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Tribal Council Member shares Native stories



By Brett Miller-Mohican News Reporter

Stockbridge Munsee Community tribal council member Jeremy Mohawk went to the Boys and Girls club in Shawano to share stories about Native American culture. He told a story about a Hunter and an Owl and the promise they made to each other. There was a hunter in the woods trying to kill a deer. The

hunter noticed an owl sleeping in a tree and he went to speak with him. The hunter asked the Owl if it would scare the deer and make it run towards him and when he kills it he will give him the fat and the heart of the deer. The Owl and the hunter agreed. The Owl chased the deer towards the hunter as promised and the hunter shot and

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Stockbridge-Munsee Community Water Resources Program Volunteer Information

The Stockbridge-Munsee Water Resources Program ("Program") is inviting our tribal community to become involved in field work activities to learn and become active in water resources management in our tribal community. The field work is conducted between April and November every year. Field work can include water quality sampling, fish shocking or wetland restoration project maintenance.

Volunteers assisting with the Program's field work can be members of the tribal community or tribal employees. Volunteers are unpaid, except that tribal employees who "volunteer" with approval from the Program and their supervisors can have the time worked for the Program charged to our funding. The Program will provide waders and equipment for volunteers to use.

The volunteer should be able to easily navigate a half mile on foot and able to carry up to 75lbs. In

addition, the volunteer will need to wear neoprene waders and feel comfortable walking in-stream in water depths up to 3.5 to 4.0 ft. In-stream terrain can vary from flat sandy bottom to very large boulders. Volunteers must be able to swim. Volunteers who work with minors must hold a valid elder/youth license.

Minors who can meet these requirements are welcome to participate with their parents' approval. Those interested in volunteering will need to sign a participation agreement. There will be agreements for community volunteers and for employee volunteers at the training.

Training will be held from 11AM to 1PM on March 19th, 20th, 21st. Training will be held at the Clinic and lunch will be provided. You can direct any questions or confirm your attendance with Josh Jensen at 715-793-3032, or joshua.jensen@mohican-nsn.gov

Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Going Geothermal



The Stockbridge Munsee Health & Wellness Center is going green and saving money. Tribal Council approved geothermal heating and cooling to replace the clinic's aging system. The Health & Wellness Center was built in 1999 and the heating and cooling system is reaching the end of its life. In recent years the clinic has received larger and more frequent maintenance bills as components are

starting to require more care. Bonnie Welch, facilities maintenance coordinator and safety manager for the clinic was able to secure two large grants totaling \$492,000 to assist in replacing our aging heating and cooling system. The first grant in the amount of \$300,000 covers approximately half of the replacement cost.

The second grant for \$192,000

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2018 Elderly Christmas Party



The 2018 Elderly Christmas Party was held on December 15, 2018 at the Orion Event Center at the North Star Mohican Casino and Resort. Elderly attended this event in hopes of seeing and visiting with close friends and relatives. There was a 50/50 raffle, entertainment, and food. The winners of the 50/50 were Annette Schreiber and Anita Miller. The entertainment was performed by Isley Welch, Carlos Fernandes, Logan Theix and Mr. Marquardt. On the menu was a glazed honey ham, sirloin beef tips, mashed potatoes & gravy, candied carrots, and for dessert was choice of pie or cake. The wait staff deserves a tremendous

thank you for all their hard work in organizing a wonderful meal. Also, a very gracious thanks goes to the elderly staff for their important roles with the event. DeAnna De-nasha, Kristy Malone, Nikki Bowman for taking care of all the registration. Laura Moede for handling tickets sales, announcements and contests, Rod Davids for ticket sales and Bill Terrio for organizing lines and creativity. The Mohican News would like to apologize for not getting a picture of everyone. If the Mohican News was not able to identify any of you in the pictures please call 715-793-4389 or email brett.miller@mohican-nsn.gov.

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2018 ELDERLY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Stacey Schreiber & Annette Schreiber



Rhonda Bowman



Donna Bucholtz



Lee Miller, Shannon Holsey, Sue Miller



Randy Malone & Matt Putnam



Aurora, Shannon, Laura



Shannon, Laura, Iynea



Ruthie, Lois



Norma, Pat, Ruthie, Lois



Annette Schreiber 50/50 Winner



Anita Miller 50/50 winner

Voices



Answering Joe's question, "Who authorized or required that actual blood quantum be established to those on the rolls prior to 1937 when our most recent constitution was adopted?" **Prior to 1937, the 1857 constitution states in Article I, "There shall be no distinction made of the United Tribe of Stockbridges and Munsee Indians, on account of descent, or birth, (saving where character and qualifications shall render any person eligible for any post of trust or honor) but all shall alike be entitled to enjoy the rights, privileges and advantages of the Nation."** This foresight of our ancestors sustained our tribe up to the 1893 Painter Roll, which is comprised those listed on the Citizen party and the Indian party. This roll included all tribal people and their descendants and was approved by Congress. This Painter Roll also sustained the tribe up to and including the 1910 roll and the adoption of the 1937 Constitution. **NO BLOOD QUANTUM** had been used to say who was a tribal member whether Stockbridge, Munsee, Narragansett, Brotherton, Delaware, Pequot, etc.... Descendants were included as stated in 1857 Constitution and the 1893 Painter Roll.

es and descendants. **BLOOD QUANTUM** was not a requirement to be a tribal member. The 1940 roll is based on the 1910, 1893 rolls.

