

# MOHICAN NEWS

The people of the waters that are never still



Melissa Penass is the new Eunice Stick Gathering Place Manager. Her family consists of her mom, Laura Hebert Welch, Grandma-Arminta Chicks Hebert, husband Mike and “the boys.”

Melissa’s education includes a BA in political science and public admin

and a Master of Business in Public Administration. She is also currently working on a PHD in Human Services.

She started working for the Tribe 28 years ago in a number of jobs; as an assistant teacher, MFC receptionist, Casino Personnel Specialist, Casino Finance Reconciliation and in the kitchen and Melissa also filled in at Pine Hills over the years. However, she spent the last 24 years in Human Resources.

Her hobbies include cooking and catering for crowds of 300 people over the last 15 years. She also enjoys their family camps for fun, takes road trips, and go kart races. “I love to cook and travel,” said Melissa.

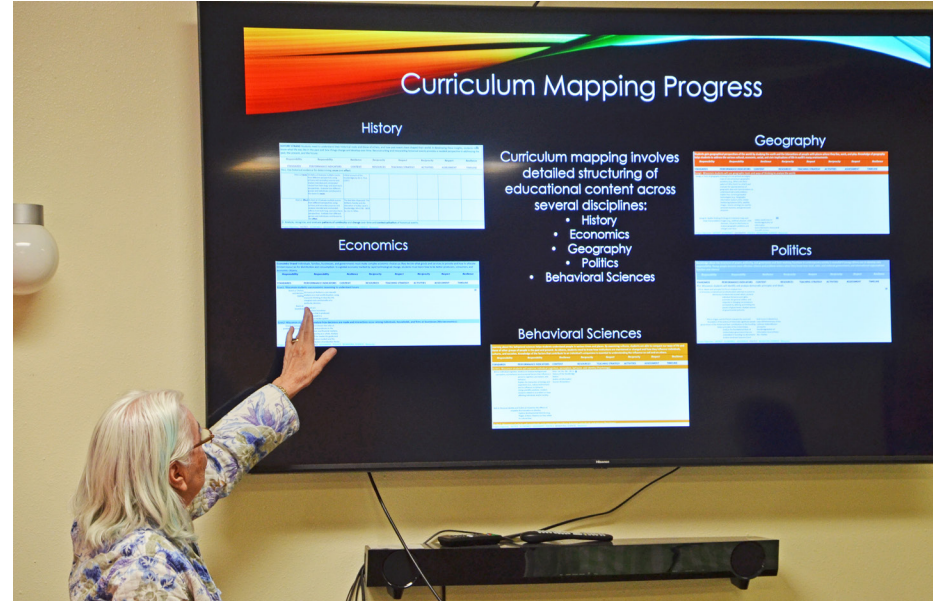
## Ella Besaw Update

“The New Ella Besaw Center will host an open house on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am – 1pm. The new Ella Besaw Center building is located at W12806 County Highway A in Bowler, WI (across the parking lot from the clinic). The building will be open for our community to view the center. We look forward to the opening of this new facility that will allow us to take the best possible care of our Elders.

Ella Besaw staff will be at the event to answer questions and to accept applications for new residents. If you already placed a preapplication, you do not need to re-apply. The current Ella Besaw Center and the residents will be moving to the new facility on May 15<sup>th</sup>.”

Andrew Miller, Director Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center

## Tribal Council Approves Curriculum



Dr. Linda Sue Warner discusses progress being made in developing the curriculum

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor  
According to *Reclaiming Native Truth: A Project to dispel America’s myths and misconceptions* 36% of Americans surveyed believe that Native Americans face discrimination, and this

number is certainly not indicative to the actual amount of discrimination. However, 66% of Americans surveyed are willing to learn the authentic and accurate narrative of Native Americans, so on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, **Map cont on page Six:**

## A Day of Unity



By Thomas Kazik - Mohican News Reporter  
April is Autism Acceptance Month, formerly known as Autism Awareness Month. Autism Acceptance Month is meant to highlight the issues affecting people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their

families, educate the public on support services, and celebrate the perspectives of those living with ASD. Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness **Unity cont on page Six:**

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# Guest Editorial



By Jolene Bowman  
The National May 5<sup>th</sup> awareness day originated as a result of the high numbers of unsolved violent crimes against Native Women, but over the years other gender groups were gradually included resulting in an all-inclusive identifier now named "Relatives". To be aware is to acknowledge the alarming rate of violence

towards Indigenous people Nationally. This includes our own Stockbridge-Munsee Community. To remember the lives of our stolen native relatives from our own community, we forever say the names of those we know about, and this article will focus on Stockbridge-Munsee Community member, Budrow "Bud" Burr, who was murdered

in 1962. To tell Bud's story today, the resources listed at the end of this article were either copied or paraphrased within, but not quoted to keep this article in a readable format.

Budrow Bernard Burr was born the 11<sup>th</sup> out of 16 children (in birth order; Ralph "Sonny", Leona, Berga, June, Boyd, Gordon, Jerry and Jeanette (twins), Sidney, Louis Jr. "Lou", **Budrow**, Burdette, Donna, Jermain, William "Bill", and Robert) to his parents Louis and Mary Burr on February 22, 1938.

