



The people of the waters that are never still

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Village of Gresham Shows Appreciation



(L to R): Stockbridge-Munsee Council Member Sterling Schreiber, Vice-President Jolene Bowman, Tribal Treasurer Janet Miller, Village Manager, Brian Carroll, and Council Member Chad Miller.

By Susan Savetwith
Mohican News Reporter

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community was recently recognized in appreciation for the \$20,000 contribution to the Village of Gresham for updates to its Veteran's Memorial Park awarded last year as part of the tribe's funding in the Building Bridges government to government relationship agreement.

Village Manager, Brian Carroll worked with the Mohican North Star Casino and Resort on the display which highlights both Bowler and Gresham baseball throughout the years. According to Carroll, the display has two purposes.

First and foremost, to thank the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for their donation and their continued partnership with the Village and show how the donation was re-invested back into the greater Gresham community. Second, to show case the Gresham Gophers as the 2016 Badger

Amateur Baseball Association (BABA) Champions (thanks in part to the donation and subsequent improvements) and to showcase central Wisconsin baseball over the years going back to the early 1900's. "Whenever a team gets a new stadium built, they always have a good year. We did our best to prove that true," Carroll said.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has a rich history with many of its members not only playing in the BABA since its early beginnings, but also being stars of the league over the years as both players and coaches. For example, 1990 BABA Batting Champion Gerald Miller Jr.

Carol presented the Tribe with a letter of appreciation and the display as public recognition and appreciation for the donation and positive relationship with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community on behalf of the Village of Gresham.

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President Shannon Holsey Provides State of the Tribes



It was an honor and a privilege for President Shannon Holsey to deliver this year's State of the Tribes Address to the Wisconsin State Legislature. Education, healthcare, the environment, diversity and respect for all cultures are important to all citizens of Wisconsin! (Picture and caption taken from the Stockbridge-Munsee Facebook page).

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On April 4th, Stockbridge-Munsee President, Shannon Holsey, made the State of the Tribes Address at the Capital Building in Madison to an audience of Senators, Representatives, Constitutional

Officers, Cabinet Secretaries, Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Tribal Leaders, and other honored guests. Her address highlighted the impact of the contributions Wisconsin tribes bring to the state culturally, financially, and historically with

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People of the Waters that are Never Still



(L to R): Yvette Malone, Nathalee Kristiansen, and Leah Miller

By Susan Savetwith
Mohican News Reporter

The newly printed book titled, "People of the Waters that are

Never Still, Pictorial History of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans," was recently released at the Arvid E. Miller Library

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Origins of "Earthrise"



Earthrise, over our Moon. Christmas Eve, 1968.

By Greg Bunker

For the celebration of Earth Day, April 22, a while ago this paper published a copy of the very first picture ever taken of our home, our entire home. A picture

of Earth as seen from the moon. Here is a brief story of that picture and some reflections of what that picture means.

On Christmas Eve, 1968, none of the astronauts aboard

Apollo 8 were prepared for the spellbinding moment when they would first see their home planet rise from behind the desolate lunar horizon. The vision of Earth provided them the first spot of color as they floated in the blackness of space, orbiting the lunar surface.

Apollo 8 launched from Cape Kennedy, Fla., at 7:50 a.m., on Dec. 21, 1968. Nearly three hours later, they left earth orbit and astronauts Col. Frank Borman, commander; Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr., command module pilot; and Major William A. Anders, lunar module pilot, were on their way to the moon, becoming the first mission to provide humans a roundtrip visit to another celestial body.

Anders said after the first two-and-a-half to three orbits around the Moon they were going backwards, head down, and marveling at the lunar surface, and it wasn't until after they had turned around, going forward that the Earth could be seen. Anders is quoted in an interview as saying: "I don't know who said it, maybe all of us said, 'Oh my God. Look at that!' and up came the Earth".

All the astronauts were yelling for cameras, but Anders, whose job it was to document the trip in photos, had the only color camera with a long lens. All three of them,

upon seeing their home as a blue dot in the vastness of space, could not contain their emotions and started snapping away with the cameras they had.

"Earthrise" is the name given to that photograph of the Earth taken by Anders during lunar orbit on Dec. 24, 1968. Earthrise became one of the most famous photographs from all of the Apollo missions and one of the most reproduced space photographs of all time. It has been credited for inspiring the beginning of the environmental movement. In Life Magazine's 100 Photographs that Changed the World edition, wilderness photographer Galen Rowell called Earthrise, "the most influential environmental photograph ever taken."

One item I have never heard anyone make mention of, that is the date of the photo earthrise. The current traditional day Christians all across the world celebrate the birth of the Savior, whom they believe is the greatest gift to mankind, was perhaps the same day, (who knows what time zone the moon was in?) Isn't that view of our home, given to us from the Heavens, a second reminder of what the creator has given us, and the great responsibility we have to care for the entire planet?

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:

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Community Reminder

Hunting and Fishing Permits

Direct Decedents, Spouses, and Legally Adopted Minor Children are required to obtain an annual hunting and fishing permit from the land and enrollment office prior to hunting and or fishing. This shall include gaining access through tribal trust and fee land for purposes of hunting and fishing. If you have any questions please call or stop by the Conservation Department, or refer to Chapter 21 Fish and Wildlife Ordinance.

ATV Registration

The Stockbridge-Munsee ATV Safety Ordinance Chapter 47-A.5 (D) states, "All ATVs must be registered with the Department of Public Safety within 15 days of purchase, transfer or delivery on the reservation. There is no fee for the ATV registration and the ATV registration does not need to be renewed unless sold, transferred or gifted to another buyer."

The Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Department will be registering and issuing registration stickers for ATVs. If you currently have registered your ATV with the Conservation Department and have lost or need a new sticker, a new sticker will be issued to you. If the old sticker is still clearly visible and readable you do not need to be issued a new sticker. If you have any questions please call or stop by the Conservation Department.

ATV Permits

Direct Decedents, Spouses, and Legally Adopted Minor Children are required to obtain an annual ATV permit for riding ATV's on the reservation. Please refer to Chapter 47-A.5 for further information or call or stop by the Conservation Department.

Dog License and Registration

The Conservation Department will be issuing, registering, and verifying rabies immunization for your dog(s). Under the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Peace and Good Order Ordinance, the owner of a dog, shall annually, upon presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, pay the dog license fee of \$2.00 and obtain a license. Each license will have a serial number specific to each dog. Owners of dogs shall insure that the dog is immunized against rabies and the immunizations are administered every 3 years. Owners shall obtain a rabies certificate from the veterinarian which properly identifies the dog by name, species, breed, physical description, and which clearly states the date of the immunization and the due date for the next immunization.

Owners of dogs shall pay the fee of \$2.00 to Karmen Mason at the Stockbridge-Munsee Administration Office and obtain a receipt of payment before registering your dog(s) with the Conservation Department. Owners shall provide the rabies certificate when registering their dog.

Animal Control

The Conservation Department has been receiving numerous calls of dogs running at large on the reservation. Running at large means a domestic animal is off the premises of its owner and not under the direct control of the owner or another individual. Furthermore, numerous dogs have been located which are untagged making it difficult for the department to locate the animals owner. Both dogs at large and having untagged pets (domestic animal) are violations of the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Peace and Good Order Ordinance (Chapter 16). Violations of the Public Peace and Good Order Ordinance are: (a) 1st offense is \$300; (b) 2nd offense within 1 year is \$500; and (c) 3rd offense and subsequent within 1 year is \$750.

If you have any questions please call or stop by the Conservation Department. You may also refer to the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Peace and Good Order Ordinance Chapter 16.20 Animal Control.

Respectfully,

Beau Miller

Sterling Schreiber
Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation
Wardens



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Legal Notice for Intent to Change Name

Angela Marie Waupochick has petitioned the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court for a name change from Leander Iverson Moon to Leander Iverson Loud Bear.

Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416.

Any Objections may be raised at that time.



The Court hearing will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 11 a.m. At the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court, N8476 Moh He Con

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Elder Wisdom

CAREGIVERS HAVE RIGHTS, TOO!

It happens gradually. She needs a little help balancing the checkbook. There are other bills on the counter not getting paid. The layer of ice on roads and sidewalks leaves you nervous about a fall so you stop for her groceries and accompany her to appointments. You notice that her floors are dirty and there is a laundry basket of clothes waiting to be washed. You do more and more for her and soon find yourself making daily phone calls or visits to help. You have become a caregiver. Your mother could not live at home alone without your help.

The next things you notice involve your own life – when is the last time I had lunch with my friends? When did I start eating fast food so often? I used to love going for walks, but how long has it been? And why do I feel so grumpy, angry and frustrated? The answers are enmeshed with your new “job” that you didn’t realize you had.

Caregiving is like another job. You choose to do it and truly want to do it. But when you put your own life and needs on the backburner, you can run into trouble. Caregiving can consume your time, thoughts and energy and it can chip away at your physical and emotional health. But don’t dismay, you can be a healthy caregiver! You have rights as a caregiver and following these rights will keep you healthy and help you give better care to your loved one, too.

For all you caregivers out there, please read and follow these rights. **You have the right to:**

- Take care of yourself without any feelings of guilt. By maintaining your own health, you will be happier, healthier and a better

- caregiver for your loved one!
- Continue having a life of your own – one that does not include your role as a caregiver. Make it a priority to keep doing the things you love, knowing that you are also doing all you can for your loved one.
- Feel and express the strong emotions that caregiving produces. It is normal to feel anger, fear, loss and depression. Acknowledge these feelings and find someone to talk to about them.
- Refuse feelings of guilt that may be put upon you by your loved one or others. Do not allow yourself to be manipulated by guilt or other negative feelings.
- Accept the positive feelings - appreciation, love, forgiveness, gratitude – bestowed on you by your loved one and others who see your difficult task. Caregiving is hard work and you should feel happy and proud to be a caregiver.
- Seek help from others, whether from friends and relatives or paid help. No one can do it all. Accept help in order to maintain your own life and individuality. You will need this life to return to when your days of being a caregiver ends.

