsin State Legislature that would effectively solidify existing, gerrymandered voting maps for the next decade in the state of Wisconsin. When Republicans introduced the maps, Gov. Evers slammed the maps as "gerrymandering 2.0," calling on Republicans to go back to the drawing board and vowing to veto the bills if sent to the governor's desk unchanged. After Republicans in the Legislature refused to amend their maps before passage, the governor acted on his promise today and vetoed Senate Bills 621 and 622.

The legislative and congressional maps drafted and passed by Republicans in the Legislature are largely based on the current maps Republicans drew a decade ago that have been called

some of the most gerrymandered maps in the country. The new maps vetoed today, which have been described as even more gerrymandered than the existing maps, all but ensure Republicans will preserve their undemocratic majorities in the Legislature while increasing Republicans' chances of disproportionately winning six of Wisconsin's eight congressional districts. All three maps prepared by Republicans in the Legislature received an "F" rating from the Princeton Gerrymandering Project citing "significant Republican advantage, advantages incumbents, and very uncompetitive relative to other maps that could have been drawn." Wisconsinites overwhelmingly support nonpartisan redistricting. Fifty-six counties, consisting of more than 80 percent of Wisconsin residents have passed referenda or

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Bowman, Lee (Buzz)-U.S. Army-Keshena, WI,  
Burr, Keith-U.S. Army-Gresham, WI,  
Bowman, Lee E.-U.S. Army-Gresham, WI  
Burr, Scott D.-U.S. Army-Hortonville, WI,  
Butschli, John M.-U.S. Army-Gresham, WI,  
Casler, James A.-U.S. Army-Spooner, WI,  
Cattell, Eric-U.S. Navy-Chino Valley, AR,  
Chicks, Sandra J.-U.S. Army-Sparta, WI,  
Church, Mark-U.S. Marine Corp-Quartzsite, AZ,  
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Church, Rick-U.S. Marine Corp-Yuma, AZ,  
Cook, Susan M.-U.S. Army-Keshena, WI,  
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Creapeau, Raymond Jr.-U.S. Army-Gresham, WI,  
DeNasha, Ron-U.S. Marine Corp-Bowler, WI,  
Doxtator, Anderson J.-U.S. Army-Green Bay, WI.  
Doxtator, William-U.S. Army-

Bowler, WI,  
Dove, Brandi R.-U.S. Marine Corp-Shawano, WI ,  
Dommer, Samuel D.-U.S. Marine Corp-Bowler, WI,  
Duffek, Barry P.-U.S. Marine Corp-Bowler, WI.  
Duffek, Gregg-U.S. Marine Corps-Bowler, WI,  
Evans, Richard-U.S. Air Force-Cape Coral, FL,  
Evans, Thomas N.-U.S. Army-Marina Del Ray, CA,  
Gardner, David-U.S. Navy-Bowler, WI,  
Gardner, Herman-U.S. Navy-Bowler, WI,  
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Gleason, William-U.S. Army-Bowler, WI,  
Groat, Steve-U.S. Army-Appleton, WI,  
Groat, John-U.S. Army-New London, WI,  
Heubel, Jeffrey L.-U.S. Army-Bowler, WI,  
Heinz, Crystal Rose-U.S. Air Force Res.-Appleton, WI,  
Hill, Larry J.-U.S. Marine Corp-Pearson, WI,  
Hilmes, Eva M.-U.S. Air Force-Milwaukee, WI,  
Hoks, Michael H.-U.S. Navy-New London, WI,  
Lenz, Jacob N.-U.S. Army-Fort Benning, GA,  
Little, David J.-U.S. Army-Columbia, SC,  
Little, Greg-U.S. Air Force-

Hampton, VA,  
Little, Robert-U.S. Marine Corp-Gresham, WI,  
Little, Susan L.-U.S. Army-Elgin, SC,  
Martin Jr, Emerson W.-U.S. Army-Selkirk, NY,  
Mendoza, Barbara C.-U.S. Navy-Gresham, WI,  
Mendoza, David P.-U.S. Navy-Gresham, WI,  
Martinez, Felix-U.S. Army-Oneida, WI,  
McDaniels, Gary-U.S. Army-Phoenix, AZ,  
Miller, Robert-U.S. Air Force-Gresham, WI,  
Miller, Trish-U.S. Army-Gresham, WI,  
Miller, Marshall-U.S. Army-Colorado Springs, Co,  
Miller, Quinn-U.S. Marine Corp-Bowler, WI,  
Moede, Bert-U.S. Air Force-Bowler, WI,  
Moede, William (Bill)-U.S. Air Force-Gresham, WI,  
Moon, Delbert (Joe)-U.S. Army-Olathe, KS,  
Pagrazinski, Tonia-U.S. Army-Bowler, WI,  
Parmalee, William H.-U.S. Army-Hillsdale, NY,  
Peters, Calvin (Dave)-U.S. Army-Sturgeon Bay, WI,  
Poppy, Robert A.-U.S. Army-New London, WI,  
Pommer, Wade-U.S. Army-Bowler, WI,  
Riley, Melvin-U.S. Army-

