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Office of the President

2019 Tribal Council Platforms



Hello,
My name is Gregg W. Duffek and I am very interested and honored to obtain your vote for the Tribal President position this fall. I have a Master of Science Degree in Business Management and Organization Behavior. My Emphasis has always been
Duffek continued on page Six:



Serving as your Tribal President has been the greatest honor of my life and I hope I've made you proud. Whether I have the good fortune to serve another term or not I feel like I have already won. Because this experience has allowed me to challenge myself in a way I never imagined and to grow both
Holsey continued on page Six:



Hello everyone. I would like to thank everyone for taking time read this. My name is matt Putnam, I am currently Vice President of our tribe and I appreciate your support throughout this year. There are several issues that have come to the forefront of our tribe in
Putnam continued on page Six:

Election News:

(Editor's Note: A petition has been submitted to remove four individuals from Tribal Council. That removal process is scheduled for September 14, 2019. This date is after the Mohican News has gone to print. Therefore, some of the people who have sent in their platforms may not be eligible to run in the actual Primary which is scheduled for September 21, 2019. The Mohican News will post those who are not eligible on the web page and other posting areas).

Primary September 21, 2019
Election October 12, 2019

Office of Vice-President

Office of the Treasurer



Greetings, my name is Jolene Bowman and I wish you all well. I am respectfully asking for your support in attaining the position of Vice President on Saturday, September 21st in the Tribal primary.

I am the daughter of Nathalee Kristiansen and granddaughter of the late Leona and Clarence "Gobe" Bowman. I am
Bowman cont pg Seven:



Dear Community Members,
It has been an honor to serve you in the past. I ask for your support as I seek election as Vice-President of our great Mohican Nation.

I am the son of Corlyss and Lucille "Cille" Miller; husband to Linda; father to Tara (Pete), Beau (Starlyn) and Trace; grandfather to Corbin, Leslyn, Miles, Meryl, Corlyss and Moss.
G. Miller cont pg Twelve:



Koolamalsi. I am Tara (Miller) Moderson, the daughter of Greg and Linda Miller and the granddaughter of Corlyss and Cille Miller. I am a lifelong resident of the reservation, and live here with my husband, Pete, and our blended family: Logan, Emily, Corbin, Leslyn and Corlyss. I am honored to be nominated for the seat of Tribal Treasurer and graciously request your consideration. I am a twenty-four year employee of the Tribe, primarily in the position of Purchasing Manager. My responsibilities include ensuring Purchasing and Financial Policy
Moderson cont Thirteen:



Dear Tribal Members,

I have decided to seek another term as the Tribal Treasurer. I am very thankful for the support I have received over the last 36 years and I am asking for your vote at the primary on September 21, 2019. I believe I have done a good job and I have the historical knowledge that would assist the future Tribal Council with looking out for the best interests of our Tribe.

There have been many changes over the years that have
Terrio cont pg Seven:



Dear Tribal Members,

Thank you for the nomination for Tribal Treasurer. I am the daughter of Allen and Leona Vele. I moved to the reservation in 2006 and worked as a Cage/Vault Supervisor at North Star until I transferred to the Tribal Government in 2009 as a Data Entry Staff Member in the Finance Department. I currently hold a position as the Child Support Financial/Outreach Specialist. I am a proud mother of three children; Jacob, Hunter and Cheyenne and have
L. Vele cont page Seven:

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From the Office of the President

A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand



descendants. Profound words to serve by.

Our nation is caught in a hyper conflict that is dividing our nation's leadership, community—and even families. The climate has induced some strongly-held beliefs and sometimes even pour fuel on the resulting inferno. This polarization has become so intense that many people no longer trust anyone from a differing perspective. Which further fuels societal tensions and have metastasized into a dangerous division that seriously threatens our democracy. Unless our people can bridge these divisions and forge a new path forward, it will be impossible to work together, maintain a functioning democracy, and solve our ongoing nation's needs.

If you've turned on the news or scrolled through social media over the past few weeks, your optimism about the state of our Nation may be waning. Respectful political discourse has hit a new low, rhetoric on social media is alienating, and our Nation has the

We, the people of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, grateful to the Great Spirit for his fostering care, in order to reestablish our tribal organization, to conserve and develop our common resources and to protect the welfare of ourselves and our

potential to become more divided than it has been in a while.

Accordingly, conflict is one of the most difficult things for any leader to handle. A more positive proactive approach to dealing with conflict means directly addressing the difference in opinion or belief. You and the other party have only two productive options: accept the other person's position or find a compromise. Mutual rejection is not a productive option. We must keep dealing with the conflict until there is a mutual resolution: acceptance or compromise. As we all go through this process, I suggest we always take the high road and treat each other with mutual respect and decorum.

What our Tribal Council and

Community need right now is continued prayers to bring healing to move beyond the conflict and move forward in a good way. The leader doesn't wear a title to show who's in charge, doesn't think they are better than everyone else, and acts in a way to care for others. Setting an example of service, the servant leader understands that it is not about the leader, but about others. I am reminded and humbled by the profound words of the good book "A house divided against itself cannot stand". We are in service to you and as leaders ascribe to think about the next generation, the next leader, the next opportunity.

Sincerely, President Shannon Holsey

Bids Wanted

Community Health is looking for bids for catering two events.

- Menu is to consist of Indigenous / pre-colonized food items.
- Dates are Oct 17 for 50 people and Nov 21st for 100 people

Please submit all bids with menu to Anita Mihtukwsun: anita.mihtukwsun@mohican.com by 9/15/2019

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Letter to the Community

It has been determined by the Election Board that I am not eligible to run for office until December 3rd of this year, based on an unclear decision by the Appellate Court in 2016, how many yes voters from 2016 are on the election board?

Moving forward: Most divisive to the Tribe are the 2 recall elections in the past 3 years, this is unprecedented in the tribe's history. Leadership from the Presidents chair is critical in uniting, not dividing the community, there is responsibility here as many fingers point in that direction, actions speak louder than words.

Leadership means doing everything under your authority to act in the best interest of the tribe, not yourself. Leaders do not ride the fence, leaders do not tell people what they want to hear, they tell people what they need to know. Leaders are not afraid to take a stand and make the hard decisions, that is what they are elected to do. Leaders speak for those who are afraid to speak out. Honesty and credibility are the 2 most important qualities that a leader can have, once lost, you can never get them back!