At the time of adoption of the 1937 Constitution, the government wrote the presiding president a letter asking if the tribe really wanted to set membership as ¼ blood quantum. This requirement set the stage for what is happening now-tribal membership decreasing. Past practices were not based on Blood quantum, but on lineage even though that verbiage is not used. The 1857 constitution and the 1893 Painter Roll both contain verbiage that there would be no distinction, and all were entitled to be members. Once our tribal leaders decided in 1937-1940 to use ¼ blood quantum, instead of moving forward using 1940 as the base roll with all listed as full blood- the practice was to go backwards and assign blood quantum to members who up till 1937 had been members based not on blood quantum but as members of SM community. A base roll would stop the looking back to find blood, only family connections. Born in 1940, siblings with same parents; seems like this is what the 1893 roll did.

A referendum as our forefathers used to establish enrollment in the 1940 Ordinance, for all tribal members to have a say in the determination of how we define our tribal membership. Eligible voters are tribal members regardless of where they live. This is why a referendum is important to hear all tribal members.

John Williams

The Indian Restoration Act (IRA) 1934, was established for land assignments not blood degree-yet the government decreed that the tribe use ¼ blood as a requirement for membership. The IRA was used for the adoption of the 1937 Constitution and bylaws. The 132 who voted were the required 30% of the more than 400 members at that time and this included spous-

BriAnne Mae Ahwaapeesiit Goss Memorial Scholarship

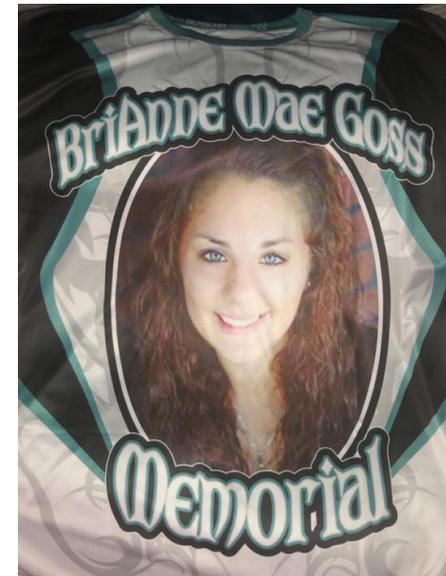
We would like to thank the Stockbridge-Munsee Family Services department for hosting both a gift basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds to go toward the scholarship fund at the 2018 Children's Christmas Party on December 15th.

BriAnne forever put others first and truly wanted to make a difference in our Communities. When Bree passed away in January 2018, she touched 121 children's lives during her short career as a Social Worker, and that is something that we as her family cannot be prouder about.

Bree had a personal motto that we hope everyone can try and carry through your lives:

Stay Humble, Work Hard and Be Kind

BriAnne was involved in the Bowler Alumni Scholarship Association and served as the Vice-President. Upon review of the 2017 scholarship application Brian and Janet decided with the assistance of their families they would start the BriAnne Goss Ahwaapeesiit Memorial Scholarship Fund. We awarded the first scholarship to



an individual that is pursuing an education to become a social worker.

The scholarship application will be quite simple, we will be asking for a short essay explaining to us what you will be pursuing as an education and future career path and how you will be helping your community with this education.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your support and May God Bless you all during this Holiday season.

Brian, Janet and their families

Home for sale to a Tribal Member ...\$185,000



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Master suite has oasis tub, shower and large walk in closet.



From the PRC Department:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact:

Kasha Coyhis, PRC Manager 715-793-5011

Ally Miller, PRC Assistant 715-793-3015



Elders

Pharmacy Guide

Pharmacy Guide – Please take the following steps to help pharmacy better serve you.

If you had an appointment with a clinic provider and received a prescription, please stop by pharmacy to ensure the prescription was received and to inform pharmacy if you will be waiting for your prescription.

If you have a new prescription from an outside provider, please call the pharmacy after you have had your appointment to see if we have received any prescriptions from your visit and to let us know when you will be coming in to pick them up.

If you do NOT have refills remaining, but need refills, call 715-793-5087 to contact your provider.