If you need help finding resources for services, support groups or other caregiving issues, please call the

Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services and satellite office of the Wolf River Aging & Disability Resource Center at (715) 793-4236.

Jane Mahoney
Older American’s Act Consultant
Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Book continued from page One: Museum.

According to Museum Manager, Nathalee Kristiansen, the book was printed under a Native American Library Services Grant and there were 1,000 printed. The book is a substantial size with a hard cover. It features large collection of old time photos and lots of information and history provided by individual families as well as information from the Library/Museum’s vault. Kristiansen said it really takes a community to write a book like this and not only did individual families speak in the book, but because letters were from the vault were used; “our ancestors talked in the

book too.” Kristiansen said it’s worth the time to look through carefully as you will see many people you know or that you know are related to those pictured. “You can see family resemblances,” she added. She also said it’s good to read about how the Stockbridge-Munsee lived and the changes they underwent over the years.

The book is available on a first come first serve basis to all Tribal Households (one per household) starting April 20, 2017. Please see the flyer on page 15 of this paper for how to obtain your copy of the book.

On the Trail Home



Yvonne Lois Creapeau

Yvonne Lois Creapeau, age 80, of Morgan Siding, passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at her home. Yvonne was born on June 16, 1936 in Tomah, WI, the daughter of the late Morris “Buckshot” and Colleen (Bowman) Ninham. On March 23, 1953, Yvonne was united in marriage to Raymond E. Creapeau who preceded her in death in 1963. She enjoyed playing guitar, baking, gardening and gambling. More than anything, Yvonne enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Yvonne is survived by: her children,

Gresham cont from page One: Here is the context of the letter of appreciation:

“Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$20,000 for the upgrade for the Veteran’s Memorial Park in Gresham.

As you know, many family, individual, and school functions are held there throughout the spring summer and fall

With the generous support of the Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Band, we were able to make this upgrade happen.

Marilyn Creapeau of Keshena, Raymond (Alpha) Creapeau, Jr. of Gresham, Ronald Creapeau of Gresham, Charleen (Marv) Malone of Gresham, Kathy (Gerald) Hill of Bowler, Michael (Mary) Creapeau of Bowler and Quinton (Cindy) Creapeau of Gresham; her significant other for 50 years, Mike Rudesill; grandchildren, Jerry, Kelly, Geraldine, Lyle, Raymond, Evon, Tanya, Melodi, Crystal, Cherie, LeAnthony, Quinton, Elizabeth, Lee Allen Malone, Michael (Amy) Creapeau, Nicole Creapeau, Anthony Creapeau and Jessica Hill numerous great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren; brothers, Maurice (Joan) Ninham, Robert Ninham, Allen (Violet) Ninham, Kenneth (Florence) Ninham, Craig Ninham and Bruce Ninham; and sisters, Carol (George) Mohawk and Janet (John) Hill; as well as her special furry friend, Milo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond E. Creapeau, Sr.; her parents; three brothers, David, Gerald and Dennis Ninham and one sister, Sharon Lusiak.

In keeping with Yvonne’s wishes, a private family service will be held. Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

The Village of Gresham also hopes that we can keep partnering with our neighbors to build bridges. The Gresham Municipal Utilities thanks each and every one for being a loyal supporter of our utilities.

Thank you again and we are looking forward in our great relationship with the Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Band.”

The display is in the glass case near the Star Club; stop by the display and look at all the familiar names.

NOTICE - FOREST ROAD CLOSURE EFFECTIVE - Tuesday March 21st, 2017

All forest roads will be closed to motored vehicle traffic until further notice due to spring melting. This closure is in effect to eliminate damage to the valuable forest road system.

If use of a specific forest road is needed for the maple sap collection, a free use permit may be obtained from the Forestry Department (715-793-4368). Once the frost leaves the ground and the roads dry sufficiently, the roads will be re-opened. Watch for a posting. Thank you for your cooperation!

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe adopts Resolution Opposing Pilgrim Pipeline

March 21st was a good day indeed for the homelands as a resolution against Pilgrim Pipeline was unanimously passed by Tribal Council. This pipeline, that would transport crude oil and other refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey is a project that has largely not consulted with the tribe for cultural resource concerns--there was no notification during its archeological testing phase.

The reason this is so important is because the route of the pipeline parallels the Hudson River, the Mahhicannituck, our namesake and will undoubtedly impact numerous Mohican sites along the waterway. In particular, it cuts through the culturally-significant Papscanee Island in East Greenbush, New York, home

to the famous Mohican Sachem Papsickene who played an integral role as peacekeeper between the Tribe and the Dutch settlers in the 17th century. The island also played a pivotal role in our history as a place of traditional ceremonies, village and burial grounds that continues to lend itself today as a direct connection to our ancestors.

The sacred history of this place is not lost upon the rest of the world either, as it is nominated as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a historically and archeologically significant district. Because of this important history it was even more prudent that tribal monitors be present during the time of the initial archeological testing that took place at the site. These tests would be carried out to ensure that the



important archeological sites were left undisturbed and protected. However, by denying the Tribe's right to consult on this project, it was ensured that we would have no opportunity to oversee these tests being carried out, make determinations on the sites or artifacts possibly discovered, nor consult on the ultimate conclusions. Thus, the Tribe has decided to stand in opposition of this project by adopting the resolution opposing the pipeline. The Resolution has been sent to the NY State Senators, Local county executives, Department of Environmental Conservation, NY State Historic Preservation Office, and NY State Thruway Authority.



Together we have chosen to stand up, for our lands, for our ancestors and for our irreplaceable heritage.

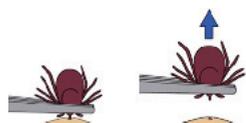
Deer Tick Awareness

In general, adult ticks are approximately the size of a sesame seed and nymphal ticks are approximately the size of a poppy seed.



Prevention of Lyme disease:

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Walk in the center of trails
- Use repellents on exposed skin and clothing (per manufacture instructions)
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within 2 hours).
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body when returning from outside.
- Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person.
- Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors.



Removal:

- Remove attached ticks with tweezers. Grasp the tick firmly and as close to the skin as possible.

- With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Don't twist or jerk the tick. Avoid crushing the tick's body since its bodily fluids may contain infection-causing organisms.
- Cleanse the area with an antiseptic.
- DO NOT use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or other products.



Transmission:

The chances that you might get Lyme disease from a single tick bite depend on the type of tick and how long it was attached to you. The deer tick needs to be attached for at least 24 hours before they can transmit Lyme disease. The longer the tick is attached, the greater the risk of acquiring disease from them.

- Lyme disease is not transmitted from person-to-person through touching, kissing or having sex.
- Although dogs and cats can get Lyme disease, there is no evidence that they spread the disease to their owners. However, pets can bring infected ticks into your home.
- You will not get Lyme disease from eating venison or squirrel meat but keeping with general food safety principles, always cook meat thoroughly. Note that hunting and dressing deer or squirrels may bring you into close contact with infected ticks.
- There is no credible evidence that Lyme disease can be transmitted through air, food, water, or from the bites of mosquitoes, flies, fleas, or lice.

Symptoms:

A small bump or redness at the site of a tick bite that occurs immediately and resembles a mosquito bite, is common. This irritation generally goes away in 1-2 days and is not a sign of Lyme disease.

Localized Early Stage:

- Solid red or bull's-eye rash, usually at site of bite usually appears in 80% to 90% of cases
- Swelling of lymph glands near tick bite
- Generalized achiness
- Headache

Early Disseminated Stage:

- Two or more rashes not at site of bite
- Migrating pains in joints/tendons
- Headache
- Stiff, aching neck
- Facial palsy
- Tingling or numbness in extremities
- Sore throat
- Severe fatigue
- Fever of 100 to 102
- Changes in vision

Late Stage:

- Arthritis (pain/swelling) of one or two large joints
- Disabling neurological disorders: confusion, dizziness, short-term memory loss, inability to concentrate
- Numbness in arms/hands or legs/feet

Treatment:

Treatment with antibiotics is very effective in eliminating symptoms, preventing progression to later manifestations of the disease, and curing the infection. Some symptoms improve rapidly with this treatment, whereas other symptoms gradually improve over weeks to months.

Treatment will depend on the stage of the infection and drug

used but if caught early usually a 10 -21 day course of antibiotic treatment usually kills the bacteria and prevents later symptoms.

Prophylaxis treatment:

You may be able to receive treatment to prevent Lyme disease if you have been bitten by a tick and the following circumstances exist:

- Identification of tick as a deer tick (save tick after removal for identification)
- Estimated time of attachment is greater than 24 hours
- Treatment can be started within 72 hours of tick removal

I am pregnant and just found out I have Lyme disease. What should I do?

If you are pregnant and suspect you have contracted Lyme disease, contact your physician immediately. Untreated Lyme disease during pregnancy may lead to infection of the placenta and possible stillbirth.

There are no reports of Lyme disease being spread to infants through breast milk. If you are diagnosed with Lyme disease and are also breastfeeding, make sure that your doctor knows this so that he or she can prescribe an antibiotic that's safe for use when breastfeeding.

