

# MOHICAN NEWS

The people of the waters that are never still

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## Elections Results 2023

**Tribal President**  
**Shannon Holsey-228**  
Write Ins -111

**Tribal Vice President**  
**Craig "Tully" Kroening-216**  
Matthew Putnam-112  
Write Ins-51

**Tribal Treasurer**  
**Sara Putnam-203**  
Terrie Terrio-181  
Write Ins-1

**Tribal Council Members**  
**Ella Kazik-214**  
Joseph Miller-161  
**Terrance (Moonie) Miller-171**  
**Willy Miller-182**  
**Shawn Moede-176**  
Jeremy Mohawk-122  
Sterling Schreiber Sr-160  
Martin Welch-116  
Write ins-153

**Education Board Member Parent/Grandparent**  
**Pat Merckes-247**  
Write ins-65  
**AJ Miller-19 Write Ins**

Total number of Voters:  
400

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Stockbridge-Munsee Election Board Member's on:  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Jeffery Vele-Election Judge  
Melissa Penass-Clerk  
Jessica Boyd-Clerk  
Beverly Miller-Teller  
Lawrence Curtis-Teller

A brief history of why the Mohicans say "wuniiwih" and not "oneewe"

By Stockbridge-Munsee Language and Cultural Committee

The word for "Thank you!" in the Munsee dialect of the Delaware language, "anúshiik," has become a commonly used and well understood word in our community. It is properly pronounced with an emphasis on the second syllable.

The Mahican word for "Thank you!" was written down for us by Jonathan Edwards Jr., a fluent speaker of the language in 1788. He wrote the word as "Wneeweh" meaning "I thank you."(1) This word is pronounced as 'wə-NEE-weh' and the final "h" is but a slight puff of air expelled after the vowel. "Wuniiwih" is the same word using the Munsee orthography (Note: Double "ii" or "i" is the way the phonetic alphabet writes the long "e" as in the English word "knee").

So why do some people write this word as "oneewe?" This slip-up, identified by the tribe's Language and Cultural Committee (LCC), finds its origins in the writings of Johann Jacob Schmick,

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## Women's Empowerment Conference



(L to R): Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, First Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden, and Menominee Tribal Chairwoman Gena Kakkak

Thomas Kazik II – News Reporter

On October Tenth the Menominee Sustainable Development Institute hosted the second Women's Empowerment Summit and Training at Menominee Casino.

The summit also offered surprise guests First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, as well as

the US Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland.

This summit was created in response to locally identified needs for space to empower and support women. This event was the second-ever Women's Empowerment Summit in Menominee. It featured speakers, a panel of

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## North Star Mohican Casino Resort hires new General Manager of Gaming, Tony Granquist



BOWLER, WISCONSIN- North Star Mohican Casino Resort is pleased to introduce Tony Granquist as our new Gaming General Manager. Tony brings an impressive 15

years of gaming industry experience, with a focus on gaming regulations and a recent successful tenure as Interim Gaming General Manager.

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# Community Powwow 2023

Hosted by the SMC Family Services  
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N8605 Oak St Bowler, WI 54416**

**Grand Entry 1pm**

**Craft Vendors  
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Social Dancing**

**Invited Drums  
GiiTaa'se  
Medicine Bear  
Southern Sky**

**Free meal provided at 3pm**

**Flags presented by the Stockbridge-Munsee  
Veterans.**

**A limited number of vendor spots available.**

For more information contact:

Kori Price 715-793-4905 LaKeisha Williams 715-793-4906

Please be aware that all events are subject to change or cancellation in unforeseen circumstances. We reserve the right to modify the date or cancel any events if needed.



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## Letter to the Editor and Public

Election for leaders – what a joke. Repeaters say how they have been challenged, and have grown through tough problems. We didn't vote for you for that. We want action and refusal and why on issues.

Be specific-returnees tell us what you have done- 1,2, etc. voted yes or no on which issue and why. What's in the future plan? We didn't vote for you or pay you a salary to be "building self-confidence" – what exactly did you do. Any new ideas (I did not vote – no transportation)?

### MY LIST:

1. What about the five year old telephone problems? A whole community gets about half service. We need service. Let's pay less also.
2. Any referendums – there

should be on taking on new members.

3. What does it mean to be a Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal member? The council should be leading. The requirements tie in with action they report after meeting.
4. Minutes should be recorded and accessible. Meetings decision discussed not already decided before meeting – our meetings few past years are a waste of time – issues not discussed at meetings like in the past.
5. Time limit terms. How often have any of you been to visit our homes – I live at the Ella Besaw Residential Care. Come over we need to meet you. It's nice here.

Betty Schiel 09-24-23



### What's up with the cell phone service?



As you are all aware, lately we have all been experiencing poor cellular service. We want to provide you some critically important information to think about before you make an investment in purchasing a new cell phone or switching cellular devices or service providers.