Eight of the 10 boys (two were too young to serve) were in military services, six of them at one time during World War II. Bud served in Germany some years after the war was over.

Bud was described as a fine young gentleman, far above reproach as to his character and good nature. With a bright charming

smile, he was industrious, ambitious, and always willing to lend a hand and be kind to children leaving all those who knew him to love and respect him.

Bud's younger sister Donna Burr remembers hearing that, "Before heading out that day, Bud went up to the hayloft and gave his two youngest brothers, Bill (age 16) and Robert (age 15) fifty cents and told them he would see them after his trip." But Bud never returned home.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> Bud left his brother Ralph Burr's Auto Body Shop in Shawano where he was working as a mechanic. He borrowed a vehicle from his other brother Louis Jr. so that he could go to Milwaukee as he had plans to visit a girl and search employment opportunities.

His next and last whereabouts were reported on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the **Burr cont on page Ten:**

Express your thoughts and opinions. Let your voice be heard. We welcome your letters to the Editor and the Community.

## Community Voices

Letters of opinion can be dropped off at Mohican News in the Tribal Offices or can be mailed to:

## Mohican News

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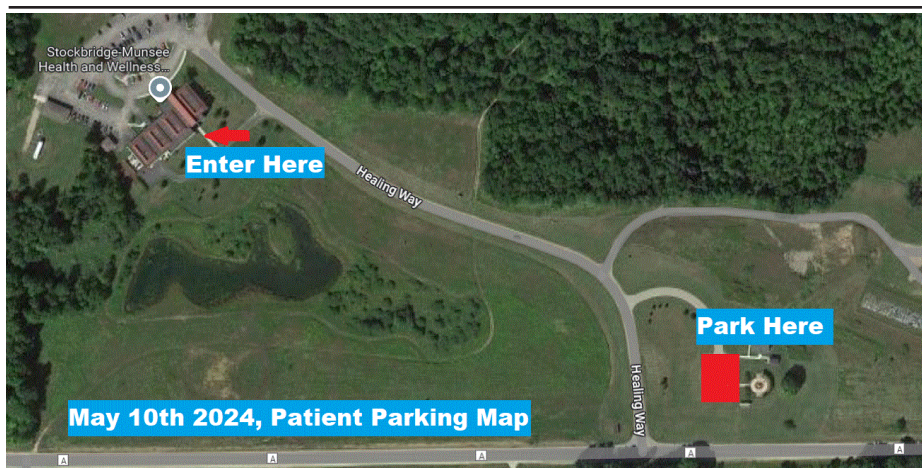
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### Clinic Update

If weather permits, the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center parking lot will be under construction Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. The construction crew will be placing the topcoat finish to the parking lot. Patients who come to the clinic on May 10<sup>th</sup> will need to park at the Mohican Veteran's building. The clinic will have a shuttle available to drive you to

the clinic's lower entrance. Please see the map for more details. The clinic will not offer curb side medication pickup May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our parking lot will be reopened on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The clinic will resume curbside medication pickup on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew Miller, Director  
Stockbridge-Munsee  
Health and Wellness  
Center



Mohican Veterans  
PO Box 70  
W12970 County Rd A  
Bowler, WI 54416

### Mohican Veterans Princess

The Mohican Veterans are looking for a new, "Mohican Veterans Princess" for the Annual Powwow to reign until they reach the age 21. If you would like to be an applicant and reign as Princess please submit your name, address and phone number to Robert Little, N8595 Big Lake Rd, Gresham, WI 54128, no later than July 1, 2024. The following rules apply to all applicants:  
Must be an enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee member and/or descendent of a Mohican Veteran. Must be between 16 and 20 years of age during your reign as princess,  
Must have a clean background and stay trouble free during your reign as princess, includes no illegal drugs and be a non-smoker (additional

rules may be set by the Mohican Veterans Princess Committee),  
The Mohican Veterans Committee will select applicants based on criteria they have established and will pick the princess and runner up at the annual powwow.

The princess will wear a crown and sash for the year, representing the Mohican Veterans at powwows, etc. The princess will keep the crown after her reign.

The Princess is also required to attend at least five (5) Powwows and five of our monthly veterans' meetings.

### Crown and Sash Needed

The Mohican Veterans are also looking for a person(s) to design/make a Mohican Veteran Princess Crown and Sash.

The crown must be designed to fit any Princess. We will be looking for designs by May 1, 2024 and person(s) to complete the Crown and Sash.

Will need to be completed for Annual Mohican Powwow this summer.

Send all designs and financial considerations to:

Robert Little  
N8595 Big Lake Road  
Gresham, WI 54128

### CMN 2024 Commencement

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) will be hosting its 2024 Commencement on a Friday this year. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on May 17 in the Five Clans Ballroom of the Menominee Casino Resort. A reception will follow at the College's Keshena Campus.

The Commencement Speaker for this year's event is Danielle Yancey, Director of the Native American Center for Health Professions at the School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison. This year's student speaker is Betsy Trudeau, who will be graduating with her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. In 2019, Congratulations, 2024 graduates!