We need to provide all eligible voting membership the ability to be heard with absentee ballots, and ability to vote in Secretarial Elections no matter where you live. We continue to divide by having 2

classes of membership, residents vs. nonresidents.

"Membership" I think by now, you know where I stand on this issue, 4 of us made a legal interpretation of the constitution as we saw it, I stand behind that decision. A subsequent council made that same determination in 2018, with the same family, where was the recall then?

"Include not Exclude" that is the decision before us, to see that this community, this tribe of people, are in existence 100 plus years from now. Remove the "Blood Quantum" system that was designed to illuminate us and that has brainwashed some of our members as the only means of recognition, we need to recognize that we are all "Descendants" not by degree, we all have descended from someone from someplace. Start by Voting yes on the upcoming referendum as it provides a starting place to move forward and it rights the wrongs that were committed in the past. Unite this community and tribe by putting all on equal ground. Don't let greed drive you, don't be afraid of what you stand to lose, think of what this tribe stands to gain. Vote for those candidates who want to take this Tribe well into the future, not those who only want to cling to the past, See you soon.

Thank You: JOE MILLER



The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is accepting bids from Tribal members on a home located at N8987 Little Road, Gresham, Wisconsin. **Minimum Bid \$30,000**

HOME INFORMATION:

- Approximately 1900 sq. ft. Manufactured home (approx. 17 years old)
- No basement, mason block crawl space on slab
- 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bath
- 5-acre assignment
- Country setting
- Home has LP furnace and water heater
- Pellet Stove Fireplace
- Home and buildings to be sold in "AS IS CONDITION"

This sale will be a cash sale or financed through our loan department with qualified credit. Bidders must be able to close on the sale within 45 days of bid acceptance.

If you are interested in viewing the property or need additional information please contact Land Management at 793-4855 OR 793-4869

All bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR GRESHAM HOME AT N8987 Little Road, Gresham WI. 54128. All bids must be sealed and presented to: JERILYN JOHNSON
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Bids will be accepted until: **Friday September 20th, 2019 AT 4:30PM**



My Side

Now, it has become very popular for people to research their heritage. There is an abundance of information online that wasn't available even 10 years ago. We here at the Tribe have relied on individuals telling folks seeking enrollment that paper work submitted pertaining to family heritage is wrong in many cases even parentage is questioned. Enrollment is a painful subject that has plagued our Tribe for over 150 years. It is time to settle this once and for all so we as a Tribe can move forward.

A petition calling for the removal from office of four Tribal Council members is moving forward without a chance for the people to defend themselves. I decided to use this form to at least defend myself from what I think has been a misrepresentation of the facts, passed along amongst Tribal Members.

1) I do support the chapter 44 enrollment ordinance revision to be presented to our members at the 2019 Tribal election and voted on by the members. I am a firm believer majority rules. Numerous times in the past I openly stated this and if you were told any different it is untrue. I don't believe this decision should be made by a few, In fact it should never have been. When we sit back and continue as we have been, we play into the hands of those who wish to be eradicate us as a Tribe.

2) I do not believe this Tribal Council has illegally enrolled anyone. Decisions are based on the in-

formation available in black and white at the time the matter is brought forth.

3) I do not have a concern regarding tribal resources to the new eligible members. We currently provide direct services to descendants and have purchased land within Redsprings and Bartelme bringing our land base over 24,000 acres. We are struggling to fill jobs we have available within the tribe, so employment is available. That being said, folks are established where they currently live and some descendants are enrolled in other Tribes who may not wish to leave, I do not believe there would be a huge influx in our community overnight as I have heard from a couple members, however I believe we should prepare for growth instead of extinction.

I have heard from a few tribal members that they could support counting all native blood and I could support this, however count for where? Where do you start? We would end up with the same problems we have and are currently experiencing.

In closing this is not a decision to be made by a few and I believe I did my job to get this important decision ready and available to be voted on by our membership and if this is the reason to remove me from office then I will go out knowing and feeling that I did the right thing. Thank you all for the support I have received over the years.

Respectfully,
Terrie K. Terrio

Dissatisfied

Latest issue of Mohican News is very disappointing (no. 17). So many pictures and no captions or identification of the people in the pictures! This reminds me of many of the old pictures taken by non-Indian people where they did the same thing! It's very disrespectful of those photographed, in my opinion, plus frustrating for those viewing the pics. This should be a policy for Mohican News!! Signed, Leah J. Miller

(Editor's Note: I respect every person's right to say what they want about the layout and content of the Mohican News. I only ask that you acknowledge that I am putting this paper together alone until I can get the reporter position filled. There are only so many hours in a day to get everything done and I apologize and promise to get out the best paper I can!)

Thanks but no thanks

"My name is Andrew Miller, and I am the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center Director. I am happy to be serving my community, and strive to improve the level of healthcare provided to our tribe. I am extremely honored to have been nominated to run for tribal council.

While grateful, I am respectfully declining the nomination. I want to thank the community for giving me the honor to serve as the clinic director. The position is demanding, but the rewards from knowing that I can make a positive impact to my community are great. At this point, I do not believe I have the time necessary to both manage the clinic and serve on council in a productive manner. Again, I thank you for the nomination, and hope that the best candidates are selected."

Office of Tribal Councilmember



Hello, I am Linda Mohawk-Katchenago. My parents are George and Carrol Mohawk (Ninham). My Grandparents were Riley and Liza Mohawk (Welch) and Maurice (Buckshot) and Coleen Ninham(Bowman). I am married to Harold Katchenago and have one daughter Jessica Boyd (Mohawk) son-in-law Richard Boyd and two wonderful grandchildren, Ethan and Ziva.

I am asking for your support and ask for your consideration as I seek a seat on the Tribal Council in the position of Tribal Council Member. I have worked for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for over twenty-five years, the last twelve as the Tribal Administrator. I have experience in developing public policies and procedures. I have served on several community boards such as the Police and Fire Commission, Housing Board, and a previous two-year term as Tribal Treasurer. I have an Associate Degree in Small Business Management, a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy and a Master's degree in Business Organization Behavior.

I believe in the power of the people and that leaders should always be willing to listen to the people. To serve a community and represent it's people is one of the greatest responsibilities that an individual can undertake. I believe I have the work experience, education and heart to serve the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, ethically, with grace and dignity.