The Tribal Council approved partnering with NSight, the parent company of CellCom, to construct towers on the reservation to enhance cellular telecommunication services in the community. Historically, the quality of the cellular services has been sporadic. We understand the significance of this project and its potential impact to the community

and want to ensure that you are informed about the progress.

Construction of the Cell tower on the Casino is anticipated to be completed in December of 2023. Four additional towers will be being constructed starting in November of 2023 with an anticipated completion in late 2024.

We do understand the frustration in the lack of cellular service but improvements are on the way. We know that it is your personal decision if you wish to choose to change your cellular device or change service providers, we just want you to know that making these changes will not increase the quality of your cellular service.

Stockbridge-Munsee Community  
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Little Ones Leave Lasting Impressions

**Head Start Corner**  
Continuing Electa Quinney's Educational Vision for a Bright Future

### Calendar of Events

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>: PT Conferences
- November 9<sup>th</sup>: Hero's Breakfast 8am
- November 10<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day -CLOSED
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Thanksgiving Luncheon 11am
- November 23-24<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break - CLOSED



### Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Alley, Amber, Ashley, Chemon, Dee, Donnette, Ginny, Schuyler & Teniesha  
Your Electa Quinney Head Start Team

Electa Quinney Head Start is an equal opportunity provider.

### Parents:

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and it is important that we get our littles involved in helping with the big day! Listed below are 10 Ways Kids Can Help with Thanksgiving:

1. Help plan the menu
2. Make a grocery list
3. Help cook (with adult help)
4. Set the table
5. Decorate
6. Create a playlist
7. Play Host (answering door, or offering beverages)
8. Create a gratitude jar
9. Pick a charitable activity (volunteer, donate toys or clothing)
10. Plan the entertainment (like choosing a family game)



In October we had community involvement where Ms. Molly came and did fire safety with the children and Ms. Cami came and did a delicious nutrition activity with the kids.



For National Truth and Reconciliation Day all staff and children wore orange!



## The Quilt Project 2023-24

Calling out to all of our Tribal Elders to join in a project that will take a lot of time and effort by everyone in our Elder Tribal Community. We will be reaching out through various means to ensure each Elder gets a piece of the cloth to embroider/ stitch their name into a part of the patches that will become a Historical Quilt marking ever participant through living history. This all started out as a viewing of a quilt being displayed during our "Reservation Tour" that was found in the old things of Sherry Haskett's grandmother as they restored one of the older/ original buildings among their property on Big Lake, located in Red Springs, WI. This quilt is stitched together with each "square" having an elders name embroidered into it. An excited discussion began as Sherry already does come to our Elderly Center

and does some crafting items. Cindy Miller joined us on our Reservation History Tour, hosted by her husband John, and she has quilting experience. Much discussion brewed and an idea was born! Let's make a quilt with all of our current Elders getting a panel where they can embroidery- stitch their names onto a portion and add them to the quilt. We had a small meeting to see what ideas would we come up with. Identifying "quilters/sewers/worker bees" was on our list. I will reach out to those we know of, and if any of you have some quilting skills, we will need you over the winter months to ensure this vision comes to reality. I look forward to everyone who will participate in this project and all who will be helping to piece the quilt together when that time comes as well. This will be a time of History repeating itself in a most positive way by replicating the Elders Quilt.

**Words cont from pg One:** a German Moravian missionary who recorded a large number of words in the Western dialect of the Mahican language in the mid 1700s. Linguist Carl Masthay meticulously deciphered Schmick's handwritten notes for publication in response to a request of our tribe.(2) To Schmick's German ears, the sound "wə" was written as "o" no doubt because his ear was not finely attuned to the unfamiliar sounds of an indigenous language. We know that his Mohican informants were not actually saying "o" in lieu of "w" because Schmick also used "o" for some Unami Delaware "w" words. It should be noted that Schmick was not a fluent speaker of Mahican, nor a linguist.

Another source of this error was the misinterpretation of some of the idiosyncratic phonetic symbols used by the linguist Truman Michelson who transcribed a collection of Mahican words and stories in 1914. (3) The consultant hired for our language program interpreted Michelson's transcriptions in such a way that he concluded that Mahican pronunciation 'had changed' among speakers in the 20th century.

Michelson also used the same set of symbols for his writings in the Munsee language.(4,5) Since Munsee is still spoken and we have recordings of fluent speakers from the 1980s, we know how it is pronounced. This allows us to use his Munsee transcriptions as a *Rosetta Stone* for interpreting his Mahican words. In both languages, Michelson often used "u" instead of "w" at the beginning of words. Detailed information is available by consulting the references.

Evidence in support of the

use of "w" rather than "o" is available in the papers of Morris Swadesh,(6) a linguist who visited the tribe in the 1930s, and those of the distinguished linguist John P. Harrington.7 Swadesh's unfinished Mahican dictionary, a partial listing of words starting with "w," included the word for "thank you" written as "wniwi." We know Swadesh based the accuracy of his list on a 20th-century analysis because he rigorously listed variants and the older word forms alongside his entries. The typewritten dictionary lists scores of other words which he analyzed as beginning with a "w," directly substantiating that modern Mahican speakers had NOT changed their pronunciation. Additionally, Harrington who visited the tribe in the 1940s recorded words from his informants who used "w," not "o."