## COME JOIN US

FOR A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF  
MOHICAN WRITERS AND ARTISTS

- Event is free and open to the public
- Refreshments and beverages provided
- Meet the authors and artists who contributed to *Along the Many Trails: A Journal of Contemporary Literature by the Mohican People*
- Listen to readings of poetry and stories from the book by the authors themselves
- Buy copies of the book or bring your own to get authors' and artists' signatures
- View art displays

### May 4, 2024

Mohican Elderly Center, Housing Division  
N8651 Maplewood St. Bowler, WI  
11am-1pm (Drop in anytime between these hours)

Join us for refreshments, art displays, literature readings, and a chance to meet authors and artists of Along the Many Trails, as well as get them to sign your book.

Questions? Contact Cathy Caldwell at [caldwellcathy03@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellcathy03@gmail.com) or  
Jo Ann Schedler at [schedler@frontiernet.net](mailto:schedler@frontiernet.net)



## Grass and geese moon (April)

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Wuskiixaskwal-grass; waapsowihleewi-geese;  
Niipaahum-moon; Siikwan-Spring; Sookulaan-it's raining;  
Tha lahkameew-What is the weather like;  
Waasulandeew-it's a sunny day; wulahkameew-it's a  
nice day; Punaw na-look at that; pehpaxkwuleesh-flower;  
awehleeshoosh-bird; chiishkohkoos-robin; paxkwuleew-it  
is blooming

**THANK YOU**  
**Mohican Educators**  
**for all you do!**

**National Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**May 6-10, 2024**

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**COURT GAMING**  
**TOURNAMENT**

JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 FROM 10A-1P  
DOOR PRIZES/GIFT CARDS FOR TOURNAMENT WINNERS PROVIDED  
CONTACT BRITTANY KROENING FOR SIGN UP AND TOURNAMENT RULES

## On the Trail Home



Brenda K. Miller

Brenda K. Miller, age 80, passed away peacefully at home with her family on April 11, 2024, in Green Bay. Brenda was born on March 12, 1944, to the late Benjamin and Katherine (Otto) Pecore in Shawano. She frequently reminisced about growing up in Neopit and considered the Menominee Tribal community her home. Brenda graduated from Shawano High School in 1962. On November 28, 1964, she was united in marriage to Robert "Bob" Miller, Jr. in Milwaukee. Brenda lovingly raised her children in the Stockbridge-Munsee community. She served as an early childhood educator with the Stockbridge-Munsee

HeadStart program and advocated for young students with special needs at Bowler School. Brenda maintained a quiet strength and enjoyed nurturing children. In Brenda's free time, she loved cooking, baking and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Brenda is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bob Miller, Jr.; children, Brigetta Miller, Rob Miller, Beth (Alan) Gaffney and Barb Miller; grandchildren, Michaela, Mckenzie, Tia, Alexis and Peyton; siblings, Marshall (Rita) Pecore and Jan (Scott) Gorecki. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Don Pecore and parents, Benjamin and Katherine.

A private family graveside service for Brenda will be held at Red Springs Cemetery at a later date.

*The family would like to extend a special thank you to Moments Hospices for their wonderful care and compassion.*

[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

### PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE

**Reminder!!!**

If you receive emergency room care, you must call the ER notification line at **1-877-898-4154** within 72 hours or 30 days for elders or disabled with the following information:

1. Patient name
2. Name of hospital
3. Date of service
4. Reason for visit
5. Ambulance, if applicable
6. Additional information

Thank You,  
PRC Staff

## Vietnam Veterans Special Health Issues

Service during the Vietnam War, November 1, 1965 - April 30, 1975, may have included exposure to a variety of environmental and chemical toxins. These toxins can carry potential health risks. Vietnam Veterans can discover more about these conditions and take steps to obtain the care they deserve.

If you are a Vietnam Veteran, it is important to be aware of the following exposures and health conditions that have been linked to Vietnam service:

Diseases related to Agent Orange: Agent Orange is a toxic chemical used to clear trees and plants during the war that can cause long-term health effects. See <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/> for details.

Hepatitis C: An infectious disease that can harm your liver.

Hearing problems caused by noise: Harmful sounds from guns, explosives, rockets, heavy weapons, jets and aircraft, and machinery that can cause or contribute to hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

Illnesses or injuries caused by occupational (job-related) hazards: Chemicals, paints, radiation, and other hazards you may have come in contact with through your military job.

If any of these health conditions or concerns apply to you, we recommend following the steps below:

Talk to your primary health care provider or your local VA environmental health coordinator about health concerns related to your military service. Find your local VA environmental health coordinator:

[https:// www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp)

Ask your local VA environmental health coordinator about getting a free Agent Orange Registry health exam. Learn more about the exam: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp>

Find out if you can get disability compensation (monthly payments) and other benefits if you have an illness or injury caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service. See if you qualify for disability benefits due to:

1. Conditions related to Agent Orange: <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/>

2. Contact with hazardous materials: <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/>

Take the next steps to seek assistance for your health conditions and concerns related to Vietnam Service.

## Treatment and Life Goals Among Gulf War Veterans

Insight from a recent WRIISC study

A recently published article examined treatment and life goals among Gulf War Veterans with Gulf War Illness (GWI). Understanding Veteran goals is important. A better understanding of patient-generated goals among Veterans with GWI can promote a person-centered approach to care, which may be vital in implementing effective treatment.