Linda Mohawk-Katchenago

Importance of Voting

The importance of voting is so relevant in our Community because of the small size of the population. How many times have we seen a need for a run-off election because two people tied (three that I can remember).

There are approximately 700 Tribal members who live "on" the Reservation. Maybe 50-100 people drive here from other parts of the state and several fly here from across the country to vote. Our numbers are better than the country as a whole but they could improve. So get out there and do your civic duty and vote! Editor



Hello, My name is Marv "Buttons" Malone. This is my first year on Tribal Council. I would like to thank everyone who supported me throughout the year, and I hope to continue to have your support as it is greatly appreciated. I have gained a lot of knowledge, and there is so much more to be learned. I feel there are several things to be reviewed for the Tribal Members, Employees, and our Community.

One of the hardest things we are working with is to be fair with Enrollment. We have a very dedicated Enrollment Committee that is researching and finding blood lines that have been corrupted for many years.

Some of the issues found are Enrolled members becoming disenrolled. Siblings that have the same parents but not having equal Blood Quantum's'. These things must change and be done the correct way by following chapter 44.

Another issue is that we have many Casino and Tribal jobs within the Community and there are many Tribal Members that are well qualified for these positions. Therefore, I feel we should start hiring our qualified Tribal Members and provide them with the opportunity to be employed and gain the right training to do their jobs successfully.

I believe our Management at the casino is a big reason our workers are not staying long term. If we can provide Management with the proper skills/training to work with all individual workers, this would help with everyone being treated the same. It would also raise moral for the employees. They need to know everything their job entails so that they can manage more effectively and work together to make everyone's work environment better.

I feel if you are serving on Tribal Council you have the responsibility to do what is right for all our Tribal Members. We must try harder to put more Businesses in the mall on Highway 22. We need to invest in getting more businesses on the

Malone continued on page Five:



My name is Brett Miller, I am honored to accept your Tribal Council candidate nomination. If elected, I not only bring with me my experience and passion for community engagement but fresh innovative ideas on how we can diversify income and generate new revenue streams.

My goals as your next councilman include but are not limited to the following:

- *Workforce Development, the economic development focusing on people.* I would like to further develop our current workforce by matching employee strengths and interests with available positions. In addition, I believe investing in our current work force by offering competitive salaries and benefits are vital in order to retain and attract talent.
 - *Additions to the Pow Wow.* For example, incorporate a LaCrosse tournament to increase attendance and showcase our traditional games in order to teach the younger generation its cultural significance and get them actively involved while encouraging fitness.
 - *Tribal Council term increase to 2 years.* I feel that a 1 year term isn't sufficient for any new councilman to come on board and fully grasp necessary changes and then develop and implement effective plans of action. I would also like to encourage Robert's Rules of Order to be mandatory training for all new councilmen in order to understand and participate effectively during Tribal Council and other committee board meetings.
 - *Enrollment.* Develop a more efficient system for accurate record keeping of enrolled members and their descendants.
 - *Renewable Energies.* Seek out existing grants and resources to move toward a zero-carbon reservation with focus on solar and wind sustainable energies.
 - *Per Capita Payments.* I'd like to achieve a 10% growth in total annual revenue to increase per caps. Also, I believe through proper distribution of current
- B. Miller cont on page Five:**



Hello, my name is Chad Miller, it has been an honor to serve the community in the past as a Tribal Councilmen. I am humbly seeking your support in the upcoming primary and regular election. My experience on Council was challenging but rewarding and I believe I have more to offer. The ongoing enrollment issues seem to be at an all-time high. Reaching a boiling point threatening to divide the Nation much like the Citizen and Indian parties from our past. I have no issue with exploring what avenues this community may pursue for our future longevity as a people. Whether it's to lower blood quantum or to count other native blood I am willing to look at it all. We have a responsibility to our membership to vet all these ideas and scenarios and weigh their impacts against what we currently offer our membership in terms of shared resources. A rush to action without thinking about the big picture consequences would be a mistake. The future is not written yet, and whether elected to Council or not, I plan to be involved with the process that shapes it. My hope is for the betterment of the Nation.

We still have not adequately faced the ongoing drug epidemic, specifically opioid addiction, and how many families are affected by this in our community. I think it would be hard pressed not to find a family who has not been touched by this sweeping issue. We must face this dilemma head on our future depends on it. More needs to be done.

Tribal sovereignty continues to be eroded, Nationally, we must fight for every inch of ground as a Native community. The current administration would like nothing more than for us to go away a mere footnote in history. Whether like the Dawes Act or Termination, know that history can repeat itself without resiliency and perseverance. If elected I hope to be worthy of those leaders of the past who fought and overcame adversity to give us what we have today.

My message is despite uncertainty

C. Miller cont on page Five:

Office of Tribal Councilmember



First all let me express the sincere gratitude I have for being considered for a seat on Council.

In order to keep moving forward and strengthening our Nation, we as members, need to unite and work for the betterment of all tribal members.

With that said, if elected, I would serve the Nation in a capacity it deserves, with respect and dignity. Decisions formulated on policy, facts, and research for the betterment of the Tribe is what I would

provide. It is a very serious commitment and know that I would serve in the greatest extent possible with a vision of uniting our Tribe, strengthening our Nation, and ensuring the survival of our people for generations to come.

Remember, whomever you vote for, know that your vote and your voice will be heard.

With humble respect I ask for your support, Robert (Bob) Vele

VOTE BOB VELE

Greetings, I would honored to represent you in this upcoming year as one of your elected tribal council members. We all assume nothing and hope to enrich our minds and thoughts with clear direction and equality. I know how to add, read and write. I dress for success and have always represented this Nation with extreme professionalism and attention to detail. We need leaders that aren't AFRAID to stand up and greet our visitors from the outside and aren't AFRAID to do what's right versus what's wrong. If you promise something and then change your mind and direction – Lair! If you can't stand up and say your name and title out loud stay home.

We have one employee whom has worked for this Nation in the same position for over thirty (30) years and the employee still only makes \$18.00 dollars per hour, but we can elect janitors, yard keepers and pay them over twenty (\$20.00) for one year. Popularity be damned, elect people on experience and knowledge of the issues.

I hope to make it through these goofy primary's and into the general elections. We have never had more than six hundred voters and some people can't afford to travel back and forth to the polls to assist in electing our enrolled members to these seats-why do we have primaries?