Regrettably, our tribal language program lessons have been substituting "o" for a large number of words that should begin with "w." Imagine an English teacher telling students to say "ork" instead of "work" or "all" instead of "wall." The Mahican word for "young man" is "wuskiinuw," pronounced /wūs-KEE-no/ or /wūth-KEE-no/. Unfortunately, our recent curriculum has taught this word as "oskeenow" (sic) even though NONE of the 20th-century, or earlier, materials support substituting "o" for "w," as listed below:

- In the late 1700s or early 1800s, Thomas Jefferson wrote this word as "wthkenooh."(8)

- In 1905, Dennis Turkey said the same word as "withk·enow."(9)

- In 1914 Michelson wrote it as "uskēnō" in the Owl Story<sup>3</sup> but we know that word initial "u" should be interpreted as "w" because

## What Increases Your Risk of Falling



***There are many conditions that contribute to falling and these are called risk factors. Many risk factors can be modified or changed to help prevent falls.***

### **Risk factors include:**

- Lower extremity weakness
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Vision problems
- Foot pain or poor footwear
- Difficulty with balance or walking
- Use of medications, such as blood pressure, sedatives, tranquilizers, or antidepressants. Some over-the-counter medications can affect your balance and cause you to be unsteady on your feet.
- Home hazards such as broken or uneven steps, throw rugs, and clutter can be tripped over.

***A majority of falls are caused by a combination of the listed above risk factors. The more risk factors an individual has, the greater their chances are of falling.***

**Healthcare providers can help decrease an individual's risk of falling by reducing risk factors.**

Information provided by Center for Disease Control & Prevention

of the Munsee "Rosetta Stone" Michelson left for us.(4,5)

- In 1937, Swadesh wrote it as "waski'naw."(6)

- In 1949, Harrington heard it from his informant Webb Miller as "wīθkæñuw."(7)

These linguistic findings reveal that our 20th-century elders, the last speakers of Mahican, deviated very little from the language used by Hendrick Aupaumut when he penned the Mahican catechism in 1795.(10) They used "w" sounds, and produced soft guttural "h" sounds as in earlier days. A few minor pronunciation variations are easily explained by the uncertainty they expressed when interviewed.

Several fully qualified and experienced linguists who have reviewed the 20th-century sources concluded that the patchy

recall of a small number of Mahican language rememberers is best used to bolster our knowledge of the earlier sources, and not to override them. (11,12) The knowledge of our elders may have been fragmentary, but nonetheless, whenever one of them confidently reported a solid memory of a word, its similarity to the same word written in centuries past was remarkable. The references provided (below), some of which are available online, must be consulted to substantiate the facts.

In addition to adjusting the curriculum of our language lessons, care must be taken to identify incorrect words which have spread nationwide as well as those previously shared with many associations

**Words cont on page Ten:**

### The Agent Orange Registry provides eligible Veterans with a free health evaluation related to Agent Orange exposure.

1. It alerts Veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to Agent Orange exposure during their military service.

2. The registry data helps VA understand and monitor the potential for health problems related to Agent Orange exposure.

3. It is not a disability evaluation or required for other VA benefits.

4. Enrollment in VA health care is not required to join.

### Veterans are eligible for the Agent Orange Registry if they served in the following locations and time frames:

1. Vietnam - Veterans who served in Vietnam anytime between 1962 and 1975, regardless of length of time. This includes "Brown Water" and "Blue Water" Navy Veterans.

2. Korea - Veterans who served in a unit in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) any time between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971.

3. Thailand

3.1 U.S. Air Force Veterans who served on Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) bases between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975.

3.2 Army Veterans who provided perimeter security on RTAF bases in Thailand between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975.

3.3 U.S. Army Veterans who were stationed on some small Army installations in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975. The Army Veteran must have been a member of a military police (MP) unit or was assigned a military occupational specialty whose duty placed him or her at or near the base perimeter.

4. C-123 Airplanes - Veterans (including some Re-

servists) who state that they flew on or worked on a C-123 aircraft between 1969 and 1986.

5. Veterans who served in additional locations added by the PACT Act

6. Other Veterans - Veterans who may have been exposed to herbicides during a military operation or as a result of testing, transporting, or spraying herbicides for military purposes. To schedule a registry evaluation, contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator.

### Question: Can I be tested for Agent Orange exposure?

As a Vietnam-era Veteran, you may wonder if there is an examination or medical test to find out if you have been exposed to Agent Orange. Perhaps you want to know your level of exposure.