For example, identifying Veteran goals can help providers and Veterans develop a shared understanding of the best approaches to address these goals. The results of the study showed that Gulf War Veterans reported treatment goals in four main categories:



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## RIISC Educates Healthcare Professionals on Exposures during Virtual Day of Learning

THE WRIISC CONTINUES to work diligently to educate healthcare professionals across VA on caring for the health outcomes of military environmental exposures. In February 2024, WRIISC provided a full day of training on military environmental exposures to healthcare professionals across the nation. Experts in the field of mili-

1) Get better/healthier, 2) Improve quality of life, 3) Obtain validation of GWI symptoms, and

4) Don't know/Don't have any. Results also showed that Gulf War veterans reported life goals in six main categories:

1) Live a fulfilling life, 2) Live a happy life, 3) Live a healthy life, 4) Be productive/financially successful, 5) Manage GWI, and 6) Don't know/Don't have any. These findings provide a guide that may be helpful to providers when exploring goals with Veterans with GWI. While each Veteran's unique goals should be assessed, these themes could be helpful for providers to keep in mind as potential areas to explore. The full paper is available here: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0295168>.

tary environmental exposures presented on topics such as Agent Orange, Gulf War exposures, Airborne Hazards, toxicology, how to effectively communicate with Veterans about exposures, and exposure-related benefits and presumptive conditions. Over 980 healthcare professionals attended this day of learning. Positive feedback included that the presentations relayed a wealth of information and were appreciated. Learners also expressed that they learned a lot and would recommend the training to others



"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."

**Unity cont from pg One:**  
Day on April second. 2024 marks the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 36 children in the United States had been identified as having ASD

The Mohican Family Center held a special event on Sunday April 14. This event was designed for these children and their families to have a fun and social event. The event was filled with games, food and children to play, eat and laugh with. Kori Price, Family Center Manager said "It was nice to be able to have the parents sit around and visit with community families and not having them get up and check on their kids. We had two other families with autistic children but they were unable to attend. I am hoping we can continue to do this in the future and have more participation from the community. Linda and Lakeisha did an awesome job interacting with the children".

Autism was first coined as a concept in 1911 by Eugen Bleuler, a psychiatrist who also created the concept of schizophrenia. Bleuler had initially defined it as a symptom of severe schizophrenia, characterizing it as fantasizing and hallucinating in an attempt to avoid certain realities. In 1943, psychiatrist Leo Kanner of Johns Hopkins University used the term when describing a psychiatric disorder that, while symptomatically separate from Bleuler's initial definition, he still compared to schizophrenia. The characterization and definition of autism continued to develop in the decades after, though not always accurately. In the 1950s and 1960s, psychologist Bruno

Bettelheim attributed autism in part to "refrigerator mothers," or those who did were cold and distant. The second edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) was published in 1968 and referred to autism as a form of pediatric schizophrenia involving a detachment from reality. Autism was effectively extricated from any relation to schizophrenia, a change reflected in the DSM third edition in 1980. Here, the category of childhood schizophrenia was replaced with pervasive developmental disorders and autism was removed as a symptom of adult schizophrenia. The 1987 revision to the third edition DSM altered the concept of autism further, broadening the definition in a way that would lead to its categorization as a spectrum in the fourth edition in 1994. By the 5th edition of the DSM in 2013, Asperger's and childhood disintegrative disorder were merged with autism by the DSM into the wider-spanning "autism spectrum disorder." This created one diagnosis that acknowledged a spectrum of symptom severity.

As the definition of autism progressed, charities and organizations set out to promote awareness of the condition. This dates back to the 1970s when the National Autism Society first designated April to be, at the time, Autism Awareness Month. In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously decided to declare April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day in an effort to highlight what is needed to help people with autism spectrum disorder lead their fullest lives. In 2011, the Autism Self-Advocacy Network began referring to April as Autism Acceptance

**Map cont from page One:**  
Tribal Council approved the Mohican Nation History: Our Story from prehistorical contact through present day contact project which is also termed Mohican 101. These efforts will deliver our people from invisible Indians, which is a modern form of RACISM, and shift the narrative by writing our own stories to change the biases set by others.

The purpose of this project is to tell our story employing both written and oral authentic data. The data will be in its purest form which will be employed to establish and publish curriculum that aligns with Wisconsin DPI state standards for High School and crafting 2- year and 4-year college syllabi.

Tribal Council continued to support the project through the annual budget process and then on February 6<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council approved to award the Education Specialist Services contract to Small Town Rte. 66 Consulting. The contract was to craft curriculum using resources including the written data evaluated and rubric scored by the focus group members also termed "grandmothers". The focus group members (Leah Miller, JoAnn Schedler, and Nathalee



Month, promoting not just education and awareness but also understanding and respect for people with autism spectrum disorder as people capable of living full and meaningful lives.

Kristiansen) were selected on their specific work experience and education backgrounds. The written data was retrieved from the Arvid E. Miller Historical Library and Museum using the Annotated Bibliography Catalog.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> part of consulting team which included Dr. Linda Sue Warner and Hannah Berryman presented where they are working towards in constructing curriculum mapping across high school and beyond. Below are the cores values framing the academic work within all the maps being produced.