<https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html>

<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/what-to-do-after-a-tick-bite-to-prevent-lyme-disease-beyond-the-basics>

<http://www.aldf.com/lyme-disease/>

Holsey continued from pg One: the hope to enlist and align in addressing collective needs and concerns of the communities and the people tribes represent and to further advance a relationship with effective and positive outcomes that benefit everyone's interests. Her complete address follows:

Good afternoon Speaker Voss, President Roth, members of the Senate, members of the State Assembly, Constitutional Officers, Cabinet Secretaries, Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Fellow Tribal Leaders, esteemed Elders, and other honored guests

I want thank the tribal Leadership for giving me the opportunity to stand before you today, to celebrate and honor our elders, veterans, families, and youth... and to receive the blessings of those who came before us, and to bestow those blessings on those who will follow us. Chairman, Chairwomen, Presidents: Bryan Bainbridge, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; Gary Besaw, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; Robert Blanchard, Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Wilfrid Cleveland, Ho-Chunk Nation; Cristina Danforth, Oneida Nation; Gus Frank, Forest County Potawatomi Community; Mic Isham, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin; Chris McGeshick, Sokaogon Chippewa Community; Lewis Taylor, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin; and Joseph Wildcat, Sr., Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

I want to recognize and thank my parents who taught me valuable leadership lessons about looking past titles, race or advantage and to focus on the human being and for instilling in me the value of being in service to people with kindness, humility and in the spirit of acceptance of all.

Special thanks to the Indian School of Milwaukee Youth drum who honored us today. It is one way for us to honor our youth and to celebrate and cover the rich diversity of all tribal nations through cultural, and academic enrichment and to show you the value Indian School of Milwaukee and all tribal educational learning institutions bring. Wilma Mankiller stated it best when she said "I don't think anybody, anywhere, can talk about the future of their people or of an organization without talking about education. Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future."

We appreciate this opportunity and recognize the value of this platform that it affords the 11 tribes. We also

want acknowledge the significant impact of the contributions the Wisconsin tribes bring to the state of Wisconsin culturally, financially, and historically. Our hope is that it enlists and aligns within the context of partnership building as; leaders to leaders, government to government, in addressing our collective needs and concerns of the communities and the people we represent and too further advance a relationship that results in effective and positive outcomes that benefit everyone's interests.

I stand before this assembly today, as an individual who like most of you; has accepted the role of a public servant. When you take away the fancy titles that each of holds as elected leaders; we share the title of public servant. We are asked to give a voice to those who cannot speak, we are asked to make sacrifices; professionally and personally, to meet our leadership obligations and the challenges we face currently and into the future. We ask our families to make sacrifices as they support us in our leadership roles. And while these sacrifices may seem great, I only need to look at the flags carried by the Color Guard to know that my sacrifices are small in comparison.

I am profoundly grateful to take the opportunity to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. I'm privileged to recognize the sacrifice and selfless contributions of our nation's service members. Our unified purpose to defend our constitutions, protect our people, and maintain our nations sovereignty, is the greatest equalizer among all those Nations present. We cannot express how proud we are of your contribution to the United States and the Sovereign Nations represented. But with that comes great responsibility of the collective needs of all veterans, and we must ensure that those challenges they face are being addressed and facilitated.

In Indian Country, our veterans are held in special regard; they open our ceremonies; and only they are asked to carry the flags of our nations. American Indians serve at the highest rate per capita of any other nationality in the United States. We honor the warriors in our communities and in our culture.

I want to acknowledge the inspiration of my message today. While this group has often been over shadowed by their brothers in arms; I want to take this opportunity to shed light onto the role of our community's women warriors. There are over 140,000 American Indian and Alaskan Native Veterans living

in the United States. Ten percent of these veterans are women. It was with purposeful intent, that the Color Guard today was made up of all Women.

I am extremely honored to pay special recognition to two Veterans, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Member Ernestine Murphy and Ho-Chunk Nation Member Myrle Thompson. WWII US Marine Specialist Veteran Ernest Murphy and Korean War Veteran Meryl Thompson served their country honorably and with dignity. These Women showed us how ordinary people can do extraordinary things. Both raised in the ranks of their branches to work in highly confidential areas; Ernestine's services took her to Washington DC where she worked in the Secret Confidential Files of the Navy, while Meryl Thompson's trained in the Technical Communications & Crypto program that enabled her to serve as Code Talker in the Korean War. Both were honorably discharged from the armed forces however that didn't stop them from continuing to serve their communities. Ernestine worked for the Stockbridge-Munsee Health Center. Myrle worked as a library assistant/school after her discharge and her thirst for learning eventually took her to Mount Scenario College where she graduated with degree in American Indian Studies. She taught language, history, and crafts. Myrle helped the Ho-Chunk Children learn their language. Ordinary people doing extortionary things. Not only did these women proudly serve and protect; they did so with grace, shattering glass ceilings and modeling to generations of women to follow that the stereotyped roles that society assigned them, didn't have to stay the norm and at the heart of it was to be in service to others. That our Nations are better off for choosing to look at capabilities; rather than the packaging.

As leaders, it is our responsibility to ensure that the barriers these strong, capable women broke remain broken. That strategically we would be remised in our leadership if we didn't open ourselves up to the diversity of humankind, and accept what the person brings to the table. Let's remove the titles that so often go with stereotype casting. Let's stop looking for ways to divide and look for and take every opportunity for inclusion. Leadership is challenging; and you are only as good as the team that you surround yourself with. Author James Hogan perhaps described it best when he stated "The most pressing environmental problem we face today is not climate change. It is pollution in the public square, where a smog of adversarial rhetoric, and polarization stifles

discussion and debate, creating resistance to change our ability to solve our collective problems." It's time to put aside our difference and wise up and rise to meet the needs of our constituents and have those conversations that evoke the plan to meet them. It is not always about knowing the answer; the gift is found within the collective discovery. Leadership is everyone's business.

Leadership

Leadership is not easy; if it was everyone would do it. We are facing many challenges during uncertain times. But the challenges that Tribal Leaders are facing are not so different than the challenges that the State's Leaders are facing; or for that matter National Leaders. We all want to improve the lives of our people, neighbors, constituents, family and children. Preparing for the next generation is not a Native American thing, it is a people thing. It's a Leadership thing. The true challenge is how we will collectively leverage the relationship to prepare Wisconsin for the next generations to come. I can guarantee you that right now every person in this room wants good schools and sustainable employment, safe communities and new opportunities, drinkable water and breathable air. Above all, we want a bright future for our children and grandchildren; a future of limitless possibilities. Native American tribes are dynamic. We pulse with an undeniable energy; an eagerness to seize the opportunities of tomorrow. Our ability to serve effectively means that we must work well together for the betterment of all those we serve. The Wisconsin tribal nations have demonstrated a tremendous history of working collaboratively for the betterment of the whole. Evidenced by the fact our ancestors cared enough for their neighbors to help them in time of need. This philosophical view still endures today.

Tribal Governments maintain our power to determine our own governing structures, pass laws, and enforce laws through police departments and Tribal Courts. This has not only benefited Tribal Members but has benefit our neighbors in the surrounding villages, towns, townships and counties. Through formal cooperative agreements we share the burden to care for the citizens. When our neighbors struggle under the burden of increased cost; Tribal Nations have been able to lessen their burdens; by assisting significant financial resources to support public safety, municipalities, responding to emergency calls, taking on Child Support Cases, and responding to emergency medical calls. We are committed to the health and

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wellness of not only our tribal communities but understand the need to extend that commitment beyond tribal borders.

As we look at the shared leadership responsibilities and similarities; we must also be cognitive of our differences and celebrate the diversity within our otherness. The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. Unity does not have to mean uniformity. It means understanding that everyone is unique, and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies. It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment. It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within everyone. We the people means everyone. Understanding the government status of Tribal Nations is critical for successful collaborations. We, the Tribal Nations, are not asking other leaders to approve of it; but to understand it. Just like the State of Wisconsin is provided the capacity to create policy that will address the states specific needs; so too are Tribal Nations provided the capacity and recognition to create policy that will address our Tribe's needs. Believe me, when I tell you that we will come from a much stronger place as allies; joined together, than two separate governments. And there are many, many opportunities where we can be united as allies.

Conservation

We cannot talk about conservation without stressing the importance of the protections of our most sacred sites which include burial and ceremony sites. We would never dream of disturbing a mausoleum or cemetery so why would not the same respect and reverence be given to Native American ceremonial and sacred burial sites? Excavation leads to desecration. Conservation of our natural resources is imperative, we do not inherit the earth we borrow it from our children and grandchildren. In 2008 an initiative was launched to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world. Let's just take a moment to think about this – we are responsible for the largest system of fresh surface water in the world. In the world!

The Woodland Tribes of the Great Lakes area were the first to use the many resources the Great

Lakes basin. Abundant game, fertile soils and plentiful water enabled the early development of hunting, subsistence agriculture and fishing. Respecting and caring for the Great Lakes is an inherent responsibility passed on for generations. We agree with Governor Walker's opposition to the defunding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is something we should all be able to support – and the significance of protecting its ecosystem and speeding up the progress toward cleaning up areas of the greatest concern, preventing and controlling invasive species, reducing nutrient runoff, restoring habitat to protect native species is critically important to all of us. Collaborating on these types of conservation initiatives strengthens the relationship between the Tribes and the State.