Although your concerns about potential exposure to Agent Orange are valid, it is important to understand that the main components of tactical herbicides do not stay in the body long and would not be detected several decades after an exposure. The contaminant dioxin that was present in some tactical herbicides does remain in the body for years; however, because this chemical is widespread in the environment, there could potentially be several different sources of exposure to dioxin over an individual's lifetime. Therefore, there are no exams or tests that would confirm your exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides.

If you served during certain times and at particular locations, VA presumes that you were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides. If you have a presumptive disease and served during the designated time and location, you will automatically be considered eligible for VA benefits. If you feel that you were exposed to



## Veterans Corner

### Veterans Corner

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Agent Orange or herbicides and have a health condition other than those listed that you believe is related to your exposure, VA encourages you to submit a claim for disability benefits. Learn more about submitting a claim for disability benefits at [www.benefits.va.gov/benefits](http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits) or call 1-800-827-1000.

### What is early-onset peripheral neuropathy?

Peripheral neuropathy is a condition in which nerves that are outside of the brain or spinal cord are damaged. Signs and symptoms of early-onset peripheral neuropathy include:

- Tingling, prickling, or numbness in the fingers or toes
- Burning, throbbing, or shooting pain that is greater at night and may extend to the hands or feet
- High sensitivity to touch
- Muscular weakness
- Pain that is evenly distributed on both sides of the body (for example, in both hands and feet)

If you are concerned about symptoms of early-onset peripheral neuropathy, consult with your health care provider. If you have early-onset peripheral neuropathy that presents within 1 year of herbicide exposure to a degree that is at least 10% debilitating, VA presumes that your condition is connected to your exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during

service. You may qualify for disability benefits and medical care.

Learn more about peripheral neuropathy and Agent Orange. Learn about filing a claim for disability benefits at [www.benefits.va.gov/benefits](http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits) or by calling 1-800-827-1000.

### Find your advocate for benefits with VA's accredited list of Veteran Service Organizations

Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) are private groups that advocate for Veterans, service members, dependents, and survivors. A VA-accredited VSO can help you understand and apply for VA benefits, or request further review or appeal of an unfavorable VA benefits decision. VA's Office of General Counsel has a search tool to help you find VA-recognized organizations and VA-accredited individuals that you can contact for help with VA benefits claims. Find the tool at <https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>.

"This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [SLFRP0135FAIN] awarded to [the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs via the Wisconsin Department of Administration] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."



**GM cont from page One:** Tony's background of experience and education made him a great candidate to provide enhanced guest experiences and drive operational efficiencies at North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

What sets this appointment apart is Tony Granquist's deep-rooted connection to our community. Born and raised in the community and a proud enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, Tony not only climbed the ranks but has also been an active and well-respected member of the local community for many years. This longstanding connection reaffirms our commitment to serving our community's needs and emphasizes our dedication to fostering meaningful relationships.

Furthermore, Tony Granquist brings with him an extensive educational background. His background includes an MBA along with multiple bachelor's degrees, in Business Management, and in Information Science and Technology. His experience along with his academic achievements provides a strong foundation for becoming a well-rounded leader with a commitment to guiding North Star Mohican Casino Resort to new heights.

Tony Granquist's innovative leadership style has played a pivotal role in

the success of numerous initiatives throughout his career, earning him a well-deserved reputation as a respected figure in the industry. We invite you to join us in welcoming Tony Granquist to our North Star team as we continue our mission to, "Deliver the friendliest service to our guest while creating opportunity for our Tribal nation, team members, and surrounding communities." North Star Mohican Casino Resort

Known as the "Midwest's Friendliest Casino," North Star Mohican Casino is nestled in the breathtaking North Woods of Wisconsin. Home to 1,200 of your favorite slots, a wide array of table games, bingo, and exciting daily and weekly promotions. It also offers the best in player rewards and benefits with its exclusive Star Club. To complement the excitement of the casino, North Star's multiple venues for dining and beverages. Embers Grill features a very popular breakfast buffet with an omelet station, check out The Groove for your favorite beverage, or visit Aroma Deli & Café for a sandwich or a quick bite. Need a break? Grab a cocktail at the center of it all, The Gravity Bar.

No matter what you're looking for, North Star Mohican Casino Resort is truly where there is more: more action, fun, entertainment, and

rewards! The resort offers a hotel with well-appointed and comfortable rooms, luxurious yet charming suites, full-service RV parking, fitness center, meeting rooms and business center. Choose one of several restaurants at the resort to enjoy a fantastic meal, play 9 or 18 holes surrounded by lush, natural beauty at Pine Hills Golf. Looking for unparalleled entertainment? North Star Mohican Casino Resort is known for its sprawling venue, The Orion Event Center, that features HUGE acts such as

Foreigner, Wynonna Judd, Jay Leno, The Spinners, Gabriel Iglesias, Theory of a Deadman, Smokey Robinson, and Jeff Foxworthy to name a few. Owned and operated by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, this destination resort and casino is located within an hour drive of Green Bay, North of Hwy 29. North Star Casino Resort offers a great selection of amenities and is also surrounded by many other local attractions, making it the perfect getaway. To learn more visit [www.northstarcasinoresort.com](http://www.northstarcasinoresort.com).



STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE  
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**HOLIDAY  
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SALE**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
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**WEST cont from pg One:** indigenous women leaders and breakout sessions with traditional wellness. This year's summit offered a diverse group of speakers for indigenous communities throughout the world. The Mohican News got the pleasure to follow the First Lady and the Secretary of Interior on a tour around the Menominee Reservation. The tour of the reservation started at Menominee Tribal Enterprises, the history of Menominee Tribal Enterprises (MTE) is a fascinating story about their forest and how the Menominee people have successfully managed it for years. Today, these management practices have resulted in an extraordinary, healthy, and productive emerald forest whose boundaries can be seen from space. There to greet the First Lady and Secretary of Interior was MTE President along with Stockbridge tribal member Rainer Shooter, who is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for MTE. Rainer has a Master's degree in Forest Resources with a focus on Forest Business and Accounting from the University of Georgia. Charles James, Bolt Mill

Supervisor, and John Labarge, Lumber Grader, had the privilege to show Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland firsthand what it takes to grade lumber. James and Labarge explained to the government VIP's that there are many different grades of lumber in the variety of tree species that Menominee Tribal Enterprises cuts from their forest. James explained that during production hours lumber graders on average have 5-10 seconds to look at both sides of the board before assigning it a grade. Lumber graders are one of the few employees that physically touch and flip every single piece of lumber that is produced within a saw mill. James also explained to the First Lady and secretary Haaland that lumber from MTE travels all around the world making its way to the inland of Europe all the way to Australia, who favors Menominee Red Oak. Other discussion topics were the pay of lumber graders and the education that is needed, both James and Labarge earned their grading certificates from NTC Antigo after eight weeks of rigorous course



work and mathematical exercises. Another stop made along the trip was at the Menominee Sustainable Development Institute located on the College of Menominee Nation Campus (pictured above). The purpose of the Sustainable Development Institute is to ensure the principles of sustainability committed to by the College of Menominee Nation and integrated in our Menominee culture and values, influence the activities of our Institute, our College, our community, and our tribe. The Sustainable Development Institute supports and advances sustainable ways through a variety of initiatives: Educating the community about sustainable ways of Demonstrating through research and practical projects, Creating understanding of sustainability issues, practices, opportunities, and principals through community engagement and outreach efforts, Promoting, measuring, and reporting on sound and sustainable institutional practices, Fostering collaboration within the College, tribal community, and external partners in sustainability.

was at Menominee Indian Middle School located in Neopit, where the students lined the side walk with signs and cheers as the First Lady and Secretary Holland stopped to greet them. The second stop was at Keshena Primary School, where the gym was packed with students and teachers excited to meet the First Lady and Secretary Haaland

The Mohican News did not get to sit in on the speakers at the conference but received feed back from tribal employees who were in attendance. The following comes from each one of the employees.

Melissa Penass said "I enjoyed the conference and listening to the speakers. I found Sutton King to be very interesting. What I found the most interesting is that it was about women empowering women and working together. I don't feel we have that. I feel we are still in a community where men get better opportunities than women and our opportunities are still based on who you are and who you know. We have so many educated smart women that do not get the same opportunities that others get. Strong women that speak their mind are not liked, are not given the same opportunities as others. It's as if we try our best to keep those women down, they are looked at as competitors or

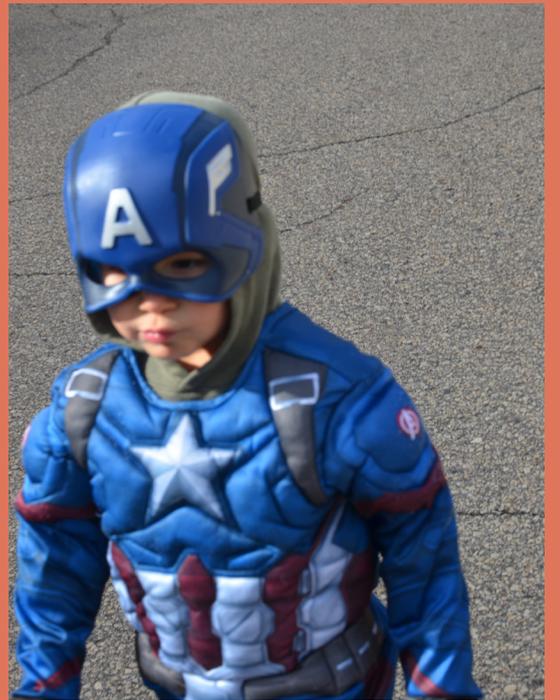


The First Lady visited the children at the Menominee Indian Middle School in Neopit while on a tour of the reservation

The First Lady and Secretary of Interior Holland made a couple of stops at different schools in the Menominee school district. The first stop

**WEST cont on page 13:**

# Public Safety Open House



# First Lady Visits Menominee Tribe



The First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland with Menominee Tribal Legislature



Charles James, Bolt Mill Supervisor, and John Labarge, Lumber Grader, had the privilege to show Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland firsthand what it takes to grade lumber.