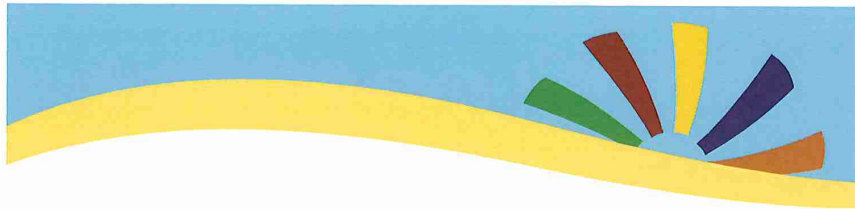
**Respect:** To champion sovereignty and cultural preservation, encompassing respect for the earth, for all living things, for the wisdom of elders, and for the entire community.

**Responsibility:** To support inter-generational teaching and learning; responsibility to the community, to ones family and to the earth. It involves taking care of the environment, passing on traditions, and ensuring the well-being of future generations.

**Resilience:** To create and to sustain a Mohican cultural identity; reflects the strength and perseverance of the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe in the face of adversity, challenges, and changes over time, maintaining cultural integrity and identity.

**Reciprocity:** To reinforce collaboration and idea exchange; emphasizes the importance of maintaining balance.

After the presentation on April 15<sup>th</sup> the team had a question-and-answer (Q and A) session where no questions were left unanswered. The group is looking forward to more presentations with a Q and A sessions in the future as the project progresses.



# College Scholarship Opportunity

The Judith Hirt Memorial Scholarship - \$250

The Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard and Julia Sunderland Scholarship - \$1625

The Princess Daisy Malone Indigenous Support Foundation Inc. - \$300

For information contact Kim Taylor at the Education Office 715-793-4100 or [kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov)

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS  
AUGUST 16th, 2024 by 3:30 pm

\*Scholarships are open to enrolled and 1st line descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

## 2024 Summer Youth Program

- Application available at Konkapot
  - Deadline May 10, 2024
- Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee youth ages 14-18
  - Direct descendants pending available space
    - Pay \$15.00 for 80 hours

## 2024 College Internship

- Application at the Konkapot Resource Center
  - Deadline May 3, 2024
- Enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee College Student
- Completed at least 12 credits minimum GPA 2.0
  - Pay \$20.00 for 200 hours

For more information contact Diane Burr at 715-793-4353 [diane.burr@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:diane.burr@mohican-nsn.gov)



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## Senior Graduation Banquet

When: June 12th, 2024

Where: North Star Mohican Casino

The deadline to submit the Participation Application is May 12th, 2024, Please submit application along with a 5x7 picture to the SM Education Office. Applications are available at the Education Office, Bowler, Gresham and Shawano High Schools.

For more information contact Kim Taylor at 715-793-4100 or [kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov)

To be eligible you must submit a Senior Graduation Banquet Participation application.

1. Student must be enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; or
2. Student must be a member of the community who has a parent or grandparent on the rolls of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and who is attending Bowler, Gresham, or Shawano Schools or attended one or more of these schools for a total of at least three of the four years of High School.

If student is in an alternative learning program that student must receive a diploma on/or before their classes scheduled graduation date. The Education Department will NOT be responsible for any travel expenses accrued by the student and/or their families to attend the banquet.

# Congrats Bradley

On April 10th, 2024, Bradley Miller, son of Weston Miller and Tracy Lobermier, was awarded a Gold Medal, and title of WI SkillsUSA Champion for the category of T-Shirt Design in Madison WI. Bradley is a Junior at Shawano Community High School who is interested in pursuing a career in Graphic Design. His goal was to create a t-shirt design that not only represented Skills that are essential to WI's economy, but also to highlight the importance

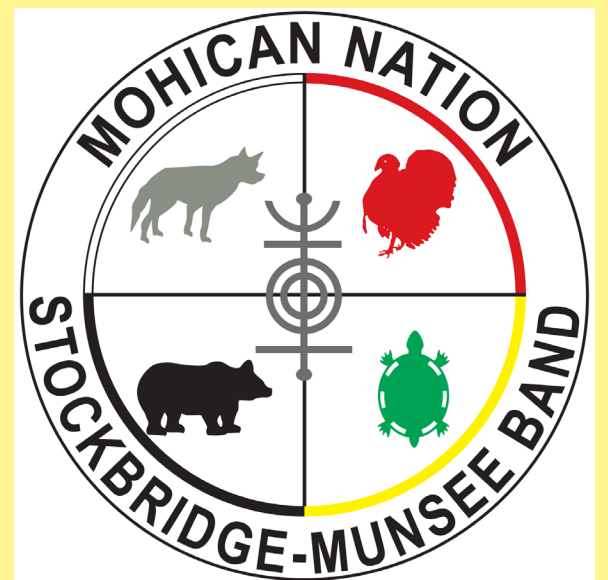


of our Tribal Nations, Lands, and Contributions as well.

Bradley researched, designed, and presented on the designs he chose at the State Skills USA Competition, and will head to the National Competition in Atlanta Georgia in June 2024. The colored "splats" on the shirt represent the Tribal Nations in WI as well as Fee/Trust lands.