The Back 40 Mine poses significant threats to the State of Wisconsin's environment and citizens. The back 40 metallic sulfide mine is proposed to sit on the Upper Michigan side of the border, 150 feet from the banks of the Menominee river, which forms the border between WI and Upper Michigan. The proposed site also threatens valuable cultural resources of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, including confirmed burial mound sites. The State of Wisconsin's approach to Metallic Mining is a shining example of a common-sense approach to metallic mining. Wisconsin's "Prove it First" law passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support in both houses was signed by Governor Thompson in 1998. The "Prove it First" law places a permit requirement on metallic mine applicants to demonstrate a mine that has operated 10 years and a mine that has been reclaimed for 10 year - each without causing significant pollution. Needless to say, these permit requirements have yet to be met in almost 20 years and wouldn't be met if the Back 40 mine was on the Wisconsin side of the river, a mere few hundred feet from its current location. Laws like the "Prove it Law" must remain in place to ensure the Wisconsin we leave for our grandchildren is a healthy and prosperous Wisconsin. With respect to the Back 40 mine, Wisconsin does and should have a say in the health of the Menominee River which forms the border with Michigan. Wisconsin must be at the table to protect Wisconsin's interests in the upcoming Wetlands permitting process.

The Menominee Nation and many allies including local citizens, local governments, environmental organizations, and grassroots organizations are opposed to the

mine, committed to stopping the project and are organized in efforts to bring about public awareness about the harmful impacts the mining operation would have if approved. We are concerned with the present and future state of our environment. While if the mine is permissible are only temporary ventures, creating temporary jobs, and temporary revenue for Michigan there stands a horrific impact on the land and water to all.

The ponds are left for us to clean up and to maintain with no plan of how they are ever going to be eradicated and the land reclaimed. Water is life. The concept, water is life, is simple, true, and something to stand up for and defend. I am asking you to stand in solidarity with us and be a steward of the land and water. I am asking you to stand up for the animals, the fish, and birds that cannot speak for themselves. While some may think it outrageous to stand up for animals, fish and birds; I would be remiss if I didn't say, "We are all related." Life is a circle; whatever we do to the circle, we do to ourselves. Just as it is to the threat of the Gray wolves, and the legislation allowing the protected clan animal to potentially be hunted once again to their very extinction. We need to ask ourselves what kind of earth are we giving our children and grandchildren. We ask you to stand in solidarity with us as we continue our fight against this project. We invite you to sit down with us; give us the opportunity to educate you on the significance of this project with us. These environmental concerns also threaten our state tourism industry estimated to be over one billion dollars annually, because our tourism is so closely aligned with outdoor recreation and the use of parks and lakes and could have resounding long term effects on our natural resources and sustainable growth. Does the small benefit outweigh the risk?

Education

Education was important to Natives even before Wisconsin was Wisconsin. Electa Quinney was a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. She founded one of the first schools in what would become Wisconsin and was the first woman to teach in a public school in the territory which would be Wisconsin and never being recognized as a citizen of the United States.

Electa Quinney was born in 1798 in Clinton, New York into the Stockbridge tribe. She was schooled at a Quaker school on Long Island, New York, where she spent four years, and in Clinton at the Clinton Female Seminary, later she studied for six years at the women's seminary in Cornwall,

Connecticut

Upon completing her education Electa taught at a mission school in New York for six years. She relocated west around 1827 and by 1828 had established a school at Statesburg, taught between forty and fifty students at her school, which was the first public school in Wisconsin making her the first woman school teacher in the Wisconsin. She taught four classes in a log school house. Though most of her students were Indian, they studied in English and she used standard texts to teach arithmetic, geography, language, oration, penmanship and spelling. A true treasure indeed, Electa Quinney was a pioneer for education, a woman shattering the glass ceiling, and a good steward to her community, and a true example of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

As Leaders, should not we be willing place ourselves above what we are asking of our school aged children and educators to do? Wisconsin Act 31 placed certain requirements on school districts and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to educate Wisconsin students on tribal history, culture and sovereignty. The Act has been in existence for 28 years. The better equipped our children are to understand the history and culture of all the citizens that make up this wonderful State of Wisconsin, the more apt are they to embrace and value opinions of each other. Like my coco (sic) always said you don't know where you're going unless you know where you come from.

And while the act started out with good intentions; for it to be effective in needs to be taken off the school shelves and reviewed by the State Legislature. A collaboration with State Legislature, the Tribes of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Indian Education Associate could provide the opportunity to enter a paramount journey that would include strengthening relationships with each other across the state of Wisconsin.

Tribes play a significant role in relationship to the history of the State. We have many opportunities to include and to celebrate the otherness diversity presents for school districts to openly celebrate all cultures especially during significant milestones like graduation commencements and being allowed to wear things of cultural significance by demonstrating the meaning by their own assertion of their cultural identity and its inclusiveness, and to forge an opportunity to educate and share with peers the cultural richness it brings.

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We call upon the Superintendent Evers, and State Leaders to enlist the Department of Education, to work in consultation with Tribal Education leaders and WIEA to develop a plan to Re-brand Act 31 as the "First Nations Act" or "Indigenous Studies Act". This means more than spending a few hours at a round table with Tribal Educators it means to take a hard look at the existing law and determine where it needs to be updated and to recommend statutory and/or administrative changes.

Tribal Nations are so committed to Education in fact they have entrusted millions of dollars to both their tribal members and non-tribal members through the years. A great example is the Oneida higher education grant was started in 1997. This grant allows Oneidas the opportunity to receive a scholarship to attend an accredited higher education school of their choice. In the past 19 years, the Oneida Nation has invested nearly \$178 million from the Higher Education fund while the majority of the money was spent at nearby schools such as Northeast Wisconsin Technical School, University of Wisconsin Green Bay and College of Menominee Nation. The program has been wildly successful and nearly 3,100 degrees have been earned. Oneida's higher education attainment in Brown and Outagamie Counties is highest among all residents.

Language

Why should we care about preserving Tribal languages? Any one that has taken a foreign language knows that you not only learn the words of a people you learn of the people's culture. It can also be used strategically like exemplified by the Ho-Chunk Nation, Menominee Nation and Oneida Nation Code Talkers during WWII and the Korean War to serve their country.

When a language becomes extinct just like the gray wolf, it can take along with it much of the history and culture of the people who spoke it and revered it. I can't stress enough the importance of retaining our tribal languages. Our languages teach many things about us; language identifies our relationship to all our relatives including the four-legged and winged ones, the ones that live in the water or crawl upon the earth, and those that grow from the earth. Our language identifies us and our relationship to creation and the spirits around us. And our children deserve nothing less than to have inherited their own language and the opportunity for it to be recognized just as

valuable as all the other "foreign" languages offered within the State of Wisconsin's places of education.

What a wonderful opportunity for the State of Wisconsin to build a lasting bridge of understanding and acceptance of the State's Tribal Nations. But the State must act quickly; when Europeans first arrived in what is now the United States, more than 300 different languages were spoken. Today, only 175 remain, but many are only spoken by a small number of elderly people, and are in danger of disappearing.

Healthcare

Perhaps one of the most difficult challenges we face as leaders, should be the most unifying one. We need to come together to address the health needs of our people. It still amazes me that the United States is still the only major country not to guarantee healthcare to all its people. Affordable Health care should not be a privilege it should be a right. We've got work to do people, if we cannot address our people's right to something as basic to life such as access to quality healthcare then we need to be big enough to admit we have a problem. I for one have more faith in our capabilities. I know we can come up with reasonable solutions.

We cannot speak of health care without the recognition of our most vulnerable, the elderly, disabled and children. Recognizing the potential for a win-win situation for both the State and the Tribes, former DHS Secretary, Kitty Rhoades, who was a champion for native communities committed to a partnership with the Wisconsin Tribes to gain federal CMS approval of a new 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Waiver as an option for providing long term care supports to American Indian members. The focus of the new waiver is long term care functionally eligible and Medicaid financially eligible American Indians accessing home and community based waiver services through a culturally competent service delivery system administered by a federally recognized tribe as delegated by the State Medicaid agency.

The Tribe's partnership with DHS continues today under the leadership of Secretary Seemeyer. The key goals of a Tribal Operated Waiver remain the same:

- To more closely align waiver program administration and operations with American Indian sovereignty status, creating a mutual partnership of governments between the state, the tribes, and the federal government.
- Establish a waiver concentrating on the unique long term care

needs and service delivery system of the American Indian population.

- Develop solutions that can narrow the health care gap in critical risk areas experienced disproportionately among American Indians, and
- Maximize Federally Qualified Health Center reimbursement for services provided through tribally operated facilities.

The Tribes look to a continued strong partnership with the state to gain federal approval of a cost neutral Tribal Operated Waiver. The win for the state? For every dollar spent to provide long term care services to Medicaid eligible American Indians, the state receives reimbursement at 100%. Tribes can elect to administer a Tribal waiver program that is an avenue to address the social determinants that influence and negatively impact the health of our people, and ultimately to improve tribal member health outcomes, quality of life, and diminish the rates of high mortality before costly institutionalizations occur and/or before life is lost.

We also have challenges that require us to look more deeply and address the perils of addiction. One such initiative aligns with Governor Walker's participation in the Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction which builds upon the aggressive measures the state has already taken to combat the opioid crisis in Wisconsin. This is something all 11 tribes have prioritized as important and aligns with the Stockbridge-Munsee' tribe's goal of building an Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center which the Governor has so generously earmarked in his budget to create the feasibility and business plan to build an important resource that serves our communities and expands economic diversity.

Lastly, the tribes look forward to an expanded partnership with DHS to examine other avenues whereby tribal support can assist the state on all health care issues and that will further maximize partner benefits and serve the health and wellness needs of our most important asset the people we serve.

Economic Diversification

It has always been the goal for our tribal nations to produce several different revenue streams and provide our nations with the ability for sustainable growth. A strong, growing, sustainable economy is the goal of every nation. A sustainable economy enhances a nation's standard of living by creating wealth and jobs, encouraging the development of new knowledge and technology,

and helping to ensure a brighter future. It's very simple," "We must grow the economy of the future to make sure that Wisconsin and Tribal Communities have the jobs we need to support family, home, and nation, our businesses must increase their share of the global economy. If we do not, we will fall behind.