**Words cont from pg Four:** and alliances outside the Nation. Since the LCC is tasked with the preservation of our cultural and linguistic legacy for ALL tribal members, not just language learners, we would like to offer a path forward.

A cornerstone of our culture is showing the utmost respect for both our elders and grand elders. The LCC believes that the best way to honor their legacy is to reclaim our language and bring life back to all the existing words and phrases we can with integrity. Although some tribal citizens may wish to learn only a few words, and others to become linguistic scholars, it is essential to provide ALL members of our community with proper word forms. Mahican words and phrases must be carefully scrutinized by a group of motivated and hard-working enrolled citizens under the auspices of the LCC with guidance from established non-tribal scholars possessing the title of *linguist emeritus*. The ill-advised lone wolf model should be abandoned, in favor of a clan.

We believe the preservation of our language to be a "language emergency" that requires swift and effective remediation. As a Nation we should stand united to insist on a quality curriculum derived from the very best of all available sources. The Mohican people deserve a language for which every word and inflected word has been lovingly vetted by a group of enrolled citizens double-checking the work of the consultants. The Stockbridge Munsee Community deserves to be informed of the difference between language *reconstruction* (the use of non-Mahican words to fill in the gaps of a limited vocabulary)

versus Mahican language *preservation* (the teaching of our language using the data left behind by our elders). We the people, the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohicans, deserve a language which is well documented with all linguistic uncertainties clearly marked as such; and whenever possible, references to specific sources of data must be specified. Doing so will ensure that future generations will know why we say "wuniiwih" and not "oneewe."

(Note: It is okay to write this word as "wniiwih" or "wniiwii" or "wneewe." The LCC prefers "wuniiwih" as the most accurate version because it uses the spelling the least likely to be confused with English sounds.)

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# HALF TURKEY TROT

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## Five Healthy Eating Tips for the Holidays



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'Tis the season for family, festivity, and food—lots of food. Temptations are everywhere, and parties and travel disrupt daily routines. What's more, it all goes on for weeks.

Here are 5 tips that can help you stay on track this holiday season:

**1. Holiday-Proof Your Plan**  
You may not be able to control what food you're served, and you're going to see other people eating tempting treats. Meet the challenges armed with a plan:

- Eat close to your usual times to keep your blood sugar steady. If your meal is served later than normal, eat a small snack at your usual mealtime and eat a little less when dinner is served.

- Invited to a party? Offer to bring a healthy dish along.

- If you have a sweet treat, cut back on other carbs (like potatoes and bread) during the meal.

- Don't skip meals to save up for a feast. It will be harder to manage your blood sugar, and you'll be really hungry and more likely to overeat.

- If you slip up, get right back to healthy eating with your next meal.

### Holiday Hacks

- Have pumpkin pie instead of pecan pie. Even with a dollop of whipped cream, you'll cut calories and sugar by at least a third.

- Break physical activity up into smaller chunks so it's easier to schedule, like walking 10 minutes several times a day.

- Schedule some "me" time every day—a nap, dog walk, or hot bath to get your energy back for the next celebration.

**2. Outsmart the Buffet**  
When you face a spread of delicious holiday food, make healthy choices easier:

- Have a small plate of the foods you like best and then move away from the buffet table.

- Start with vegetables to take the edge off your appetite.

- Eat slowly. It takes at least 20 minutes for your brain to realize you're full.

- Avoid or limit alcohol. If you do have an alcoholic drink, have it with food. Alcohol can lower blood sugar and interact with diabetes medicines.

Also plan to stay on top of your blood sugar. Check it more often during the holidays, and if you take medicine, ask your doctor if the amount needs to be adjusted.

**3. Fit in Favorites**  
No food is on the naughty list. Choose the dishes you

really love and can't get any other time of year, like Aunt Edna's pumpkin pie. Slow down and savor a small serving, and make sure to count it in your meal plan. If you plan for it, no food needs to be on the naughty list.

### 4. Keep Moving

You've got a lot on your plate this time of year, and physical activity can get crowded out. But being active is your secret holiday weapon; it can help make up for eating more than usual and reduce stress during this most stressful time of year. Get moving with friends and family, such as taking a walk after a holiday meal.

### 5. Get Some Sleep

Going out more and staying out later often means cutting back on sleep. Sleep loss can make it harder to manage your blood sugar, and when you're sleep deprived you'll tend to eat more and prefer high-fat, high-sugar food. Aim for 7 to 8 hours per night to guard against mindless eating.

Most of all, remember what the season is about—celebrating and connecting with the people you care about. When you focus more on the fun, it's easier to focus less on the food.