Thank you and I hope you vote Scott R. Vele



My name is Martin James Welch. I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming September 21, 2019 primary Tribal Council election.

I am the son of Kirby (Web) and Bonnie (Toot) welch and a proud father of three children Isley, Jasmine and Lillian. I have lived on the Stockbridge Munsee reservation my whole life. I have a strong passion and desire for my community and people. Because knowledge is a precious quality and learning is endless regardless of age, I want to represent this elected position on a fulltime basis to make myself more available and to fulfill the work task responsibilities that come with it. I want to help our nation gain valuable resources and knowledge to strengthen our abilities to grow stronger.

Everybody has a dream. I live my dream every day doing the best that I can to contribute back to my community. As your Tribal Council representative, it would be an honor to continue to serve the Mohican Nation.

Vote Martin James Welch for Tribal Council

Malone cont from page Four:

land out on highway 29 and Cty. G. Such as a truck stop/ gas station because it is half way between Wittenberg and Shawano.

We need more housing, and a 24-hour day care for our Tribal Members to utilize so they can maintain employment. One of the main reasons for our Community members not being able to remain employed is lack of Child Care. These are just some of the things we need address in the immediate future.

I am willing to talk to Tribal Members, Elders, and Employees for their ideas. We need to work together to achieve this. I know there are many things the

community wants, such as a referendum for Chief of Police, we had more than enough signatures. I have attended meetings and visited our Resource Room at the Mohican Family Center, and I can see that there is need for a school or secondary type of schooling for our children on our Reservation. There are so many more things we as a Tribe can come up with and come together to take care of everyone. I thank everyone for your vote, and I look forward to being able to serve continue to serve our Community.

Thank You
Marv "Buttons" Malone

B. Miller cont from pg Four:

resources we can move from an annual per cap and toward a more frequent per cap throughout the year. This includes reviewing and reforming our current policies in order to more efficiently streamline our spending and offer transparency and engagement for all to make this happen.

In short, collaboration in setting both short and long-term financial goals and developing strategic initiatives to position ourselves

for success to achieve these goals are what I am motivated to get involved with to better our community. It is up to us to create these conversations and identify these economic opportunities. I believe I am a strong candidate with creative ideas on how to work with new and existing community partners in order to continue moving us toward a solid future for our great Stockbridge-Munsee community! If these ideas resonate, please get out and vote BRETT MILLER!

C. Miller cont from page Four:

I think we as a people can overcome any challenges these times throw at us. Historically, we are a resilient people that find a way, survival is in our nature.

I will continue to represent the community with integrity, respect, and impartiality. The community deserves commitment and consistency, I will continue both. Open communication is the key

to building strength within the community and I hope my time on Council has shown my desire to build stronger relationships through a positive exchange of ideas. I am optimistic for our future, but it comes with many challenges. I will do my best to meet them.

Thank you for your consideration
Sincerely, Chad Miller

Lay Advocates & Guardian AD Litem Recruitment Announcement for Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Chief Judge Travis Miller has issued the following memorandum to all concerned Lay Advocates and Guardians Ad Litem (GAL): We have had a tribal ordinance change which reads the following: "1.11 (C) Guardians ad Litem and Lay Advocates. The Clerk of Court shall maintain a list of all individuals approved by the Tribal Court System to act as guardian ad litem and lay advocate." In order to serve as guardian ad litem or lay advocate, an individual must successfully complete a training program within the prior year approved by the Judiciary Commission, as provided under Sec. 1.11(C)(2).

Therefore, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court plans to provide a training for all the GAL's and Lay Advocates before the end of the fiscal year and we encourage your participation. Our people deserve the best and most competent legal representation they can get, and as legal practitioners we should never stop learning how to better serve our community. We look for-

ward to seeing you at the training and in the courtroom.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court will be offering a two-day training workshop on "Introduction to Lay Advocacy and Guardian ad Litem Services" for lay advocates, GALs, and interested community members. The training will take place at N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, Wis. in the Tribal Courtroom on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday September 29 from 9am to 5pm. A potential 3rd day of training may be required to complete mock hearings on Monday September 30th.

Participants will be instructed on basics of filing complaints, general pleadings practice, client relations, court procedures, and GAL duties and services.

The training is free upon registration and interested community members are encourages to attend. Anyone interested in the training shall notify the Tribal Court office at 715-793-4397 by Friday, September 20, 2019 to register.

Duffek cont from page One:

Healthcare and Human Services; however, we are faced with economic concerns and opportunities, enrollment decisions dividing our Nation and recruitment and retention issues which need to be organized and fairly decided upon. I worked, went to school at nights and volunteered in many areas here over the last 32 years.

I have learned controlling everything in day to day management breeds not success, but rather descension. When leaders stick their nose in everyday operations, they know nothing about, but do not provide detailed reports of their trips away or hold meetings in little groups to plan their special interests without allowing representation by others, we have an inconsistent way of being a Tribe.

I believe we help each other out better when we stop counting who has and who does not have and focus on how strong our entire Tribe is. We should all have a responsibility to maintain the strength of our Tribe. Only by giving our people the opportunity to make decisions to save money or provide a better service to our families will we grow and strengthen our Nation. Staff who fear being crushed seldom make any decisions to save the Tribe funds or provide any further service. Instead these staff begrudgingly attend work every day.

Some areas I will work on to help advance our Tribe:

- Continue efforts for a Youth Treatment Facility with state funds to help stop the cycle of prescription and other drug abuse which divides our Community. I commend family leaders and individuals for getting involved and speaking up.
- Vacant Business Space in Shawano needs a packet we can send, or hand people interested, and they can see what costs would be associated with their business plan in our facility. Currently it is a guessing game and costs for maintenance will not be defined until after the first year of occupancy in a 5-year lease they expect you to sign. I can see the CBD firm renting there, but you would literally need to be high to enter a lease agreement with the current approach.
- We must form a strong Tribal member Business Committee with a shared vision brought on by what the Community wants. Develop a process for our Businesses, Social Programs and Schools to work together to meet the needs of families and organizations. We need leaders. We need our members educated. We need our businesses to succeed. Let's tell our kids which

Duffek continued on page Ten:

Holsey cont from page One:

personally and professionally. I forever am indebted to our nation to have had the opportunity to represent you on so many levels and capacities, it has truly been the most difficult but enriching experiences of my life.