This commitment is yielding results for example in 2016 ranking among the top four minority owned business' in Milwaukee were owned by FCP and Oneida which generated nearly \$140 million dollars in revenue. Beyond that we have businesses green energy initiatives, technology subsidiaries, producing some of the finest hardwood in the world including; final four hard wood floors, agricultural endeavors, construction and project management services and golf courses. A perfect example is the upcoming LPGA which is going to be hosted by Oneida Nation and projected to bring in revenue to Green Bay and the surrounding area in excess of \$15 million dollars. We also support Native American entrepreneurial endeavors, which not only employ people but also meet the ongoing demands to support our infrastructure.

Another tribal endeavor that promotes our communities and diversifies is the NATOW organization which is to promote tourism featuring Native American heritage and culture. Tourism provides an excellent tactic for Tribes to diversify our economies, while telling the true story concerning our history and culture. Tourism is also one of the ways that Tribes can be self-sufficient and boost their economies. It's a very important organization to the tribes and goes directly to promoting Tribal tourism. NATOW has formed a strong partnership with the State of Wisconsin that will compliment all Wisconsin tourism programs and are finding continued ways to leverage cultural tourism on behalf of all our communities and grow our economies. We all know nothing succeeds without a plan, designated resources, or infrastructure.

Infrastructure

The Tribes are here, reach out State Leaders; extend your hand, we are ready begin work on the challenges we all face. We need to build bridges not walls; the Tribal Nations can support you as we work to address the State's need for access to technology. We agree with Governor Walker's budget and legislation initiatives regarding the ability to expand broadband access for areas in of need. He is correct, and if Wisconsin wants to continue to

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compete in the global economy, it is crucial to work towards building an infrastructure where every community is able to connect to fast and reliable internet.” The Tribal Nations of Wisconsin are also facing those difficulties.

This initiative triples the state’s broadband and technology investments and will allow all Wisconsin communities, especially in rural areas, to compete for jobs, improve education, and provide a higher quality of life. Technology makes the world a smaller place and allows Tribes and the State to think in more global terms’.

The tribes have also committed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Wisconsin’s infrastructure to build roads, parks, external businesses, and cultural centers to name a few. But it doesn’t stop there we must also continue to support public television and broadcasting, which serves as an indispensable platform which allows for diverse communication and affords an opportunity to educate.

Building that infrastructure includes utilizing our allies and coordination with State agencies. This will afford additional opportunities to expand the resources and intellectual knowledge to make well informed decisions regarding the future sustainable growth of Wisconsin. When the Tribes succeed in business; the State of Wisconsin succeeds. Strong Tribal economies equals a strong Wisconsin.

We also seek advice and guidance from our partners: GLIFWC, NATOW, WIEA, The Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA), Wisconsin State Tribal Relations Initiative, Wisconsin Department of Administration Dawn Vick /Intergovernmental Services Team Leader, Tribal Caucus/Justice League, State of Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council, and MAST Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

We also cannot speak of growing our labor force and infrastructure without speaking of education. We have a real state of crisis. This is much bigger than education; “we have to close what I call the opportunity gap. The gap between the haves and the have-nots is far too wide.” We support the enhancement of advancing the educational levels of Head Start teachers to further advance the quality of teaching, but we cannot stop there, we need to create the same continuity and provide pay incentive and educational

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

advancement opportunities within our public school and indigenous immersion schools, to compete on a broader level.

The truth is with exception of the more populous urban areas most children attend rural schools and therefore are not afforded the option of a voucher system. It also must include a STEM program or STEAM in my opinion this includes and recognizes the arts. Which should begin in fifth grade with the goal of the post-secondary institutes working closely with our schools to close the gap on the challenges that thwart our student’s readiness for the educational demands of tomorrow, and to educate and grow our future labor force in a strategic way. We can’t just invest in the status quo; we must invest in a vision of reform.

We must stop playing catch-up, early intervention in the form of pre-school for every child in America is the educational solution for improving our educational system. Our good friend Denise Juneau said from Head Start to Harvard I say from womb to Wisconsin. Getting our babies off to a good start is often the best investment we can make. There’s nothing political to this.

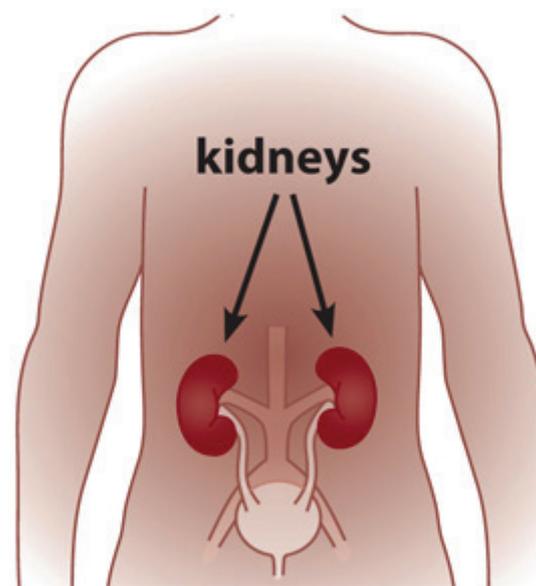
Conclusion

Yes, we still have a long journey ahead of us. Yes, that journey may include challenges, but I promise you this, State Leaders, you are not alone. Tribal Leaders; you are not alone. Look across this room. We have allies. We have partnerships waiting to be developed. We have collaborators that will bring their experiences and expertise. We have each other. We have economies to build, generations to educate, language and conservation to protect, glass ceilings to shatter, communities to expand, and relationships to build.

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

Accountability; a powerful responsibility for every leader. Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. The true leadership challenge is before us, I ask, “if not us, then who? If not now? When?” I thank you for this opportunity, I appreciate you giving me the time to express my ideas, and concerns.

John Quincy Adams



Quick Facts on Kidney Disease:

- Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the country.
- More than 590,000 people have kidney failure in the US today
- Most of the 26 million Americans who have kidney disease, don’t know it.
- There are over 95,000 people waiting for kidney transplants.

The kidneys are two, fist-sized organs in your lower back. They help keep us healthy by:

- Filtering waste out of more than 50 gallons of blood each day.
- Regulating the body’s salt, potassium and acid content.
- Removing drugs and toxins from the body.
- Balancing the body’s fluids.
- Release hormones that regulate blood pressure.
- Producing an active form of vitamin D that promotes strong, healthy bones.
- Controlling the production of red blood cells.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) one in every 10 adults in the United States has kidney disease, that’s 26 Million Americans! In many cases, kidney failure can be prevented or delayed through early detection and proper treatment.

The risk for kidney disease increases in certain populations including those with diabetes (1 in 3) and those with high blood pressure (1 in 5). Diabetes and high blood pressure are the leading causes of kidney disease, other risk factors include heart disease and a family history of kidney disease. Kidney disease is also higher in certain populations including Native Americans, Hispanics and African Americans.

Since kidney disease can have no symptoms until late in the disease process, it is especially important to be screened for kidney disease. This can be done with a simple blood test. Once kidneys lose their ability to filter waste and maintain the fluid / chemical balance in the blood, Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) develops. CKD can not be reversed but the damage can be slowed, that’s why it’s important to know if you have it or not.

CKD can progress quickly or take years to turn into what is known as End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Once people reach ESRD the only two treatment options are dialysis or kidney transplant. Dialysis is used in kidney failure when an individual loses 95-90% of their kidney function. This almost always continues until the individual dies or has a transplant. There are over 380,000 people (including children) in the United States who depend on hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis treatments to stay alive.

What can you do if you have or want to prevent kidney disease? Proper treatment of diabetes and high blood pressure can slow additional damage to the kidneys. Also helpful are an eating plan with the right amounts of sodium, fluid and protein. Additionally, one should exercise and avoiding dehydration. Treating diabetes and high blood pressure will slow additional damage to kidneys.

Talk to your health care provider for more information if you have concerns or would like to be screened for kidney disease. As always, your Community Health Nurses are here for further questions 715-793-5060.

ServiceStars Stars of the Month at Mohican North Star Resort



The ServiceStars Stars of the Month winners for October 2016 were; Charles Piotrowski – Hotel and Dawn Kriegel – Security.



ServiceStars Stars of the Month winners for November 2016 were, Scott Johnson – Slots and Lorena High – Food & Beverage.



ServiceStars Stars of the month winners for December 2016 were, Diane Hafferman – Food & Beverage and Jill Radtke – Food & Beverage.



ServiceStars Stars of the Month winners for January 2017 were Donna Bucholtz - Food & Beverage and Robert Bowman - Slots.



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JUNE 2

Thornberry Creek at Oneida

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- 10:30 am Shotgun Start (check-in begins at 8:30 am)
- Lunch on the Golf Course
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- FABULOUS PRIZES THIS YEAR!**
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Book Release at Museum



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2017 Spring Cleanup Day!!

Monday May 15, 2017

Residential Curbside Cleanup

- When?** Place all items curbside beginning Monday May 8th
Have all items curbside by 5am on Monday May 15th
- Who?** Tribal curbside residential customers in **Bartelme ONLY**
- What?** **No** construction debris or hazardous materials (call for questions)

Furniture: **FREE** pickup for **ONLY** the items listed below

Couch/Sofa	Mattress or Box Spring	Sink
Chair/Recliner	Dresser	Toilet
Bed Frame/Head Board	Cabinet	Grill
Fitness Equipment	Window	Large Plastic Toy/Furniture
Bike	Door	Carpet Roll (5ft or less)
Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)		

*Total Volume **MUST NOT** exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (About the size of 5 ft tall x 4 ft long x 4 ft wide container)

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. Anything that you can donate to Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity or schools can be reused.