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/library/features/holidays-healthy-eating.html>

## Legal Services Corp President Ron Flagg to Keynote WEJF Eisenberg Dinner

MADISON – Legal Services Corporation (LSC) President Ronald S. Flagg will join the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund (WEJF) for their annual Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, November 4 at The Madison Club. LSC is the single largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income Americans in the nation, and Flagg will speak on the topic of legal aid and the justice gap. His roots trace back to Wisconsin, where he commenced his career as a law clerk to Judge Myron L. Gordon in the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Subsequently, he practiced law at Sidley Austin for 31 years and started work with the LSC in 2013. Throughout his distinguished career, Flagg has participated actively on numerous law-related committees and boards, often in leadership roles, championing the cause of pro bono and public interest law throughout the nation.

Judge David D. Raasch (re-

tired) will receive the 2023 Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award at the dinner. The award honors those who have devoted significant time, talents, or resources to the provision or advancement of pro bono civil legal aid in Wisconsin. Raasch's commitment to the justice system spans over five decades, encompassing roles as a sheriff's deputy, clerk of municipal court, chief judge of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council Tribal Court, and peacemaking advisor and trainer. Currently, he serves as the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Tribal Law and Policy Institute in West Hollywood, CA, and holds the position of Board Chairman for Judicare Legal Aid in Wisconsin.

Raasch has been an unwavering advocate and board member of Judicare for over a decade and has been at the helm as Chairperson since 2017.

WEJF will also recognize Phoua Yang from Judicare Legal Aid with the Distinguished Service Award for

**Legal cont on page 15:**

# Important reminder



According to Stockbridge Munsee tribal ordinances - Chapter 56 Food Service Code – all vendors selling food on the Stockbridge Munsee reservation must comply with our food code.

Chapter 56.2 speaks specifically to the point of obtaining Food Service Permits. Food Service Permits are **mandatory** for food service operation.

- Food Service Permits will not be issued unless the vendors comply with all aspects of our food code.
- Our Food Code requires all food handlers to have documentation of a current FOOD HANDLER CARD and food stands must submit to inspection prior to any sales.

Further information on our tribal food code may be found on our tribal website:  
<https://www.mohican.com/ordinances/>

For more information on how to obtain food service permits, please call:

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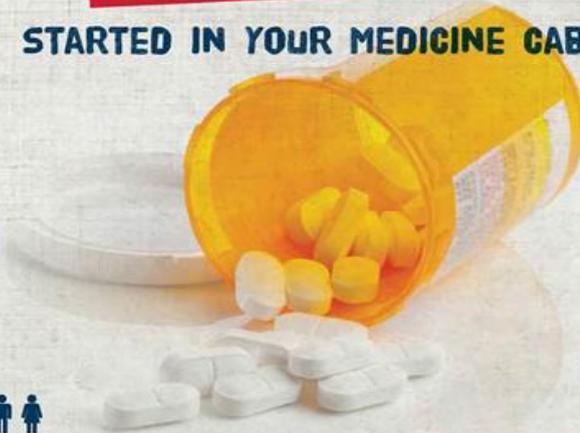
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# Directives



First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland also visited the Menominee Tribal Enterprises

**WEST cont from Seven:** an annoyance, instead of being jealous or part of the mean people club we should be empowering others and using their knowledge as an aide. I personally feel in order to get a great opportunity as an educated strong woman, you have to leave your own community. We put so many roadblocks up for our own people especially women when the tribe is the one paying for them to get educated. I think our community could benefit from a similar summit". Diane Burr stated "The Women's Empowerment Summit and Training was a fantastic event. The keynote speakers shared a powerful message about Manifesting your Warrior Woman, Creating a World Where No Woman or Girl is Bought or Sold, and Transmuting Trauma into Entrepreneurship: A Journey of Healing, Purpose, and Social Impact. The Blanket Ceremony by Larry Littlegeorge open the room to many healing feelings. The blanket exercise is an experiential learning tool that leads a group of participants through 500+ years of Indigenous history. The energy in the room was very heavy, but

quickly lightened when Beth Waukechon shared a healing song. My heart was full of love after a day of celebrating/supporting women leaders, community members, and friends. Anushiik to SDI College of Menominee Nation for an incredible opportunity to learn, connect, and refresh my spirit. Oneewe". Emily Lukacs shared "This past week we were able to join the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training (W.E.S.T.). Though this conference has the goal of "Empowering women through knowledge sharing, professional development, wellness, and personal growth" this day truly covered these topics and more. Through various teachings, stories, panels, and seminars, event speakers were able to educate conference attendees on topics from human trafficking and breaking inter-generational trauma while empowering thoughttopicsonleadership skills, and developing an entrepreneurial mindset. This was all highlighted with a surprise speaking appearance from Deb Haaland, US Secretary of the Interior, as well as First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden. In addition to keynote speakers, the conference



On Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

**Roll Call:**

Shannon Holsey	Present
Craig Kroening, Jr	Present
Sara Putnam	Absent
Joe Miller	Present
Jeremy Mohawk;	Absent
Terrie K. Terrio	Present
Randall Wollenhaup	Absent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD: Executive Session**

**Job Description**  
Motion by Joe Miller approve today's Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda as amended. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**CELLULAR TOWER FUNDING-Brian McDonald, CIO**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the recommendation to put forth the \$420,000 needed to complete the cell tower project. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**JOB DESCRIPTION-Brian McDonald, CIO**

Motion by Joe Miller motion to approve the Director of Cybersecurity & Network Operations job description as amended. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIP-**

was able to highlight Tribal Nations from across the US (and further!) that wanted to highlight aspects of their cultures, or unique ways women are impacting their communities. Some of these breakout sessions were conversational, while some taught crafts like birch bark baskets, or techniques of jewelry making. I am definitely

**PEWA AMICUS BRIEF-Shannon Holsey, President**

Motion by Joe Miller to support Bad River tribe's litigation request and to enjoin the amicus brief. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 10:12 AM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come back into Regular Session. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 10:41 AM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a contract.

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize the Roads Department to sole source equipment and materials as it relates to the housing projects. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Curtain Construction pertaining to the housing projects. Seconded Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 10:42 AM.

looking forward to next year's event!"

Through all of the feedback it came to the same conclusion the WEST Conference was filled with great keynote speakers, great food, great attendees, and attendees left the conference feeling empowered. They would recommend this conference to ALL.



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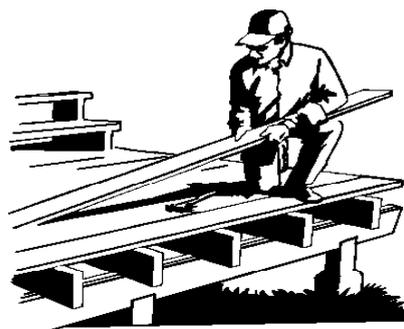
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Registration for the dinner is open now on the WEJF website, [wejf.org/dinner-registration](http://wejf.org/dinner-registration). Sponsorships are also available for the event.

**About Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund:** The Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund (WEJF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Madison that raises funds to support three of the largest pro bono civil legal aid organizations in the state: Legal Action of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Judicare, and Disability Rights Wisconsin.

sin. WEJF’s Board of Directors consists of 29 attorneys from private law firms and in-house legal departments across Wisconsin. Since its inception in 1997, WEJF has raised over \$7 million to help these organizations address civil legal problems such as domestic violence, housing and homelessness, and barriers to employment for Wisconsin’s poorest citizens.

**About Legal Services Corporation:** Under the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, Americans are only guaranteed a lawyer in criminal cases and must go without assistance if they are a senior citizen being evicted from their home, the victim of domestic violence, or a veteran being denied earned benefits. The LSC was created to financially support legal aid organizations that assist with these and other types of civil matters, and it provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. Two of WEJF’s beneficiaries, Legal Action of Wisconsin and Judicare Legal Aid, are among the 131 service providers that receive grants from the LSC.

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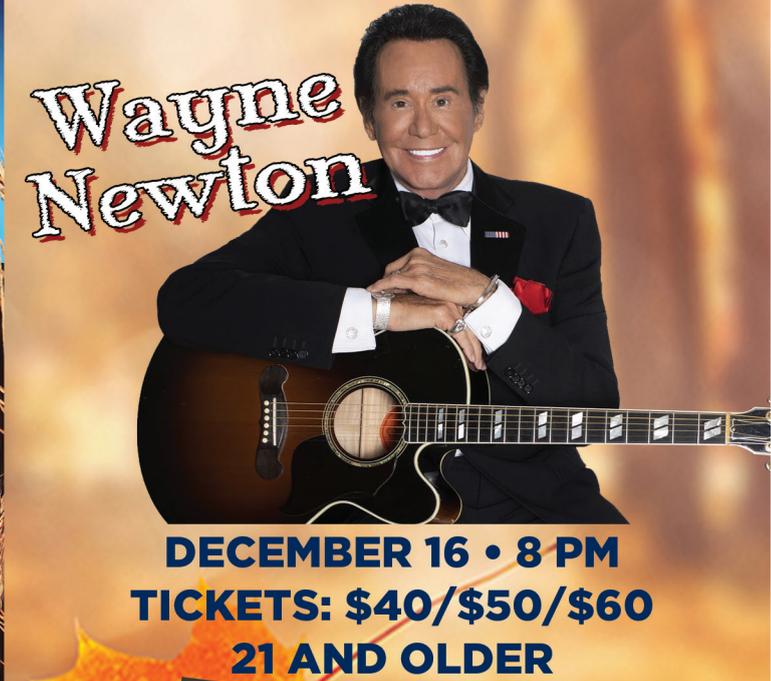
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