Scandinavia, WI,  
Price, Harold-U.S. Marine Corps-Shawano, WI,  
Robinson, Marion E.-U.S. Army-DePere, WI,  
Rudesill, Keith E.-U.S. Navy-Gresham, WI,  
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Schellinger, Zachery-U.S. Army-Blaine, MN,  
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Tousey, James-U.S. Army-Barrington, IL,  
Vele, Shawn-U.S. Marine Corp-Mukwonago, WI ,  
Welch, Ralph-U.S. Air Force-Bowler, WI,  
Welch, Robert M.-U.S. Army-Bowler, WI,  
Wilcox, Richard B .-U.S. Army-Glendale, Mass.,  
Winget, David D.-U.S. Air Force-Suffolk, UK,  
Woyak, Robert E.-U.S. Air Force-Glendale, AZ.

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## A tribal member Writes

It appears a Tribal Community request for proposals to obtain a suggestive or advocacy opinion that would circumvent a long-lasting case or controversy. This situation that reflects/offends average tribal members and commonly accepted Tribal standards. The polarization of Tribal membership brings tension and distrust that is much like the issues of the Indian party vs. the citizen party in past Tribal history. This is a project that has been tried and dismissed by membership deliberation several times. The proposal requested seeks to target a questioned and expanded membership that is 17

years old age and older in disregard of the current constitution age of 21 years. The enrollment project that is proposed for development of constitutional change by hired consultants to help the constitutional committee to guide, amend and update based on expanded enrollment membership that somehow gains Indian blood quantum of decreased Tribal Membership and other new math projections are as preposterous as blood transfusions of unconfirmed individuals for extended family Tribal membership.

Doug Miller

The ADRC of the Wolf River Region is gathering input on unmet needs in the community. If you would like to participate in information gathering, the meeting date is December 14 at Shawano County Human Service, Room 115, beginning at 1:00 pm.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services**  
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**Bowler, WI 54416**

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**Website: mohican.com, click on Services,**  
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Monday thru Thursday Meal served at 12:00 Noon  
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##### **\*Transportation**

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Health Order until January 7, 2022

##### **\*Activities**

**Remember to check the Calendar of Events in the**  
**Monthly newsletter "Elderly Stream"**  
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**Chore Services – call Mohican Housing at (715) 793-4219**

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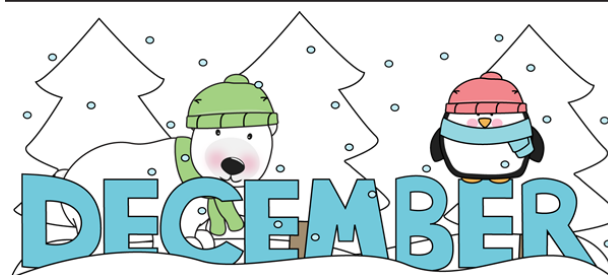
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Monday – 8:00am- 4:30pm  
Tuesday – 8:00am- 4:30pm  
Wednesday – 8:00am- 4:30pm  
Thursday – 8:00am- 4:30pm  
Friday – 8:00am- 4:30pm  
Saturday – CLOSED

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# On the Trail Home

## Tips for Managing Diabetes During the Holidays

### 1. Make an Eating Plan

- Don't skip meals to "save up" for later, which can make you more likely to overeat. That can make the blood sugars go on a rollercoaster of low to high!
- Familiarize yourself with how many carbohydrates are in typical foods your family eats at holiday gatherings. Know what foods you can fill up on that won't affect your blood sugars as much.

### 2. Don't forget the Vegetables

- You aren't always in charge of what food is served at a family get-together, but you can offer to bring a healthy dish! Non-starchy vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, spinach) have little impact on blood sugars and are nutritious.