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Electronics Recycling (Free)

- Where?** Drop Off at P&E and Roads Department
- When?** Monday, May 15th from 7:30am-4:00pm
- Who?** Tribal Members of Bartelme **AND** Red Springs

Electronics accepted:

Computer Tower	DVD/VCR/Blue Ray Players	Mobile Phones
Computer Monitor	Radio/Stereo	Microwave
Computer Parts Printer	Type Writer	Telephone
Computer Accessories	Fax/Copier/Scanner Laptop	Television

Appliance Recycling

- Where?** Drop Off at P&E and Roads Department
- Payments can be brought to **Terrie Terrio in Finance**
- When?** Monday, May 15th from 7:30am-4:00pm
- Who?** Tribal Members of Bartelme **AND** Red Springs

Appliances **WITHOUT** Freon (FREE)

Stove	Dishwasher
Compactor	Water Heater
Washer	Dryer

Appliances **WITH** Freon (\$15.00 each)

Refrigerator	Air Conditioner
Freezer	Water Cooler
Dehumidifier	

Tire Recycling

- Where?** Drop Off at P&E and Roads Department
- When?** Monday, May 15th from 7:30am-4:00pm
- Who?** Tribal Members of Bartelme **AND** Red Springs



Registered Nurse, Linda Kohler received a Pendleton Blanket on her retirement after over 12 years at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center. Pictured with her are Tribal Council Members, Scott R. Vele, Jeremy Mohawk, and Tribal Treasurer, Janet Miller.

Congratulations on Your Retirement



Colleagues & friends were invited to sign & write messages on quilt blocks for a quilt that will be made for Linda as a gift of remembrance. Above, she is taking a peek at some of the quilt block messages.

Diabetes Alert Day

On March 22nd Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center's Community Health Team were available in the Atrium to offer blood pressure and blood sugar tests along with information on whether one could be at risk for Type 2 Diabetes.

There was a questionnaire to be filled out and a wheel to be spun for prizes!

Left: Susan Savetwith blood sugar testing by Cheryl Tiegs. Right: Julie Burr.



Education



Brian Bowman introducing himself with the microphone in his hand. Brian is the son of Cathleen "Cackle" Bowman. It was mentioned in my article, but what Indian Community provided is more informative. Thank you. "At the recent WIEA Annual Legislative Breakfast, a highlight of the program included a presentation by the 4th Grade Class from the Indian Community School of Milwaukee, located in Franklin, Wisconsin. The class researched the burgeoning Indigenous Peoples' Day movement and wrote their own Indigenous People's Day Resolution (IPD) for Milwaukee County. The IPD Resolution passed 16-1 and was signed into law on 12/29/16. Milwaukee County joins over 20 other communities nationwide who have replaced Columbus Day holiday with IPD celebrations. The prevailing message of the presentation was "... age doesn't make you a leader. Your actions make you a leader."

Work Shop Description
****WORKSHOPS CAN BE TAILORED TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. CALL AHEAD (715)793-4582 AND SET UP A WORKSHOP TIME THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE****

Computer Lab: This time is open to the public for independent use of the computers for Education or Job/Career related activities.

Application Assistance: Time to kick off the dust from that old application and revive it. Using this program will provide assistance, no matter your skill level, in creating an appealing job application.

Basic Computers: Were you born in the age where a mouse was a rodent that hid in your house to keep warm? Join us in a program centered on building basic computer skills, keyboarding skills and building knowledge of the technological age.

Financial Aid: A program to assist with FAFSA, financial aid, scholarships, and planning for an Educational Future.

Scholarship Informational: Need help paying for school but don't know where to start? This program will provide access to information important to applying for internal, local and national scholarships.

Career Cruising: Do you like your job but want to build a career? Do you know where to start? This program will provide access to explore careers, take assessments on abilities as well as interests and provides information on employment trends and schools.

Job Search: Tired of the job you're currently in? Would you prefer to be employed where your job isn't really work? Join us in a program that will walk you through the job search process, including introductions to resume building and the do's and don'ts of the interview process.

Interview Stream: A web-based mock interview program to assist you in preparation for upcoming interviews for internships, jobs, or graduate or professional school admission. It is a simple, fun and Effective way to refine and master your interviewing skills.

Work Certified: A program that teaches basic business ethics, interpersonal skills and workplace behavior.

Financial Literacy: A workshop to help build skills and knowledge that will allow an individual to make informed and effective decisions with all of their financial resources

Menominee Vocational Rehabilitation: This program provides services to Native Americans with disabilities in order to obtain or retain employment. Services provided to Vocational Rehabilitation Program consumers are custom designed to fit each individual's needs and employment goals.

Adult Literacy: Building Academic Skills, and TABE Assessment;

- Building Academic Skills:** Assistance with college course work and preparation for accuplacer testing used as college entrance exams; and
- TABE Assessment:** Testing to provide a solid foundation for effectively assessing the skills and knowledge of adult learners. The tests combine to provide a flexible system of diagnostic assessments and instructional materials to meet the diverse needs of today's growing adult education market.



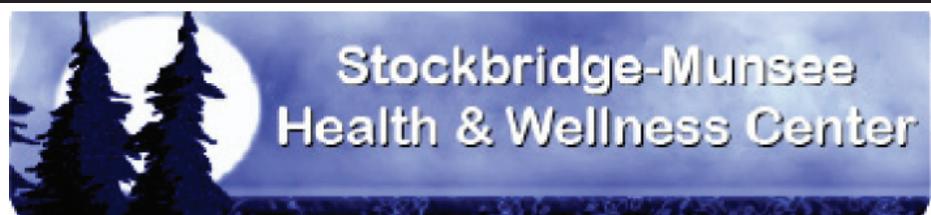
Education, Employment, and Training for Adult Learners
 W13447 Camp 14 Road
 Bowler WI 54416
Phone: 715-793-3019
 Fax: 715-793-4830

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8am to 4:30pm
****WORKSHOP INFORMATION LOCATED ON THE BACK.**
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National Minority Health Month History

National Minority Health Month began 100 years ago as National Negro Health Week. In April 1915, Dr. Booker T. Washington dispatched a letter to the leading African American newspapers, proposing the observance of "National Negro Health Week." Health was the key to progress and equity in all other things, he argued: "Without health and long life, all else fails." He called on local health departments, schools, churches, businesses,

professional associations, and the most influential organizations in the African-American community to "pull together" and "unite... in one great National Health Movement."

That observance grew into what is today a month-long initiative to advance health equity across the country, on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities – National Minority Health Month.

Diabetes is a disease in which your blood glucose (blood sugar) levels are too high. The symptoms of diabetes can appear slowly over time, so some people do not notice symptoms at all. Watch for these signs:

- Extreme hunger
- Extreme thirst
- Frequent urination
- Unexplained weight loss
- Fatigue or drowsiness
- Blurry vision
- Slow-healing wounds, sores or bruises
- Dry, itchy skin
- Tingling or numbness in the hands or feet
- Frequent or recurring skin,

gum, bladder or vaginal yeast infections

What can I do to combat this? The number one thing you can do to help yourself is lose weight. Losing as little as 5% of your body weight will have great benefits.

How do you do this? Cutting down on the number of calories and fat you eat and being physically active at least 30 minutes a day.

Need help? Your Community Health Team is here to help. Call Casey the dietitian 715-793-5006 or Whitey the diabetes nurse educator 715-793-3008.

Healthy Feet Matter!

How can diabetes harm your feet?

Diabetes is the main cause of non-traumatic loss of a toe, foot, or leg. Almost half of these cases could be prevented with daily footcare.

People who have diabetes can lose feeling in their feet. When that happens, it can be hard to tell when you have a problem, like a blister, sore, callus, or cut on your foot.

Diabetes can reduce the amount of bloodflow to your feet. Numbness

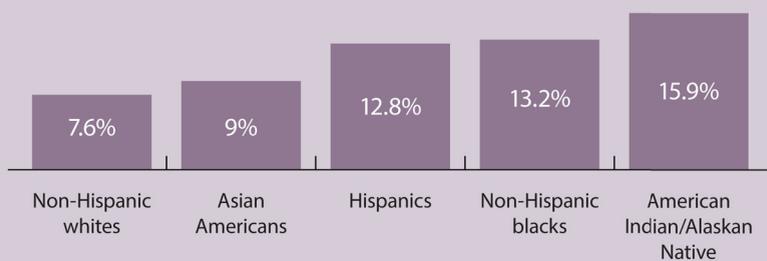


and less bloodflow in the feet can slow the time it takes for sores to heal and can lead to foot problems.

Tips to keep feet healthy: Have a Podiatrist check your feet at least once a year, check your feet every day, wash your feet every day, and keep skin soft and smooth.

HOW DIABETES AFFECTS MINORITY GROUPS

Minority groups have higher rates of diabetes than non-Hispanic whites¹



Rates shown for diagnosed diabetes among people over 20 years old

50% of black women, Hispanic men, and Hispanic women will develop type 2 diabetes in their lifetime.²

Diabetes is the leading cause of **kidney failure** among African Americans and American Indians.³



Minority YOUTH are affected too

In youth 10-19 years old, type 2 diabetes is more common than type 1 diabetes in non-Hispanic blacks, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and American Indians/Alaska Natives.¹

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT OR DELAY TYPE 2 DIABETES?

Research shows type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed in minority groups.⁴

TO CUT RISK BY AS MUCH AS 58%:



Lose weight



Eat less fat



Eat fewer calories



Be active 30 minutes, 5 days a week

To learn more about diabetes in minority groups, visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org/Publications.