His Championship t-shirt design is now the official WI SkillsUSA T-shirt that all competitors from across WI will wear at Nationals" Congrats Bradley!

# New EMS Vehicle



The Emergency services program or EMS provides medical care to the people of the Stockbridge- Munsee Community and the surrounding area.

Equipment and knowledge are the basic tools that each responder can provide. When an emergency happens, it's ideal to have the things needed to give a patient every chance for a positive outcome. And a better chance for survival.

In 2023 the tribal Council granted a requested emergency vehicle. This vehicle will allow the department to have on scene the extra tools and allow the daytime person (who responds alone) to provide all necessary to prolong life.

Prior to the ems vehicle the responders carried all equipment in their personal cars. This will still happen but additional supplies can respond to a multicausality situation, where more measures can happen.



# Events at the Mohican Family Center



## 2024 FREE SPRING CLEANUP



- ◆ The Spring Cleanup will occur on two days, with curbside cleanup on Monday and appliance/electronics recycling on Tuesday. Curbside cleanup is open for Bartelme tribal members ONLY. Appliance/Electronics recycling is open to Bartelme AND Red Springs tribal members. Items not allowed in the curbside cleanup will **NOT** be picked up. Any curbside items not picked up **must be removed** from the end of your driveway and disposed of properly.
- ◆ All items collected curbside are NOT RECYCLED, but disposed of in a landfill. Recycling or reusing items by passing them on to others can save landfill space, limit costs, and help others. It's encouraged to donate unwanted items if possible.

Spring Cleanup Dates	
Curbside Cleanup:	Monday, May 13
Appliance / Electronics Recycling:	Tuesday, May 14

## RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEANUP

BARTELME TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

**MONDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Place items curbside beginning Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Have **ALL** items curbside by **5:00am Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**FREE pickup for ONLY the items listed below during Spring Cleanup:**

Bed Frames / Head Boards	Windows	Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)
Mattresses / Box Springs	Cabinets	Carpet Rolls (5ft or less)
Fitness Equipment	Dressers	Chairs / Recliners
Large Plastic Toys	Toilets	Couches / Sofas
Bikes	Grills	Doors
	Sinks	

**Items Not Allowed:** **NO** Construction Debris, Hazardous Material, Tires, Appliances or Electronics

**Volume:** Total Volume **MUST NOT** exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (about 4ft tall x 5ft long x 5ft wide in size)

## APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

BARTELME AND RED SPRINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS

**TUESDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Place Appliances and Electronics into Appropriate Dumpsters at P&E and Roads Department**

### APPLIANCE RECYCLING

**Appliances WITHOUT Freon: FREE**

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**Burr cont from pg Two:** home of his maternal aunt Mrs. Bernard "Ella" Besaw. He had coffee with his aunt in Milwaukee before starting for home, yet he never returned home alive. His vehicle was found abandoned on a Milwaukee Street several days after his disappearance, but no body.

Bud's body was found three weeks later at the tender age of 24 on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> by, "two 10-year-old boys who were in the woods looking for colored leaves two miles north-west of Knowles near Juneau in Dodge County. The census of the investigators from Milwaukee, Shawano, and Dodge Counties agreed that Bud was a murder victim.

Subsequent investigation led to the assumption that Bud was killed in Milwaukee County (the actual place was never found) and that his slayer/s brought him to the wooded area two miles north-west of Knowles near Juneau in Dodge County with no weapon being located.

Bud's bullet-riddled body was found 150 miles from home. He had been shot multiple times in the chest and in the head. The two chest wounds were from a .32 caliber firearm containing traces of wood and paint which led investigators to believe Bud may have been shot in the chest twice through a door or partition. These shots wounded him but did not kill him. It was the four shots to the head which came later that killed him.

Even with a gun it took more than one person to carry out such a heinous act as Bud weighed approximately 200 pounds and was close to six feet tall revealing that he could take care of himself. There were many rumors circulating regarding the

motive, but none of them led to a conviction.

Four months after Bud's body is found the Shawano County Sheriff, Carl L. Krueger goes on record linking the two reservation house fires to Bud's murder. Authorities seen the burning as more of a threat than an attempt to destroy evidence as this could mean they were getting close enough to bother somebody. It is not clear from the articles what the connection was other than the torched homes were Bud's relatives; one of which was the last person to have seen him alive. Neither family were at their reservation homes at the time of the fires, as they were living in Milwaukee at the time.

Budrow Bernard Burr was formally identified at 8am on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> by Gordon Burr (Brother) and Aught Coyhis (Brother In-Law). His funeral was held on Tuesday, October 9, 1962. Bud drove bus and at his funeral a number of the children he had transported from their homes to school and back daily came to pay their last respects.

Guy E. Calkins who was an official area representative of the Indian Defense League of American, and the League of North American Indians submitted an article that was published May 5, 1964, in the People's Form section of the Green Bay Press-Gazette titled, "Wants Murder Solved". Mr. Calkins wrote, "When Budrow Burr's body was found, one white law officer was heard to snarl, Aw hell, he's only a damn Indian. Let's forget it and go home! That brainless remark has bred an unquenchable determination." For Mr. Calkins and others to seek justice, but justice was never reached.