### 2. Stay Active

- Not only will it help lower blood sugar, it can reduce stress during this often stressful time of year. Create a new family tradition and walk together!

### 2. Have Your Favorites

- Enjoy special holiday favorites

but keep portion sizes in mind and think of your overall carbohydrate total for the meal. If you want dessert, cut down on other carbs during the meal like potatoes and bread.

### 2. Don't forget...

- Know how your blood sugars are running, which may mean monitoring them more frequently during the holidays.
- Avoid or limit alcohol, as it can impact blood sugar and interfere with some medications. Make sure to drink alcohol with food, not on an empty stomach.
- It takes 20 minutes for your brain to realize you're full. Eat slowly and wait before going for seconds.
- It's only one day! If you get off track, get back to your healthy eating plan the next day!
- Your diabetes team at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center is here to help! Call Whitney, RN at (715) 793-3008 or Casey, RD at (715) 793-5006.



Carole Ann Doxtator

Carole Ann Doxtator, 69, began her journey home on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at the Marshfield Medical Center surrounded by her children.

Carole was born on January 21, 1952, in Shawano WI to the late Harvey and Eleanor Martin. She is an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans. Carole spent her early adult years raising her children and living her life to the fullest. Carole has made multiple NE WI and SE MN towns her home throughout her life.

She spent her later years being one with nature, adopting any stray animals she could. She loved knitting and watching a movie from her extensive movie collection.

Carole is preceded in death by her son, Gregory Doxtator, her parents Harvey & Eleanor Martin and many other family and close friends she considered family.

Carole is survived by her children; Schyler (Tambi) Martin of Plainview MN, Sophrona (Tim) Fuller of Plainview MN, Shane Doxtator of Rochester MN, and Syd (Erin) Doxtator of Rochester MN. nine grandchildren and several family members and close friends.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later time in MN. In lieu of flowers or gifts the family asks you make a donation to your local food shelf in her honor.

Carole's family would like to extend their appreciation to the Marshfield Medical Center, Weston, and all the staff for their excellent care that they gave Carole and her family. A heartfelt thank you to the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Marriott Wausau for taking care of Carole's family during her stay at the hospital.

## HOLIDAY carb chart

MAIN		
Item	Amount	Carbs
Turkey	Any	0g
Ham	Any	0g
Beef	Any	0g
Chicken	Any	0g
Duck	Any	0g
Goose	Any	0g
Lasagna	1 cup	30g

SIDES		
Item	Amount	Carbs
Mashed Potatoes	1 cup	30g
Roasted Potatoes	1 cup	28g
Sweet Potato (no sugar)	1 Med.	28g
Potato Latke	1 Med.	10g
Candied Yams	1/2 cup	45g
Sweet Potato Casserole with Mini Marshmallows	1/3 cup	30g
Green Beans	1/2 cup	4g
Green Bean Casserole	1/2 cup	9g
Corn	1/2 cup	15g
Sauerkraut	1 cup	6g
Glazed Carrots	1/2 cup	25g
Brussel Sprouts	1/2 cup	4g
Stuffing	1/2 cup	20g
Cranberry Sauce	1/4 cup	25g
Gravy	1/2 cup	5g
Dinner Roll	1	20g
Biscuit	1	25g
Cornbread	1 piece	28g
Challah	2 oz.	30g
Matzo Ball Soup	1 cup	15g
Matzo Ball	1	10g

DESSERTS		
Item	Amount	Carbs
Sweet Potato Pie	1/8th Slice	35g
Minced Meat Pie	1/8th Slice	55g
Pumpkin Pie	1/8th Slice	35g
Apple Pie	1/8th Slice	45g
Pecan Pie	1/8th Slice	60g
Meringue Pie	1/8th Slice	50g
Fruitcake	1/8th Slice	26g
Christmas (Plum) Pudding	2 oz.	30g
Sticky Toffee Pudding	2 oz.	25g
Bread Pudding	2 oz.	20g
Trifle	2 oz.	15g
Ginger Snap Cookies	4 (1 oz.)	23g
Shortbread Cookies	4 (1 oz.)	21g
Chocolate Chip Cookies	2	20g
Peanut Butter Cookies	2	20g
Sugar Cookies	2	22g
Meringue Cookies	6	15g
Rugelach	2	20g
Sufganiyot (Jelly Donut)	1	25g
Candy Cane	1	15g
Vanilla Ice Cream	1/2 cup	16g
Chocolate Ice Cream	1/2 cup	18g
Brandy Butter	2 tbsp.	15g
Whipped Cream (Unsweetened)	2 tbsp.	2g