We took our oaths of office with the grace and humility of knowing that no single person can solve these problems alone—the challenges we face can only be fixed by finding solutions together. The future of our tribal sovereignty depends on our engagement not only with Congress, and the Federal Administration but with county and state leaders as well. We elect these leaders to represent us, and by exercising our rights as sovereign nations that will be the driving force behind positive change for our tribal communities up with reasonable solutions in a strategic and by partisan way.

Native issues can no longer be an ancillary product of Congress but must be addressed regularly and with meaning. So as Native people we no longer must deal with the atrocities of things like the right to be healthy, have clean water, and access to good educations for our children, the exercise our sovereign rights and equal opportunities like everyone else comes to expect.

It's about putting our people first and finding collective ways to engage and include our members in the process in establishing those priorities and creating a roadmap to the resolution needed to accomplish these areas with inclusion, diligence and mindfulness. Native American prophesy states that the day will come, "When the people of the world will turn to Native Americans and other indigenous people to learn how to care for the earth and for one another."

We cannot fix these problems unless people come before politics. We've become paralyzed by polarity and we've become content with division. We've gotten away from who we are as a Nation and the values that make us stronger—not Republican or Democratic values, but our native values of kindness and respect, empathy and compassion, and civility. This is bigger than me; this is about the people of our tribal nation. It's about setting aside political interests and personal ambitions to work together on solving problems collectively including challenges and long-term solutions to areas like enrollment, economic diversification, more resources for health care needs and expansion of affordable and diversified housing options a larger commitment and response to the climate change crisis and embracing a greener community through renewable energy initiatives.

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determining where we will go in the future.

First of all, I believe a leader should look at the total picture and the political parties currently in power, that being Democrat and Republican parties. Are either helping to advance our causes or do they only recognize us after we support them politically. For too long we have limited our potential in dealing with these parties by aligning our tribe with the Democratic Party. I will give you an example: If you owned a restaurant would you only sell your food to Democrats or would you want Republicans to eat also? Being a good leader, you would want both parties to come eat at the same table. For too long we have aligned with only one party. We need both parties to come to table, listen to our ideas, and ensure our own agenda is reached in this process.

Regarding enrollment issue:

I felt as Vice President that the current enrollment process was detrimental to the future of our nation. Many families have been shunned or put out in the cold because of who they were. There was no value in being a community member. I cannot rewrite the wrongs of blood quantum or those that have misused the pen. In my attempt to bring equality to all, is this a perfect process?? Can I redo every injustice over the last 79 years? I strongly feel that by setting the base line roll it gives all a level playing field. The first line descendants whom have been treated as 3rd class citizens, will be truly welcomed home and this will preserve each family for a generation. The day will come again, but we as a Community have set precedents of embracing each other.

In regards to global warming and what we as a nation can do to help with this problem. At this time, I do

I commend the past and present Councils on some of the areas we have improved upon as we continue to be the largest employer in our county with the starting wage of \$12.00 per hour. We have seen growth consistent of gaming revenues, explored the feasibility of community needs from a new health care facility to a centralized tribal office to expansion of our businesses, revitalization of language initiative, currently we have more than 17, 424 acres of land that was placed in into trust with 7, 348 acres in fee status. With the idea that is surrounded by information, diligence and a plan to guide these decisions.

We also have challenges that require us to look more deeply and
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not believe that the affordability and technology is here to move our Tribe forward on a large scale. I am willing to look for new sources of energy for the future at the same time, educating the public and implementing small scale projects as we grow.

Land assignment:

It is not possible at the current time to come into land office and readily see what assignments are available. To clarify this has been brought to my attention by a member of the Land Committee. Tribal Members would come to the Land Committee and stated they could not get the selection they wanted as they could not see what was available.

-Strategic plan:

We have had a bit of conversation about this as a council. It is well past time that this is made a reality.

1: Designated areas for building plans clear and concise so we as a community can see our future growth.

a-homes

b-apartments

c-tribal buildings-Replacing Tribal Office, Museum, and further developing Roads Department for a more efficient motor pool and equipment.

Requiring an accurate accounting of all equipment and material etc.

2: An actual plan for the roughly 560acres of farm land that we possess as the soils are so depleted from poor practices that are almost barren and will be unusable.

Business diversification:

A proposed idea of holding back 3% of gross revenue. We then form a corporation. Ex: Mohican Inc. We form a board of directors reporting to Tribal Council, who's responsibility is to set up or purchase viable LLC's using sound business practices. (this keeps new business separate from tribe and we do not have dual employee issues) The revenue generated from these businesses would be then re-invested back to them keeping them viable but having to be profitable. Any profits left would be directly reinvested back into our community.

Our common goals should be that that we always protect and provide for our Elderly and our Children. Make education and health care affordable so that we thrive as a Nation. All that has been mentioned above is a real foundation to sustaining our people for the coming generations. I would respectfully ask you to vote for me for Tribal President so I can work for the Stockbridge Munsee Community to achieve the goals I've laid out to ensure growth of our nation in the future.
Matt Putnam

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running for the seat of Vice President because I know and love this community and because I know that together, we can put our shared values into practice and expand opportunity for the members of the Mohican Nation.

Leadership built on promises and quick fixes with no action plans does not work for our membership. Instead it requires a leader to “walk the talk”, whose behavior and day-to day actions match their aspirations for real solutions that serve our members which is explored within this platform.

In this day and age, it takes more than good sense and sound judgement to get things done; it takes organizational direction with a purpose that is meaningful for the betterment of all. Quick fire solutions based on little to no substance are temporary fixes that will not last the test of time and/or the state of public affairs in which we all live in.

As a membership driven community, we know that it is not about the individual, but rather what we can do together. When looking for solutions it is about looking within ourselves to see how our work or lack of work impacts our community and then thinking how we can or could do things differently to change the future of our beautiful nation. Let's do this together.

I am all for working smarter and not harder in the context that it means not being busy with busy work that goes nowhere, but instead utilizing our resources, such as, staff, boards, committees, and of course our members to flush out what is working and not working while bringing forward solutions.

Next, these are general thoughts on potential action plans for three significant challenges within our community which include constructing inclusivity among our membership, moving towards a healthier environment, and expanding business opportunities.