Close to three years later Mr. Calkins submitted another article to the People's Forum titled, "Federal Law Concern" that was published in the March 17, 1967, in the Green Bay Press-Gazette. Mr. Calkins wrote,

"Perhaps, and we have become firmly convinced, that the reason this case remains unsolved is for the reason that Budrow was an Indian.

Recently, a Negro was killed by a bomb that had been placed under the seat of his pick-up truck. Immediately, a reward of \$25,000 was offered for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of those guilty of this atrocity.

However, the FBI, federal marshals, nor any other federal law agency did not go into a stampede of highly publicized action, nor did individuals or communities fall all over

by our authorities, as the Negroes have. Our Indians are of no value to the politician. Only their lands and possessions are all that counts."

Unfortunately, Indian policies or federal laws concerning violent crimes against American Indians have not improved much over the past 62 years or since 1962. However, efforts are moving forwarding in holding federal authorities accountable for addressing these crimes of violence against American Indians through task force work, worldwide awareness, and social justice allies.

Bud would have turned 86 years old on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. One may ask themselves how one heals from such heartbreak, well through faith the Burr family put this tragedy in God's hand. As a result, Bud's remembrance lives on forever as the family remembers him and ponders his goodness in their hearts.



each other in offering a reward for the killer or killers of Budrow. And, neither did great troops of federal law agents flood into Wisconsin to turn our state upside down in attempt to determine if civil rights had been violated prior to his death.

No, Budrow Burr was just an ordinary Indian, and besides, Indian people do not have the votes that are so avidly coveted

### RESOURCES (Modified Format)

Green Bay Press Gazette – 10/8/62, 10/11/62, 12/30/62, 2/3/63, 2/5/63, 5/5/64, and 3/17/67

Oshkosh Daily Northwestern – 2/5/63

The Post-Crescent (Appleton) – 2/5/63

Daily Telegram (Eau Claire) – 2/6/63

# Stockbridge-Munsee COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

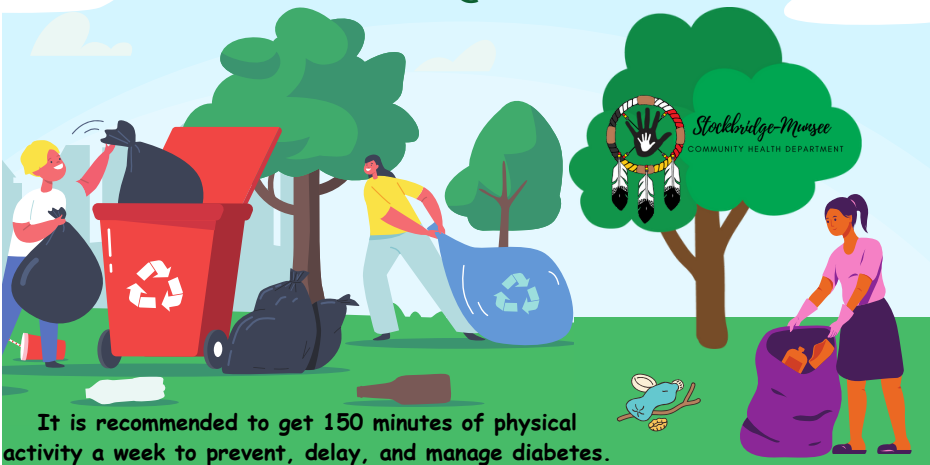
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**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES  
AT 1:00 PM WITH TONY**

**FRIDAY MORNING CLASSES  
AT 8:00 AM WITH STEVEN**



Classes will be held continuously throughout the Year

\*Announcements will be made if classes are cancelled and/or rescheduled

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### MORE INFORMATION:

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### Make a Fresh Start with Spring Foods

Spring is a great time to hit the reset button and reintroduce some fresh produce into your kids' day after a long winter. Get into the swing of spring produce with these four seasonal favorites.

#### Spinach

One cup of cooked spinach is packed with vitamins A and K, which are essential for eye and bone health. This amount of spinach also delivers a high

amount of folate and iron, which help prevent certain types of anemia. And its magnesium and potassium are important for muscle development and growth, while vitamin C helps support immune function.

If your kids are on board with green stuff, serve spinach salads or try it sautéed with meat, fish and tofu. For kids who don't like veggies, the mild flavor of spinach is easily masked. Just purée and mix it into sauces, smoothies, soups and meatballs.

#### Beets

A cup of beets is an excellent source of folate and a good source of dietary fiber. Did you know beet greens also are edible? A one-cup serving of cooked beet greens is an excellent source of vitamins A and K, potassium and magnesium.

Challenge the stereotype of beets being one of the most-hated vegetables by preparing these nutritious roots in tasty ways. Roast beets and serve hot or cold for a touch of sweetness and a pop of color. Blend cooked beets into soups and sauces or shred raw beets as a crunchy topping for salads, tacos and more. Make a beautiful dip your kids will

love by puréeing cooked beets into hummus!

#### Strawberries

Another seasonal superstar are fresh strawberries. Just one cup of sliced strawberries provides a day's worth of vitamin C, plus a hearty dose of manganese, which



is important for bone development. A cup of strawberries also packs three grams of dietary fiber. Try them alone, in a fruit salad, in a green salad, over cereal, with yogurt or even blend frozen strawberries in a smoothie for a thicker consistency. And don't toss those strawberry tops that you washed and cut off! Add them to still or sparkling water for a refreshing, fruity infused beverage.