DRINKS		
Item	Amount	Carbs
Eggnog	1/2 cup	30g
Hot Cocoa with Water	1 cup	15-20g
Hot Cocoa with Milk	1 cup	30g
Spiced Apple Cider (Non-Alcoholic)	1 cup	30g
Wine (White or Red)	5 oz.	4g
Champagne	5 oz.	3g
Regular Beer	5 oz.	12g
Light Beer	12 oz.	6g
Hard Apple Cider	12 oz.	15-30g
Spirits	1 oz.	0g



Elizabeth Jane Groh

Elizabeth Jane Groh, age 91, passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. She was born on July 26, 1930, to the late John and Frieda (Welch) Doxtator in Stockbridge, Wisconsin. Elizabeth was a proud member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe.

She graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1949. Elizabeth went to Fond du Lac College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In 1952, she was united in marriage to Marvin Gerber until his passing. In

1997, Elizabeth found love again with Robert Groh and was married until his passing.

She is survived by her children: Leland Gerber, Nancy Lausted, Sharon (Terrence) Ow, Daniel Gerber, Rick Gerber and Christine Phelps, grandchildren: Kyle Henrickson, Ricky Gerber, Ed Gerber, and Grace Ow, and sister, Lulu Mattson.

Elizabeth is preceded in death by her husbands, Marvin Gerber and Robert Groh, daughter, Christine Phelps, and brother and sisters: Jerome Doxtator, Elaine Raddatz, Lorraine VanDeraa and one sister in infancy.

A funeral service for Elizabeth was held at the Swedberg Funeral Home on Saturday, December 4, 2021, with Deacon Todd Raether officiating.

Burial will take place at the Stockbridge Indian Burial Grounds in Stockbridge, Wisconsin. Visitation began on Saturday at the funeral home until the time of service.

Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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sprouts. Different techniques are distinguished by the combinations of light, temperature, and moisture to create proper regeneration conditions on the forest floor.

**Clearcutting System** – The even-age system uses a complete overstory removal of all trees, two inches and larger at breast height, in a single operation. There are two distinct situations in which clearcutting are appropriate.

In the first situation, advanced regeneration of semi-shade tolerant and shade tolerant trees species is present. When the seedlings become well established with sufficient numbers in the under story of the current stand, clearcutting can be used to release it, thus forming a new stand. Secondly, clearcutting is the most appropriate method for regenerating shade intolerant species such as aspen and white birch. In this case, overstory removal can be conducted before the seedlings of the new stand are present as advanced regeneration. Considering their intolerance to shade, some species will not regenerate until the overstory has been removed. After clearcutting, regeneration will depend on nearby seed sources, seed already present on the site or from stump sprouts or root suckers.

**Shelterwood System** -- This even-age system gradually reduces the canopy, securing advanced regeneration before the overstory is removed. This system is suited to regenerating trees of medium shade tolerance such as red oak and white pine while discouraging

the establishment of competing shade intolerant species.

The shelterwood system involves a sequence of treatments as the overstory nears maturity. The regeneration cut is designed to reduce the forest canopy to let sufficient light to reach the forest floor to stimulate seed germination. This cut removes the less vigorous trees and unwanted tree species. Summer logging is recommended for the regeneration cut if soil scarification is desired. The final cut, an overstory removal, is normally completed within 3 to 10 years following the regeneration cut. The final overstory removal is not made until advanced regeneration of desirable species, in adequate numbers, are present and successfully established. Winter logging may be optimal once regenerating has been established because snow cover helps to protect the seedlings. The shelterwood system of regeneration may take as long as 20 years, although the period is usually shorter.

**Select Cutting System** -- This all-age system works by regenerating trees in small canopy gaps created by the removal of large crowned mature trees or groups of low quality, undesirable species, or low vigor trees. In essence, these gaps are miniature clear-cuts which average 1/50th to 1/100th acre in size and represent approximately 10% of the total stand acreage. During each entry the majority of the all-age stand (90% of the stand acreage) will be treated with the appropriate intermediate treatments.



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resolutions supporting a nonpartisan redistricting process and fair maps. Additionally, according to polls conducted by Marquette University Law School, an overwhelming majority of voters support nonpartisan redistricting.