Membership Inclusivity

Building tribal capacity comes from the membership and my action plan would be a slow and steady approach for change. There is still a lot of ground work to be done in this area. The options shared during the membership meeting on December 15th need to be fully explored, researched, and presented to the membership for comments. In a membership driven community the membership is given the opportunity to go to the polls well informed on all options open to them.

Healthy Environment

We know growing beyond our means to manage dilutes the good work already being done, so let's clean house and get rid of what is not working and organize what is working while measuring progression by the approved 2015 Strategic Plan. This area will include some thoughts on Communication, Micromanagement, and Per Capita.

I know how micromanagement stifles work and builds silos. However, this can be a two-edge sword when membership wants leadership to intervene. My strength in Organizational Leadership leads me to work on strengthening operations by reviewing organizational structure, function, and needs. This could begin with an overhaul on all policies, ordinances, and bylaws. Updating these governance guidelines to work interconnectivity will result in a unified application to improve consistency. In addition, updating guidelines to stay current in a fair and equitable manner will naturally remove language that serves no purpose other than to hinder our membership overall.

Sometimes even in the world of communication and technology we do not know how to communicate with each other, so we don't have a real conversation. Well lets have a civil conversation that is framed in a positive manner that does not focus on self, but rather the greater good of the community.

Per capita talk is important, but so are the tribal funded services under Health Care, Elderly Service/Ella Besaw Center, Education, Human Services, and Housing. The Revenue Allocation Plan is in place to protect these essential tribal services while also including a possible per-cap to our membership. This is a fair and balanced spending plan that prioritizes service to our Elders and our Youth.

Business Opportunities

Before looking into any business adventures or grants, we need to back up and look within to see what our capacity is today and where do we see it growing in the next five or ten years. This starts with working towards more of a data performance measure means of reporting which uses trends to predict outcomes or changes.

For example, this begins with changing the departmental monthly narrative report to maybe a quarterly data performance report that is represented of what is vital for each specific area

to track. This also could trickle into changing the current semi-annual reporting process back to where Tribal Council reports to the people after meeting the previous week with staff directly to evaluate trends, changes, and solutions. If the result is applying for sustainable grants and/or businesses that support clean and traditional living habits, then that should guide our search within our capacity to do so.

The days of I think or thought it is a good idea or sound business plan are over. We need to think beyond today and think more of how our decisions today will impact the future generations.

Investing in off reservation business opportunities is a great way to expand our financial portfolio, but sometimes the cash investment and the time ratio on the return does not outweigh the interest being received on our investments. As such, there are opportunities that arise with lower risk and faster returns that we should be aggressively and proactively looking for before they are picked up by other business seekers.

My leadership style is that of a straight shooter which is an honest and forthright leader who will work for the people. It is more about working collectively on challenges for practical solutions that work for our community. At times my leadership may seem a bit quieter than what you expect for the position, but be rest assured, I am listening and thinking through things while having the community at the forefront of the work I do every day. As an introverted leader my process is seeking to understand while using my strengths to lead.

My strengths are built on a solid work foundation that consists of a higher education, 27(+) years of tribal experience, and prior tribal and national leadership for sustainable results. I am committed to investing wisely, being fiscally sound, and keeping Mohican Nations steadfast commitment to its tribal citizens. To me service in leadership is respecting elders and veterans while using this guidance to build self-awareness within our youth so they can be the future we want to see in the world.

If you support leadership with the proven ability to walk their talk, support me in the Stockbridge-Munsee primary on Saturday, September 14th and hopefully onto the tribal elections on Saturday, October 12th. Thank you so much for your time and consideration. ANUSHIIK/ONEEWE!(Thank You)

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been positive. I can remember when our first clinic was conducted out of a used trailer house, that doubled as the tribal office, when the visiting doctors came once a month. The ladies of the Tribe would prepare meals for the doctors as they provided our people with medical services. I was a teenager at the time and remember how proud I was to be a member of this Community.

I still feel this way and remember these times to see how far we as a people have come and to appreciate the work of past leadership and to be hopeful and encouraged with future leadership of our Tribe.

Respectfully,
Terrie K. Terrio

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been with my boyfriend, William Welch, for twelve years. I am proud to be a Member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, and am so pleased to belong to a community that offers so many opportunities to its membership. As a member, I have stayed current with the issues our tribe is currently working on including: Enrollment Reform, Transparency, Program Oversight and Economic Growth. If elected, I will do my best to serve my community and find comparable solutions to these issues. I want to do what's right for our people and believe that we all need to work together for positive change.

As your Tribal Representative, I will call for sensible investment of the Tribes earnings and strive to change the Tribes dependence on outside sources. Restoring the Tribes ability to self-sustain is at the top of my priorities. We can be independent and growing our own food and supply our own power. We are a strong nation and can become even stronger as we rely less on others and again become self-sustaining.

Please let me be your voice and know that I am open to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our tribe.

Sincerely,
Lisa Vele

Save the date for the “Indigenizing the Future of STEM” conference. Please join the 2019 AISES National Conference October 10-12 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Registration is now open! <http://conference.aises.org/>

Also please keep in mind they have a hands-on STEM Day on Wednesday 10/9 from noon – 4pm. This event is **FREE** for WI Middle and High School Students and open to all Middle and High School Students.

National Conference website: <https://conference.aises.org/>
Agenda: <https://conference.aises.org/agenda>

15th Annual

Fire Safety/Crime Prevention Parade & Open House

W13455 Camp 14 Rd Fire Department Building

Saturday October 12, 2019 10am-2pm

Join us for fun Family Activities/Food & Drinks/Fire & Safety Information

10:00 am Family Activity: Tricky Towers Directions and supplies provided.

This is a timed activity. NO late entries.

1st \$50 2nd \$40 3rd \$30___

10:20 am Family Challenge Sock Ball War Timed Activity

ONE (FAMILY/TEAM) WINNER \$75

11:00 am Fire Department Demonstration

11:20 am RoShamBo Tournament

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11:35 am BINGO For everyone! Gift card prizes

We will start at approximately this time and finish after the parade

12 NOON 15th Annual Fire Safety/Crime Prevention Parade 2019 THEME: "TOY STORY"

Enter Your Department, Yourself, or Your Kids! You "must" have a "Toy Story" themed Fire Or Crime Prevention float, bike, poster, banner, dress up, pull a wagon, in order to win prizes. Everyone is welcome to enter all activities and the parade even if you don't have a theme.