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National Diabetes Education Program

A program of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Make & Take Program

We are very happy that the Make & Take programs have proven so successful. It is wonderful that individuals are willing to make changes to improve their health. Since the program has become so popular we are asking people to remember to call ahead to RSVP for the program. You can reach Casey Mitchell our RD at 715-793-5006 or casey.mitchell@mohican.com or Diane Burr at 719-793-5064 or diane.burr@mohican.com.

Having an accurate count is the only way we can plan for the correct number of participants and have enough supplies on hand for everyone. We understand that situations can arise at the last minute that prevents or allows you to be able to attend and we will certainly accommodate that when we are able.

We just want everyone to be

aware we must be fair and honor the individuals who called in their attendance plans beforehand- before allowing others who dropped in to participate. So, beginning April 18th, we will have the list of individuals who have called or emailed an RSVP and you just need to sign in after your name.

If you did not make a reservation, we will ask that you wait until class has been underway 10 minutes (4:55 PM) before joining in. If you know you may be a little late, let us know when you RSVP and we will hold your spot for you.

Thank you for your participation and understanding in making this the successful program it is.

Diabetes Education and Outreach Team
 Stockbridge Munsee Community Health

Autism: What you need to know

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability with signs typically appearing in early childhood, usually before the age of three. Autism affects the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. ASD affects individuals differently and to varying degrees.

Know the signs:

- Lack of or delay in spoken language
- Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (e.g., hand-flapping, twirling objects)
- Little or no eye contact
- Lack of interest in peer relationships
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play

Facts & Stats:

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children
- Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls
- About 40% of children with autism do not speak. About 25% - 30% of children with autism have some words at 12 to 18 months of age and then lose them. Others might speak, but not until later in childhood.



What to do:

Early identification can change lives. Autism is treatable and children with autism do progress. Early diagnosis and intervention is key to improved outcomes. If you have a child that you are concerned about seek help. Please call the Maternal Child Health Nurse at 715-793-5018 for assistance. She can administer the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised (M-CHAT-R), which is a questionnaire consisting of 20 questions used to evaluate your child's risk for autism spectrum disorder. Do not hesitate; your child's future is in your hands. Call today!

- Autism is treatable.
- <http://nationalautismassociation.org/>
<http://www.autism-society.org/what-is/>

AVOID DELAY! ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE HEAD START IS NOW ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

Head Start is a Comprehensive Early Childhood and Family Development Program for income eligible families with children ages 3 to 5. The program also serves families who have children with Disabilities regardless of income. Head Start provides Educational, Health, Nutritional, Emotional, and Social Services for each child and offers support for family members. Your child must be age 3 by September 1, 2017. Reside in the Bowler or Gresham School Districts. (Within the Townships of Bartelme and Red Springs – Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Enrolled Preference.)

Complete applications must be submitted by: Wednesday May 31, 2017

Applications can be picked up at the Head Start Office
 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 W13429 Cherry Street Bowler, WI 54416
 Or call to request an application be mailed directly to you.
 715-793-4993 (Office) 715-793-4994 (FAX)
 Contact Delores Meek, Head Start Manager or
 Julie Schultz, Component Area Specialist

Learning to be Good Friends!



Head Start Class of 2017!

Career Achievements!



Chenoa Martin & Christopher Wescott Jr.
 Head Start Support Teaching Staff

Family Involvement!



The Stevens Family
 Chris, Jaiyanna, Raiden, & Vicki



Moments such as these only happen once.



Delaney Welch

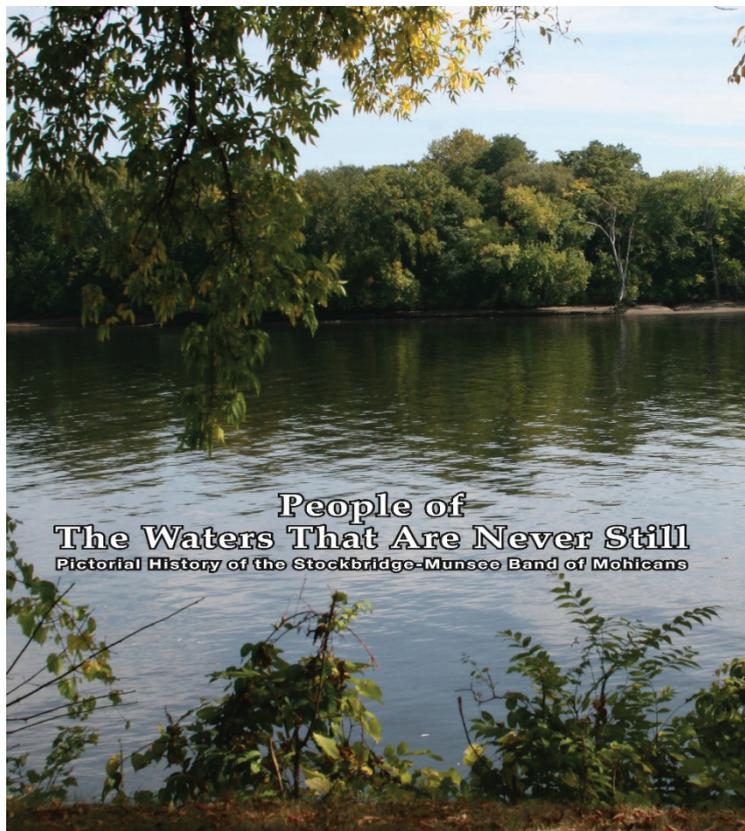
Sequoia Kallin

Learning Concepts!



Aubrey Miller

Have you gotten your book Yet?



- If you are over 70 years of age your book is in the mail.
- The book will be available on a first come first serve basis to all Tribal Households (one per Household) starting April 20th, 2017.
- You can pick up a book in person or;
- Request that one be mailed to you by faxing your information to the Library/Museum; the fax number is 715-793-4836 or emailing your information to yvette.malone@mohican-nsn.gov
- We will put a hold on a book for you for seven days from the date of your fax or email.
- If we do not receive your \$5 check or money order for shipping, the book will be placed back on the shelf for availability. Make your Check or Money order out to: Arvid E. Miller Library/Museum. PO Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416.
- Tribal Members must provide their current address and enrollment card to verify enrollment number.
- Limited supply so get yours early.
- If you have any questions you may call 715-793-4270.

Growing Your Garden Workshops

Please join us as we cover gardening basics and different gardening techniques to get your garden started off on the right foot.

Topic: Gardening Basics- preparing your garden for planting and understanding information on seed packets

Where: Mohican Family Center

When: Monday, May 1st

Time: 12:00-12:30pm

RSVP to: Kellie Zahn, at 715.793.3031 or kellie.zahn@mohican-nsn.gov by April 27th

A light lunch will be provided by the Community Health Department

Save the Date for future workshops:

May 15th- Container Gardening

June 5th- Three Sisters Gardening

Bowler School Spring pow-wow

May 12, 2017
1:00 to 3:00 pm

Drums:
Wolf River
Medicine Bear

MC: Harold Katchenago
AD: Jeff Vele

Head Dancers: TBA

Color Guard:
Mohican Veterans

Native Food Concessions
by the Bowler Culture Club

Chick Lab Mrs. Jensen's Class



We are so excited! On Friday, March 10, Mrs. Raquel Treptow visited our class.

Not only did she teach us everything we needed to know about incubating chicken eggs, she also provided the fertilized eggs and all the equipment we would need so that we could experience hatching our very OWN chicks in class!

We are carefully monitoring the humidity and temperature in the incubator and writing daily of our chicks' development in our chick journals.





Community

Bowler High School/Middle School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Seniors – Brooke Breitrick, Schuyler Davids, Taylor Matsche, Allison Stewart, Jacob Strassburg, and Erica Wolf.

Juniors – Maranda Brei, Reanne Kietlinski, and Alissa Rickert.

Sophomores – Noah Bestul and Jazmyne Brown.

Freshmen – Zachary Fehrman, Ira Rudesill, Alyssa Strassburg, and Brooke Thix.

8th Grade – Adin Brei, Skye Breitrick, Brock Strassburg, Logan Thix, and Zachary Young.

Honor Roll

Seniors – JJ Church, Damita

VerHaagh, and Saychia Wayka.

Juniors – Katelyn Fehrman, Isaiah Hynes, Jayla LeMieux, Nathan Montez, Matthew Olson, Brianne Rosenow, and Hannah Slater.

Sophomores – Tyler Selle, Jada Waters, and Jodi Wolf.

Freshmen – Jacob Bratz, Ireland DeRoos, Keegan Pingel, Austin Slater, and Carson Watters.

8th Grade – Taya Grant, Kiah Miller, Lane Schultz, Maya Thix, and Morgan Zeinert.

7th Grade – Isaiah Bestul, Asa Doxtator, Selina Thix, Corbin Welch, and Zachary Ziemer.

Senior Banquet

The annual Senior Banquet is a community celebration of the accomplishments of our high school graduates. The following must apply to be an eligible participant:

1. Student must be an 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 attending Bowler, Gresham, or Shawano Schools.

Eligible Participants whom anticipate graduation must submit a *Senior Graduation Banquet Participation Application* to the S/M Education Department prior to May 15th in order to participate in the Senior Banquet. (Participant applications are available online at www.mohican.com/eetdept under Education, S/M Education Department, and at Bowler and Gresham Schools or at the S/M Education Department Office.)

If the 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.



Tribal Council Directives

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Council Meeting and at the time the following motion were made:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Seconded by Sterling

Schreiber. Motion maker amends motion to include: adding the enrollment minutes to executive session. Second concurs. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 7th and the Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Seconded by Janet Miller.

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

DONATION REQUESTS:

Indian Summer Festival-JoAnn and Karen

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to donate to the 2017 Indian Summer Festival. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried.