Gov. Evers has long advocated for nonpartisan redistricting and fair maps. In 2020, the governor signed Executive Order #66, creating the People's Maps Commission, a nonpartisan redistricting commission comprised of nine commissioners selected by a panel of retired judges to represent each of Wisconsin's eight congressional districts. The maps presented by the People's Maps Commission were developed after a year-long process that involved multiple rounds of public input—receiving nearly 2,000 submissions, including from Wisconsinites representing 68 counties and 321 municipalities, as well as 18 leading redistricting experts—ensuring that Wisconsinites played an integral role in the map-drawing process. The Princeton Gerrymandering Project also awarded each of the final maps released by the People's Maps Commission with an overall "A" rating, calling the maps "significantly better" than those proposed by Republicans and highlighting their increased partisan fairness.

The governor's veto message for Senate Bill 621 and Senate Bill 622 is available here.

A transcript of the governor's video message is available below.

Hello, Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers here.

Three years ago, when I ran for governor, I promised to support a nonpartisan redistricting commission because I believe—and I know Wisconsinites agree—that people should get to choose their elected officials, not the other way around.

As other politicians in this state abuse their power to try and predetermine our elections, as they try to create controversy where there is none, as they try to discredit the hard work of our election administrators and poll workers who helped ensure we had a free, fair, and secure election last November, I will not.

I will protect the right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot. I will defend our democracy, our elections, and the people who do this work every day. And I will fight for nonpartisan redistricting to be the law of the land as long as I'm governor.

Because it's the right thing to do

and it's a promise I made to you.

That's why I created the People's Maps Commission—nine Wisconsinites selected by a panel of three retired judges to represent each congressional district and to serve as our state's nonpartisan redistricting commission. They weren't elected officials, lobbyists, or high-paid consultants—they were doctors, librarians, community members and educators.

And they worked hard over the last year to listen to folks from every corner of our state to prepare a set of maps for the Legislature and me to consider.

But what's sitting in front of me here are gerrymandered maps modeled after the same gerrymandered maps we've had for a decade. Hundreds showed up on short notice to voice their opposition to these maps, and not a single member of the public testified in support of these bills at that public hearing. And they were sent to my desk over the objections of a decade's worth of people in this state demanding better, demanding more, and demanding a fair, nonpartisan process for preparing our maps for the next 10 years. Elected officials shouldn't be able to depend on the comfort of their seats instead of the quality of their work, and the gerrymandered maps Republicans passed a decade ago have enabled legislators to safely ignore the people who elected them.

And these maps here, they're more of the same. They're gerrymandering 2.0.

I told the Legislature early on to go back to the drawing board when these were first introduced. I've said all along I'd veto these maps if they came to my desk.

This was about elected officials having the courage to do the right thing when it mattered most. And the members of this Legislature failed to deliver.

So, with that, I'm now vetoing SB 621 and SB 622.

These gerrymandered maps will not become law.

I promised I'd never sign gerrymandered maps that came to my desk, and I'm delivering on that promise today.

This is just too important, folks. Our state deserves better, and we're going to keep working as long as I'm governor to bring fair maps to Wisconsin.

Thank you.

# Children Vaccine Event At Mohian Family Center



# Bowler School Veterans Day Event





MADISON, Wis. (CBS 58) -- The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) announced they are working with the state's federally recognized tribal governments to update the signage on state highways signifying the tribal boundaries in both English and native language renditions of the tribe's name.

According to a news release, Wisconsin's first dual-language sign was unveiled in Bayfield County in partnership with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior

Chippewa. The 8.5-by-4.5-foot sign features the tribal seal followed by the tribe's name in its native language -- Gaa-Miskwaabikaang, the English version and population of the tribal lands.

"We are excited to work with our tribal partners on a project where everyday infrastructure such as traffic signs can have a dual purpose as an educational tool," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "Traffic signage is always about signifying a sense of

place.

In Wisconsin's tribal communities, there is no more specific way to define where you are than in their native language used to define the landscape so long ago."

Gaa-Miskwaabikaang -- pronounced ga-misk-wah-be-kong -- means the place where there is red rock cliffs.

"We are truly honored to be the first of the 11 federally recognized tribes in the state of Wisconsin to have the dual-language signs," Red Cliff Chairman Christopher Boyd said. "They incorporate our language into state signage, and those signs will identify to the general public that travel our area they are entering the boundaries of our reservation."