#### Asparagus

One cup of cooked asparagus is an excellent source of bone-building vitamin K as well as folate. It also provides vitamin A and iron. Available in green, purple and white varieties, asparagus spears are fun to eat and pair with all kinds of foods.

Asparagus is super tasty when roasted with a little olive oil, salt and pepper. Serve as a side with dinner or cut into pieces to add to pasta, stir-fries, salads and more.

Remember to include kids in grocery shopping and food preparation. This helps them learn about different foods and age-appropriate cooking tasks, which makes it more likely they will enjoy a variety of foods.

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## SMHWC Dropping the Shields!

The Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center (SMHWC) will discontinue to use lead shielding for **ALL PATIENTS** (gonadal and fetal) 05/31/2024.

The decision to implement this change was reached after extensive and careful consideration by teams of dental staff, technologists, physicians, physicists, Quality Assurance Committee, and our accreditation body, AAAHC. The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) and the American College of Radiology (ACR) support the discontinuation of shielding due to the following:

1. The amount of radiation emitted by digital imaging machines is significantly lower than it was several decades ago. (The exposure in

dental x-ray imaging is even less than medical).

2. Scientists have found no evidence that ovaries, testicles, or fetuses are harmed by radiation exposure from a diagnostic imaging exam or dental imaging.

3. Shielding can trigger imaging technology to emit an increased radiation dose.

4. Shielding may cause a reduction in image quality (grainy or too light or dark).

5. Lead shields are difficult to position accurately and may unintentionally cover up anatomy that a physician needs to see for proper diagnosis.

6. Due to the above, radiation shielding may cause REPEAT IMAGES! When repeating images, patients are exposed to MORE RADIATION!

## Gresham Hardware Appreciation in May



By Thomas Kazik – Mohican News Reporter  
Brenden and Melissa Halvorson are the new owners of Gresham Hardware & Auto. They have been the owners of the Hardware retail and Auto repair garage in Gresham a little over a year now. They hit their one-year anniversary of ownership March 1st and are having a customer appreciation day to celebrate the milestone May 17th. They will have burgers, brats and hotdogs, raffle giveaways, and pick-a-duck for kids. They will be doing a 50/50 raffle as well

with all proceeds going to the F.R.E.S.H. Project.

Some background information on the family. Brenden is from Ashland and Melissa's hometown is Ladysmith. They have two children Brysen & Vera. Before purchasing Gresham Hardware, Brenden was a production manager at Marion Body Works & Melissa worked as a credit analyst at Premier Community Bank. they have a small hobby farm with horses, chickens, and some cattle. They enjoy hunting, fishing and traveling.

## Get Active this May

### Visit Falls Free® Wisconsin Today!

#### Improve Balance and Increase Strength

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Physical activity is extremely important to help you continue to be able to do your daily activities as you age without having to depend on others. For older adults, the recommended physical activity guidelines are:

- About 3 days a week of activities that improve balance.
- At least 2 days a week of activities that strengthen all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders, and arms).
- At least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity (such as walking) or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity (such as hiking, jogging, or running).

Muscle strength and balance can be increased at all ages! Improving your balance and increasing strength can reduce your risk of falls. In just a couple of weeks you may notice a difference.

#### Ways You Can Stay

#### Physically Active

There are many ways that you can stay physically active – not just in May, but year-round.

- Join an exercise class – it is a great way to stay accountable, meet new people, and have fun while improving your balance, strength, and physical fitness.
- Look for Stepping On or a Bingocize class near you. Contact Cami at [cami.miller@mohican.com](mailto:cami.miller@mohican.com) or 715-793-5064 for more information.
- Contact your local Aging & Disability Resource Center, County Extension Office, Local or Tribal Health Department, gym or health club, or County Parks and Recreation Office for a list of classes and programs in your area.
- Grab a buddy! Help each other and stay socially connected while being physically active.

Visit [FallsFreeWI.org](http://FallsFreeWI.org) for additional falls prevention information, including some simple balance and strength exercises to get you started.

Stockbridge-Munsee  
Community Winter Webinar  
Series

## Anushiik/Oneewe!!

Historic Preservation would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and made our webinar series so successful. If you wanted to attend any of the sessions and were unable to, they were all recorded and can be found on the Cultural Affairs YouTube Channel, or they can also be found at <https://mohican.com/2024-winter-webinar-series/>

Historic Preservation is interested in the Community interest in speaker series of this nature going forward, and have created a survey to gauge this interest. Go to <https://rb.gy/efiyxz> or scan the QR code to the right to respond to this survey. Answers may be kept anonymous if you wish.





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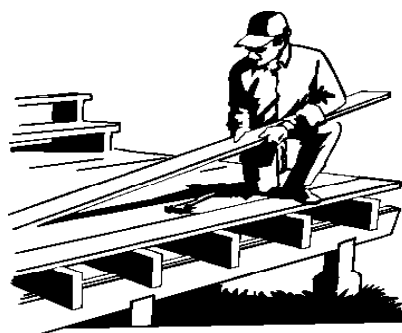
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