If you have refills remaining and

are placing an order to refill your medication, please call at least 48 hours in advance but not earlier than the following:

- If you receive a 30 day supply you can place your order up to 5 days in advance.
- If you receive a 60 day supply you can place your order up to 10 days in advance.
- If you receive a 90 day supply you can place your order up to 15 days in advance.

By working with us we will be able to serve you more efficiently.

For controlled medications. If you have a someone else designated as an authorized person to pick up your controlled medication, please complete a new proxy form. The old proxy form will expire January 1, 2019. New proxy forms are available in the Pharmacy.



Stacey Cicero, Executive Director of Safe Haven, accepts the Gresham Lions' donation from Lion Bob Klopke.

The Gresham Lions Club recently held their annual Christmas party. In lieu of a gift exchange, the Lions took up a collection and donated four hundred twenty-five dollars to the Safe Haven Capital Campaign. The Safe Haven mission is one that we can all help support: "To encourage a safe community, free of physical and sexual violence and emotional abuse, through shelter, caring, advocacy and education."

Survivors Pension

The Survivors Pension benefit, which may also be referred to as Death Pension, is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or unmarried child(ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service.

Eligibility

The deceased Veteran must have met the following service requirements:

- For service on or before

September 7, 1980, the Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, with at least one day during a war time period.

- If he or she entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally he or she must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty with at least one day during a war time

On the Trail Home



Enid Blythe Tousey

Enid Blythe Tousey age 86 passed into eternal life peacefully in her granddaughter, Jennepher's home in Weyauwega surrounded by her family on Saturday, December 15, 2018. She was born on February 27, 1932 and raised in Wausaukee, WI daughter of the late Ralph and Winnie (McRae) Rishel. She attended Wausaukee High School and graduated with the Class of 1950. Enid Rishel met and married Ervin "Smokey" Tousey on September 9, 1950. Together they owned numerous businesses

including Tousey's Restaurant in Suring, WI. Upon retirement they enjoyed traveling and spending their winters in Texas.

Enid is survived by her children, Michael Tousey of Gillett, William "Bill" Tousey of Oconto, Winnie Souza of Lathrop, CA, Paul (Wendy) Tousey of Castile, NY; 21 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin "Smokey" Tousey; her 2 sons, Gene "Bud" and John Tousey; her brother, Ralph Rishel and her sister Ardith Biernasz.

Visitation was held at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring on Saturday, December 22, 2018 until the Funeral Service. Enid will be laid to rest next to her husband in Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Online condolences can be left at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com

Special thank you to ThedaCare at Home Hospice and its staff for the excellent care offered to Enid during her time of need and also to her caregiver and dear friend Laurette Hatfield.

period.

- Was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions.

Survivors Pension is also based on your yearly family income, which must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify.

While an un-remarried spouse is eligible at any age, a child of a deceased wartime Veteran must be:

- Under 18, **OR**
- Under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, **OR**
- Permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability before age 18

Your yearly family income must

be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Survivors Pension benefit. Learn more about income and net worth limitation, and see an example of how VA calculates the Survivors Pension benefit.

How to Apply

To apply for Survivors Pension, download and complete VA Form 21P-534EZ, "Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits" and mail it to the Pension Management Center (PMC) that serves your state.

You may also visit your local regional benefit office and turn in your application for processing. You can locate your local regional benefit office using the VA Facility Locator.

Any questions give me a call.

Veteran's corner:

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Nov Heritage Month at the Boys and Girls Club

By Brett Miller-Mohican News Reporter

According to an Email sent in by Lucille Burr, the Shawano Boys and Girls Club Opened at Olga Brener Intermediate School in January of 2017 and has been going smooth. They are very excited to announce they will be expanding their program to the Shawano Community Middle School in December of 2018. During the month of November 2018, for Native American Heritage Month the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano celebrated by having numerous Native American guest speakers come in and share their culture with the students!

Lucille Burr of the Stockbridge Munsee Community works at Olga Brener and Hillcrest in Shawano, teaching Native American students through the Title VI: Indian Education program. For the month of November, she arranged to have different Native American guest speakers to come to Boys and Girls Club and share their Native teachings with the youth. Below are the guest speakers who came from the Stockbridge Tribe. Brock Schreiber, of the Stockbridge Munsee Community shared his book Cookies Full of Love. The students enjoyed hearing his book, listening to his singing and ukulele playing, and writing stories with him. He explained the importance

of writing, editing, and following your dreams.

Warren Miller of the Stockbridge Munsee Community shared his love of cooking traditional foods. He made Traditional Blue Corn Mush with the students. They were able mix the ingredients together, try new foods, and talk about how to make healthy choices.