A news release from the DOT says Wisconsin's dual-language signs are similar to those seen near tribal areas in several other states.

The new program for state highway signage is the latest development from a nearly 20-year partnership agreement among state and federal governments with the state's federally recognized tribal communities.

These new dual-language signs join an inventory of more than 300,000 traffic signs throughout the state highway system and will be placed and replaced through existing work and state contracts.

The signs cost on average \$350 to \$400, including design, fabrication and installation, and are funded through two basic means:

- Replacement of current signage through the standard signage replacement processes.
- Application for funding through the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer's program, federal money that comes to WisDOT specifically for historic and cultural preservation of indigenous lands.

Crews from the Bayfield County Highway Department placed the posts and installed one of the two signs at the Red Cliff's tribal boundaries Wednesday.

The other is to be installed today. Staff from WisDOT's Bureau of Traffic Operations worked on the fabrication of the signs, and employees of WisDOT's Northwest Region were instrumental in coordinating with the tribe.

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## Positive Counts

COVID-19 testing statistics completed at the SMHWC through 12/3/2021.

Total tested = 7,622 (+182 since last reporting period)

Total Negative Counts = 7,147

Total pending = 12

Total Positive Cases = 463 +11 since last reporting period

Total Positive Cases who live in Shawano or Menominee counties = 424

Total breakthroughs = 49 tested at the clinic to date.

In addition to clinic testing, we are aware of 13 additional breakthroughs in our community.

Total ever hospitalized = 21

Active cases = 10

Recovered Cases = 450

Deaths (tested at clinic) = 3

Total deaths = 4

Wisconsin is still seeing increases in Covid-19. Wisconsin's 7 day average percent positive is 13.1%. Shawano County had 198 new cases in the last 7 days and continues to experience a high rate in covid-19 transmissions <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> Wisconsin is currently ranked as the 7th highest rate of transmission in the United States. Michigan is ranked #3 and Minnesota has the second highest rate of Covid-19 transmissions of any state in the US as of today. Please consider getting a vaccine or booster dose to help protect yourself and those around you. Please wear a mask to cover your nose and mouth when outside the home. Please do not gather in large groups. Please stay safe and help others around you stay safe.

### Vaccination Data

6,557 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered by the Tribe as of 12/3/2021

Count of fully vaccinated people: 2,722

Count of people who received both doses of vaccination (Pfizer or Moderna): 2,594

Count of people who received first dose of vaccination and are awaiting 2nd dose (Pfizer or Moderna): 276

Count of people who received a 3rd/booster dose (Pfizer or Moderna) 965

Count of people who received single dose (Johnson & Johnson): 128

### Vaccines Available

The SMHWC is offering children ages 5-11 with Pfizer pediatric Covid-19 vaccine. Children MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Pfizer covid-19 vaccine requires 2 shots to

be given. The 2 shots are given 3 weeks apart. Please call the clinic to schedule your kids for the vaccine. 715-793-5088, 715-793-5087, or 715-793-5000. The clinic is providing a \$50 gift card to all children who complete a covid-19 vaccine series. Enrolled members are also eligible for a \$250 incentive if both doses are completed by 12/31/2021.

The SMHWC is offering booster doses to anyone age 18 or older. To be eligible, you must have completed either a Pfizer or Moderna vaccination series at least 6 months ago; or received a Janssen vaccine at least 2 months ago. Please call the clinic to schedule your booster dose. 715-793-5088, 715-793-5087, or 715-793-5000.

**The following is a message from the IHS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Loretta Christensen.**

With the holiday season upon us, we must continue to stress how critical it is to get vaccinated and to get booster shots before gathering with family and friends. The recent emergence of the omicron variant has further emphasized the importance of primary vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19. Vaccination remains the best public health measure to protect from disease, slow the spread of COVID-19, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

I know there is a lot of concern over the omicron variant.

I will share what we do know:

- As of December 1, 2021, omicron has been identified in the United States. Omicron is reported now in more than 20 countries
- There is still a lot to learn about omicron. We don't yet know the transmissibility or the severity of the disease it causes, but the U.S. is working with international partners to learn more.
- The overwhelming majority of the coronavirus cases are caused by the highly transmissible delta variant. The delta variant represents more than 99% of circulating strains.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working with public health officials to quickly identify omicron in the U.S. CDC has continuously monitored variants and vastly expanded its capacity for genomic sequencing over the past nine months.