NIEA-Jolene Bowman, Vice President

Motion by Janet Miller to go along with the recommendation of the Education Board and a sponsorship, coming out of donations for the bronze level. Seconded by Chad Miller.

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION-Leah Miller, Tammy Pecore, John Williams and JoAnn Schedler, Historical Committee Members

The Historical Committee gifted the Tribal Council with a beautifully framed print with a passage for Tribal Leaders, that will be displayed in the Tribal Council Meeting room.

CASINO ESSENTIALS-Online Training Enhancement-Evan Mills, Executive Director of Human Resources and Theresa Miller, Training Development Specialist

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the budgeted expenditure to expand the casino training options. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

PRINT FLEET PROCUREMENT-Shane Gollnick, Applications Manager

Motion by Janet Miller to approve the Office Enterprise Incorporated Proposal for the purchase of copiers/printers/software as presented by Shane Gollnick, with the breakdown of costs between casino, tribe and health center, so the appropriate budgets can be charged. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

GRESHAM LIONS CLUB-Rick Giese and Raymond Rigsby, Gresham Lions Club

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to grant the request for the Gresham Lions Club, for a temporary use permit from Thursday, May 25th through Monday, May 29th, 2017. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION/ RESOLUTION: Mohican Walker Tour-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator and Jill Tiegs, Grants Writer

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve resolution 028-17, now therefore be it resolved, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council authorizes the submission of this application to the National Parks Service-FY 2017 Tribal Heritage Grant Program requesting \$40,000 in federal funds for the Stockbridge Mohican Walking Tour Mobile App project. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Opposing Pilgrim

Pipeline-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 029-17, therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project due to cultural resource concerns and calls upon the State of New York to do the same. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Tribal Administrator to work with Legal, to contract with Sherry White, to complete reviews for cell towers, on a short-term basis. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

Jolene supported the motion, with the understanding that there are measurables that are quantifiable in the contract, otherwise she does not agree with this.

SELECTION OF BOARD/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Yvette Malone to the Language and Culture Committee. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

COUNCIL SUPERVISED EMPLOYEES-Jolene Bowman, Vice President

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to approve the changes to the Grievance Process for Employees Supervised by Council-Supervised Employees as presented. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ITTF REPRESENTATIVE-Shannon Holsey, President

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Stacey Schreiber as our tribal representative to the WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) and to appoint Willy Miller as the alternate. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried at 6:15 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 7:00 PM.

The Tribal Council did not complete their Executive Session discussion, they will return to Executive Session after Open Agenda.

-OPEN AGENDA-

EXECUTIVE SESSION Continued-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go back into Executive Session. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 7:46 PM.

Motion by Janet Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 9:49 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on MOU, a **Directives cont on pg Seventeen:**

Directives cont from pg sixteen: personnel issue, a housing issue, enrollment minutes and a home issue.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Back 40 Mine, this memorandum of understanding is by and between Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, now therefore be it resolved, Menominee and Stockbridge understand and agree that the Menominee Departments including but not limited to the Environmental Department, Intergovernmental Affairs Department and Legal Services Department staff and Stockbridge Departments including but not limited to the Environmental Department, and Legal Department staff may work together where feasible regarding issues of importance on the Back 40 Mine Initiative as undertaken by Menominee, for the Tribal President's signature. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to refuse the right of first refusal on a home as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go along with the Housing Board's recommendation to reimburse applicant. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Miller to deny the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee to recommend the membership of all persons and their descendants who were on the treaty of 1856, the 1857 Act and any subsequent roll, as a full member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, until 1937. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber.

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

Jeremy abstains, it is not that he disagrees with it, it is more of the way it was brought outside the process. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Miller to accept the first denial of Jennifer A. Jensen as presented by the enrollment committee. Seconded by Sterling. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Miller to accept the relinquishment application of Kenneth R. Ninham, as presented by the Enrollment Committee. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Janet Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried at 8:54 PM.

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Council Meeting and at the time the following motion were made:

Tribal Council Members present: Jolene Bowman, Janet Miller, Chad Miller, Sterling

Schreiber and Jeremy Mohawk Shannon Holsey (travel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the revised agenda for Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Seconded by Jeremy. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Janet Miller to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Seconded by Chad Miller.

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

TRIBAL FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Tribal Financials for February 2017 for posting.

Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

MISSION LAKE RENTAL-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to authorize Stacey Schreiber and Rob Hendricks to work together for a 90-day lease for the new chef at Pine Hills and if the home is still needed after 90-days to come back to the Council for consideration. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Motion maker amends motion adding: and to work with the Legal Department on the rental agreement. Second concurs.

Roll Call: Sterling no, Chad yes, Janet yes, Jeremy yes and Scott yes.

Council Member Schreiber voted no, as he believes the home should be put out on bid for tribal members. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVISION: Child Support-Tammy Pecore, Child Support Manager

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the Child Support Manager's recommendation to return monies out of Tribal Contribution to the General Fund. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST: Members of the Mohican Veterans

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve a donation for the Mohican Veterans. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY-Tammy Wyrobeck, CFO

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the GM's Monthly report for January and February 2017, as presented by the Casino CFO, Tammy Wyrobeck. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

MIS FY17 BUDGET MOD/MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT-Mary Thao, CIO

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation from the Chief Information Officer, Mary Thao, to approve the MIS FY2017 budget modification to pay for the tune-up of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement licenses as contractually obligated, that the following modification should occur, supplies and consulting should go into contracts and that

the President should sign the authorization and/or the Treasurer. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

AG LEASE AGREEMENTS-Kelly Zahn, Ag Agent

Motion by Scott R. Vele to deny the request of Kelly Zahn, the Ag Agent to lease the three parcels to Travis Andrus/Andrus Grain LLC. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Roll Call: Sterling no, Chad no, Janet no, Jeremy yes and Scott yes. Motion defeated.

Motion by Chad Miller to do a 2-year lease with Travis Andrus for 55-acres, 2 parcels in the Township of Bartelme, allowing manure application on the 19 acres located in Section 34 and not allowing manure application on the ones close to the home in Section 25. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

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

Council Member Vele voted no, as if it so safe why did we have to exclude it from being placed near those homes.

Motion by Chad Miller to with Option 3 on the hayfield rental, as proposed by Ag Agent Kelly Zahn, for 26 acres in the Township of Red Springs. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber.

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

STATEMENT ON CONSULTATION ON CEREMONIAL STONE

LANDSCAPES - Bridget Swanke, Senior Counsel and Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve and sign the statement regarding appropriate consultation on "ceremonial stone landscapes" in Stockbridge-Munsee homelands. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION//IDC CONTRIBUTION-Josh Jensen and Sara Smith, Environmental Department

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation from Josh Jensen and Sara Smith, to move forward with the IDC Environmental Education Garden Project Grant and the Tribe make monies available out of strategic planning if available, if not it would come out of unallocated funds. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

WI DNR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT-Randall Wollenhaupt, Ecology Manager

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to accept the 2017 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's Summer Tribal Youth Program Grant. Seconded by Janet Miller. Motion carried. *Council Member Vele was not present for this item.*

RESOLUTION: WI Tribal Advisory Council (Alternate)-

Chad Miller, Land Management

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve resolution number 030-17, therefore be it resolved, the Tribal Council appoints Paul Koll and Kellie Zahn to serve as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's representatives to the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. Seconded by Janet Miller.

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

BUDGET MODIFICATION: Historic Preservation & Service Agreement-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Scott R. Vele to accept the recommendation of the Tribal Administrator, to have the Vice President sign the budget modification for Historic Preservation #1 and also the Service Agreement for Cell Tower Review Services with the contracted individual. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Motion maker amends motion to: authorize the Tribal Administrator to authorize the contracted individual to review the GPR testing at the Mission Lake Home. Second concurs. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-

There were no meeting minutes received for this agenda

SELECTION OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to appoint Lynn Welch, Ellen Schreiber and Floyd Williams to the Elderly Steering Committee. Seconded by Chad Miller.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Vice President Bowman noted that President Holsey is out on travel and yesterday as we all know, she gave the State of the Tribe's Address, where she sent a strong message about working in unity in areas of Education, Environment, Conservation, Cultural, Tourism, quoting Martin Luther King about tearing down the walls and building bridges. Motion carried at 6:14 PM.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:40 PM

While in Executive Session discussion was held on an audit report, legal issue and strategic plan.

Motion by Scott R. Vele to acknowledge the acceptance of the GM's 5-Year Strategic Plan. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

-OPEN SESSION-

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Chad Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 7:37 PM.

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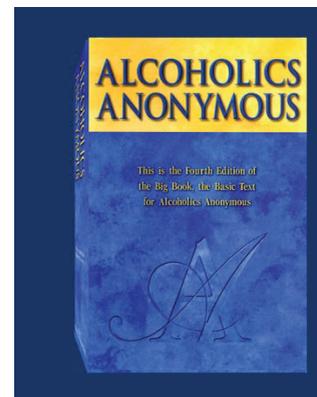
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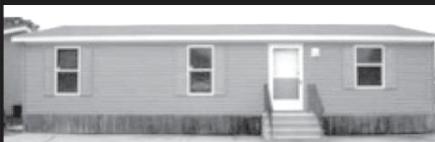
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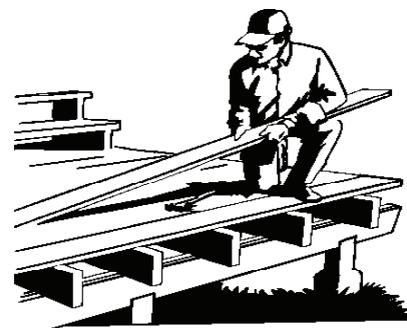
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