Follow the Fire Trucks and Police around the block in the Housing Area.

Best "Toy Story" Float \$100

Best "Toy Story" Bike \$75

Other Parade Prizes:

Kids: ages 0-14 \$50 \$40

15 yrs/Adults/Departments \$70 \$60

AFTER PARADE; FINISH BINGO

DOOR PRIZES: You must be present to win!

Sponsored by: The Division of Community Housing

S/M Family Services

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43rd Annual Mohican Pow Wow-Vendors



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Koolamalsii My Friends,

My name is Lucille Burr and I am respectfully asking for your support for the upcoming election. I am running for a seat on the Stockbridge Munsee Education Board.

I am an enrolled member of the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe and a direct descendant of the Menominee Nation. I am the daughter of Bill and Pat Burr. I am the granddaughter of the late Louis and Mary Burr. I graduated from the College of Menominee Nation in 2017 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. While attending college, I worked as the lead teacher at the Stockbridge Munsee Head Start. The last two years I have worked as a teacher within the Shawano School District- first teaching 3rd Grade and then being the Title VI Indian Educator.

From a young age, education has always been very important to me. During my four years of High School I served on the Stockbridge Munsee Education Board as the

student representative and the secretary. I have always enjoyed my time on the Education Board and knew I would like to be involved in it again one day. I loved hearing from members of the community voice issues important to them and continuously working towards positive changes in education.

Being the 2019 recipient of the Wisconsin Indian Education Association's Indian Educator of the year award has really fueled my desire to become more involved in tribal education in our community and beyond. I currently serve an active role on the WIEA Board and plan to get more involved in their activities, working toward a better education for Native American people. I would be honored to represent the Stockbridge Munsee people as we work toward educating culturally in the schools. There is a lot of work to be done.

Anushiik,
Lucille Burr



VOTE Carolie Miller for the S/M Education Board Member-at- Large on Election Day October 12, 2019.

**Thank You,
Carolie Miller**



Living with Chronic Pain?

What if you could feel better?

If living with chronic pain is keeping you from doing the things you want to do, then maybe Healthy Living with Chronic Pain is the course for you!

This free 6-week course can help by giving you the tools and strategies you need to help manage your pain.

Classes begin Wednesday, October 9

Please call Cheryl Tiegs at 715-793-5014 or Erin Lewis 715-793-3013 for more information and to register!

Program sponsored by Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging

Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Training Completed in Wisconsin

In an effort to increase the duration of breastfeeding in tribal communities, 14 women from across the state participated in the Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Training held in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Participants included home visitors, community members, peer counselors, and community health staff from Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau, Oneida Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles and Ho-Chunk Nation. This training was provided free of charge through Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council's Breastfeeding: The Traditional Way Program.

The training, developed by Camie Jae Goldhammer, MSW, LICSW, IBCLC (Sisseton-Wahpeton) and Kimberly Moore-Salas, IBCLC (Navajo), was a Native centered course seeking to provide participants with clinical skills to begin serving breastfeeding moms in tribal communities. Goldhammer has indicated that she wants Native women to be able to have a training that addresses the specific historical and cultural implications of breastfeeding and parenting impacting Native families.

The five-day training covered the biological process of breastfeeding, the psychological, sociological, and cultural issues facing breastfeeding families and the public health impacts and implications of breastfeeding along with counseling and assessment skills. Attendee Allie LeSieur, Lac du Flambeau, stated "The information was given in multiple avenues; lecture, video, and group activities. The presenters were culturally sensitive, respectful and provided many opportunities for clarity."

As breastfeeding support often

predicts the length of time a mother breastfeeds, participants were instructed on effective counseling skills specific to breastfeeding and working in communities with a complex trauma history. This included active listening, using open-ended questions, and validating thoughts and feelings. "I am excited to be able to help our indigenous mothers who are already lacking the extra support," states LeSieur.

The cultural aspect played heavily in the development of this training and was a component that resonated with participants. "Breastfeeding is our tradition. Our ancestors did it and knew this was the best way to feed your child. I would love to help support our families for the optimal goal of healthy, strong, future generations," stated participant Barb Baker-LaRush of Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe.

The Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Training was the final initiative of the three-year grant funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. "We know that many women don't meet their breastfeeding goals due to lack of support. By strengthening the support in tribal communities, we hope to see breastfeeding duration rates continue to climb," states Cheri Nemec, Red Cliff tribal member and Breastfeeding: The Traditional Way Coordinator.

For more information about the Indigenous Breastfeeding Counseling Training that took place in Wisconsin or for information on the Native Breastfeeding Coalition of Wisconsin, please contact Cheri Nemec at 715-588-1020 or cnemec@glitc.org.



What is Stepping On?

Stepping On is a program that has been researched and proven to reduce falls in older people.

It consists of a workshop that meets for two hours a week for seven weeks. Workshops are led by a health professional and a peer leader – someone who, just like you, is concerned about falls. In addition, local guest experts provide information on exercise, vision, safety, and medications.

Topics include:

- Simple and fun balance and strength training
- The role vision plays in keeping your balance
- How medications can contribute to falls
- Ways to keep from falling when out in your community
- What to look for in safe footwear
- How to eliminate falls hazards from your home

Here's what some workshop participants have to say: "When I'm walking I still think, 'lift your feet, walk heel-to-toe.' I have stopped falling outside! It has made me more aware of the way I walk."

"Not only did we learn some things about preventing falls, but we had a good time doing it. It was really fun."

Is this workshop for you? Stepping On is designed specifically for anyone who:

- Is 65 or older
- Has had a fall in the past year
- Is fearful of falling
- Lives at home
- Does not have dementia

CLASS LOCATION:

Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Services
N8651 Maplewood Street
Bowler, WI 54416

WHEN:

Fridays
October 11, 2019 –
November 22, 2019
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Contact:
Laura Moede@715-793-4240
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Today, I humbly ask for your vote for Vice-President. If you elect me to be your voice as Vice-President, you can be sure that I will represent you with a fierce dedication to our Nation's greatness. I will work hard to sustain diversification efforts in economic development for the stability of our Nation's future, and improve relationships with tribal, federal, state and local partners for the benefit of our Community. It is the job of Tribal Council to listen and act when issues of importance demand action. That is the job of the public servant, which is at the heart of serving as a Tribal Council member and that is how I intend to serve as Vice-President, if so elected. We had a community meeting several months ago regarding our enrollment process in which several good ideas were put forth. I assumed that those ideas would be analyzed with different options brought back to the members to further discuss and then vote on as Nation. This has not happened. I believe that Council has great powers, but not outside of what the Community deems it has given them. I will see that these ideas and discussions will get the light that they deserve and that the Community set the direction in which we go forth. Our Community has grown since we came to Wisconsin and I believe will continue to do so.