Misty Cook of the Stockbridge Munsee Community taught students about Native American medicines. She made "Indian Kool Aid" with the students which involved honey, sumac, maple syrup, and water. The students enjoyed the taste and benefits of the "Indian Kool Aid."

Jeremy Mohawk of the Stockbridge Munsee Community taught the language to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. He told them traditional stories and connected with the students about the Native American Culture and language. A huge thank you goes out to these amazing people who have shared their culture, time, and skills with the students of the Shawano Boys and Girls Club! The students enjoyed the presentations very much. Passing traditions down from generation to generation would not happen without the teachings of these amazing people.

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killed the deer. The hunter picked the deer up and threw it over his shoulder and started to walk back to camp. The Owl was flying above and began to talk to the hunter. The Owl asked the hunter "why did I not receive the fat and the heart to which was promised to me?" The hunter said, "you will still receive it, I must get this deer to my family." The Owl was disappointed by this and decided to curse the hunter. He told the Hunter he is cursing him and as soon as he stops and sets the deer down he is going to die. The hunter didn't think much of it. The Hunter continued to walk with the deer on his shoulder and he started to get hot, tired and sweaty, but the hunter kept going. The hunter was worried he was going to die. He decided he was going to curse the Owl in return. The Hunter yelled to the Owl "where are you?" The Owl answered, "I am here." The hunter said to the Owl "I am going to curse you, when you stop flying to rest you are going to die." The hunter is walking with the deer on his shoulder and the Owl is flying in the air, both cursed by death. They both are thinking they do not want to die, so the Owl said to the hunter "I will take my curse back if you take yours back," and the Hunter agreed. They both took

each-others' curse back. The hunter stopped and set the deer on the ground and took his knife out and cleaned the deer. He cut the fat and the heart out and gave it to the Owl. Now, both of their promises have been honored.

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requires the clinic to utilize geothermal heating and cooling, and further reduces the cost to replace our components.

Geothermal is usually more expensive to install than traditional heating and cooling systems, but thanks to the \$192,000 grant, switching to geothermal will save the Tribe \$104,000 over using a traditional system. In addition to the \$104,000 up front saving, the clinic will continue to save in energy cost year after year. A study conducted by engineers in 2013 estimates the Tribe will save \$24,000 a year in energy costs and reduce our carbon emissions by 34 tons per year by using geothermal.

Thanks to the grant funding the Tribe will only spend \$105,000 to replace the aging heating and cooling system that would otherwise cost an estimated \$597,000. The clinic is also exploring a third grant opportunity to potentially cover the \$105,000 cost.

Geothermal Heat Pump Basics according to <https://www.nrel.gov/research/re-geo-heat-pumps.html>

Geothermal heat pumps take advantage of the nearly constant temperature of the Earth to heat and cool buildings. The shallow ground, or the upper 10 feet of the Earth, maintains a temperature between 50 and 60F (10-16C). This temperature is warmer than the air above it in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Geothermal heat pump systems consist of three parts: the ground heat exchanger, the heat pump unit, and the air delivery system (ductwork). The heat exchanger is a system of pipes called a loop, which is buried in the shallow

ground near the building. A fluid (usually water or a mixture of water and antifreeze) circulates through the pipes to absorb or relinquish heat within the ground.

Heat pumps work much like refrigerators, which make a cool place (the inside of the refrigerator) cooler by transferring heat to a relatively warm place (the surrounding room), making it warmer. In the winter, the heat pump removes heat from the heat exchanger and pumps it into the indoor air delivery system, moving heat from the ground to the building's interior. In the summer, the process is reversed, and the heat pump moves heat from the indoor air into the heat exchanger, effectively moving the heat from indoors to the ground. The heat removed from the indoor air during the summer can also be used to heat water, providing a free source of hot water.

Geothermal heat pumps use much less energy than conventional heating systems, since they draw heat from the ground. They are also more efficient when cooling your home. Not only does this save energy and money, it reduces air pollution.

All areas of the United States have nearly constant shallow-ground temperatures, which are suitable for geothermal heat pumps.



Stockbridge Munsee Community



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Children love the out of doors in the winter time. Below are tips to keeping them warm and healthy.

- ◆ Stick to routines your child is familiar with.
- ◆ Give them a "heads up" keeps them in the loop and lets them know what to expect next.
- ◆ Schedule some down time...even 15 minutes of a quiet activity like reading a book can calm a child.
- ◆ Allow your child to express their emotions and help them to understand why they are feeling the way they do.
- ◆ Get moving...exercise helps to release stress hormones and feels good.
- ◆ Take time for yourself. If you're feeling great, you are able to better parent your child.

Calendar of Events

- **12.21.2018-01.01.2019: WINTER BREAK-HEAD START WILL BE CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK**
- **01.02.2019: CLASSES RESUME**

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