Scientists are currently investigating omicron, including how protected fully vaccinated people against infection, hospitalization, and death. We recommend that everyone five years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting fully vaccinated, and

we encourage a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for those 18 and over.

The Indian Health Service works closely with our tribal and urban Indian organization partners and state and local public health officials to coordinate a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. At IHS, we remain vigilant and committed to protecting American Indian and Alaska Native communities from COVID-19 with safe, effective, and long-lasting vaccines. It is crucial as we are dealing with a constantly changing virus. Vaccines remain the most powerful tool we have against COVID-19. IHS will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters.

If you're not yet vaccinated – now is the time. In high and substantial

## COVID-19 surge stressing health systems

WAUSAU, Wis. – Hospitals and health systems across the region are experiencing high patient volumes and capacity challenges during the current COVID-19 surge. Across the Aspirus Health system – which includes 17 hospitals from Portage, Wisconsin to Laurium, Michigan – patient volumes across all care settings are high.

On Friday, 135 COVID-positive patients were occupying 26 percent of Aspirus inpatient beds. The seven-day average of COVID-positive inpatients across Aspirus has risen to 131 from 103 on November 22. The weekly positivity rate among COVID-19 tests processed by Aspirus has also risen to above 22 percent.

This high level of COVID-19 activity in the region is stressing health systems and their ability to also care for the non-COVID needs of communities.

“We have not had to turn patients away; however patients are having to wait,” said Jeff Wicklander, Aspirus SVP & Aspirus Wausau Hospital President. “Overall, our capacity is over 95 percent. When we look at our critical care we are near capacity, if not at capacity several days of the week.”

Aspirus leverages its system wherever possible to provide the appropriate level of care for each patient. This includes transferring within its system to keep patients local; shifting resources and staffing across departments and facilities; and utilizing its robust home health division to keep people out of the hospital.

“The good news is that we have a very comprehensive system, the tricky part is that we are very, very

transmission areas, regardless of vaccination status, it's important to wear a mask indoors, remember to stay 6 feet away from people and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated areas. Please assist us in sharing information on the importance of vaccination with your friends, family, and tribal members who have not already been vaccinated. Also, remind them that anyone age five and older can be protected with COVID-19 vaccination, and boosters are available to everyone 18 and older. Resources for communicating important information about vaccines and boosters are available on the IHS website.

Thank you for working in partnership with us as we do all we can to reach community immunity!

Andrew Miller, Director  
Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center

busy,” Wicklander said. “We’ve been focused on monoclonal antibody therapy which has been very effective. We’ve treated over 2,000 patients with about 50 lives saved based on that treatment.”

There are things everyone can do to help local hospitals throughout the pandemic. Chief among them is to get vaccinated. It is safe and dramatically reduces the risk of infection and serious illness. Community members are also encouraged to choose the appropriate care setting for their health needs and reserve emergency rooms for those that are most critical and emergent.

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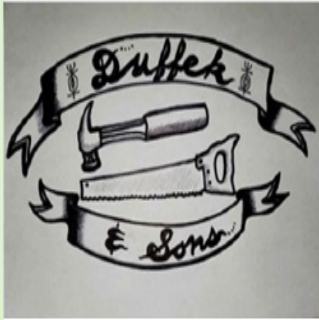
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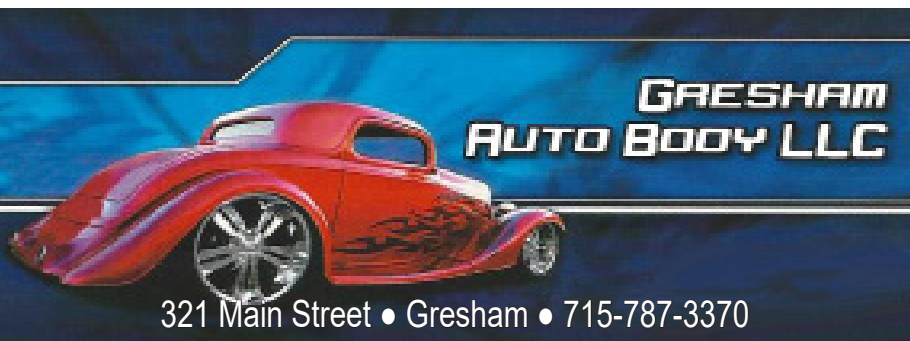
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