I will advocate for job security and stability for our employees. I believe it is the job of Tribal Council to legislate and assist staff with developing written policy. I do not believe it is the job of individual Tribal Council members or Tribal Council as a whole to be involved in day-to-day departmental decision-making. We need to work with staff to make sure the general

processes of job compliance and performance are being fairly reviewed. Fair treatment of employees and employee accountability is a necessary and delicate balance that is struck when written policy and law are consistently implemented and monitored. We hire our employees because they are qualified to do the job. Where our employees make mistakes or fall short, as all humans do, we need to lift them up and support them to do better. Where despite all assistance they cannot rise to the challenge, they need to hold them accountable. Our employees deserve to feel secure not only in their jobs, but also in their decisions.

I further believe that our Community's natural environment is second to none and it is my commitment that the Tribe continues to responsibly steward its natural resources and improve its sustainability.

When it comes to spending I will be conservative with our dollars. I will make sure all new spending is done with the best interest of our entire Nation and that past spending is reviewed to ensure that we are being efficient and cost-effective with our finances. Several years ago we invested in some property on Highway 29 and later a building near Shawano. I will work with staff to turn this into an additional asset, as the Tractor Supply building has done.

I look forward to listening to community members on these issues of importance. Only if we work together as Community, can we succeed—our ancestors have shown us this time and time again. Once again, I ask for your vote for Vice-President.

Thank you for your consideration,
Gregory L. Miller

Holsey cont from page Six:

address the perils of addiction. One such initiative finds a place of healing to combat addiction which builds upon the aggressive measures to combat the opioid crisis in Wisconsin. This is something our tribe has prioritized as critical and aligns with the tribe's initiative of building an Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center which now has moved on from the completion of the feasibility study and business plan to the next phase of the project to planning with the \$775,000 appropriation from Governor Evers budget for architectural plans, which will continue to build upon an important resource that serves all tribal communities and expands economic diversity for the Mohican Nation.

Today, we are growing our economies, preparing students to succeed, delivering high-quality health care, and solving the unique challenges facing our tribal community. Today, we are proving that our government is far more effective than the federal government in meeting the needs of our people.

We need to modernize the trust relationship. We need to replace antiquated laws and regulations with policies that trust and empower tribes to govern. We need a relationship based not on paternalism and control, but on deference and support; a partnership where tribes continue to meet their own challenges and chart their own path forward.

It's not enough to have a seat at the table. It's not enough to be involved in decisions. We need policies and processes and representation that recognize tribes as true partners in governing. Because Indian Country is the source of solutions that work for Indian Country.

We have made incremental strides forward, and it is important to acknowledge our progress. There continues to be health, education, and economic inequalities that the federal government is not adequately addressing. In many instances, current law fails to fully recognize the sovereignty of tribal governments. It promised to protect and uphold our right to govern ourselves; to support the right and ability of tribal governments to care for their own people; and to help us manage our remaining lands and resources in our best interests. These are not mere agreements. These promises are treaties between nations. Under the Constitution, they are the supreme law of the land – and always will be.

Is that enough? The answer is it can never be enough, we have so much work ahead of us and we can never stop trying to improve our conditions and expand our relationships. I recognize the

unique roles each Tribal Councils play in promoting and advocating for our tribal nations needs and oversight. Our board members serve as advisers, decision makers, problem solvers, and advocates of the Mohican Nation. They are elected by our tribal members to represent their voice and vision for their tribal nation. Being a Tribal Council member is a challenging role, an important role, to help lead our nation as we prepare for the next generation and it is one which I do not take for granted and will never stop taking the opportunity to learn and grow to better serve you.

We must continue to hold federal and state governments accountable for honoring our rights as sovereign nations, and for meeting their trust obligations. For self-determination to be successful, it must be rooted in respect. We the people means everyone.

I am so hopeful and encouraged by the guidance of our elders and community members, but especially of the engagement and participation of our younger next generation. I appreciate everyone's engagement and exercise of democracy and in their involvement and calling upon us to provide more information and provide more time and options to educate us all around critical changes of ordinances like enrollment, hunting and fishing, taxation and policies like health care and land management with the goal of more information to guide those decisions and data that may impact future generations. It takes a strong effort on the part of each American Indian not to become Europeanized. The strength for this effort can only come from the traditional ways, the traditional values that our elders retain."-- Russell Means - Oglala Lakota. Mohican Nation we are in good hands.

Through the many changes and challenges I have seen over the years-faith, family, and friendship have been not only a constant for me but a source of personal comfort and reassurance. Even the most deeply held differences, treating the other person with respect and as a fellow human-being is always a good first step towards great understanding. Unity does not have to mean uniformity.

I'd like to think I appreciate things. In fact, one of the things I'm comfortably settled on in this life is the value of appreciation in all we do, in service to our nation, appreciation for all we have, for the world around us, and for that matter, for things I'm yet unaware of. My heart is incredibly full of love and appreciation I'm thankful for all of it. The highs, the lows, the blessings, the lessons, the

setbacks, the comebacks, the love, everything. Anushiik (Thank you) it has been my pleasure to be in service of you.

We are reminded that our obligation and our allegiance are to the people of the Mohican Nation, not any political leader or party. That is my promise and

the spirit of service. May we dare to transcend divisiveness and personal allegiance. May we have courage in our conscience. And may we be willing to do what's best for the next generation rather than the next election.

Eternally in your service,
Shannon

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compliance which requires me to see many of the daily expenditures and contracts processed on the Tribes behalf. This knowledge and a positive working relationship with my fellow employees will be an asset during the transition if I were to be elected. Through my positions within the Tribe as well as my involvement on several boards and committees, I have gained understanding and knowledge of tribal operations, tribal enterprises, and our tribal government.

I know the issues surrounding Enrollment weigh heavy on our Community and a solution may feel unattainable, but I don't believe that. Is it an easy issue, no, but do we as a community have the intelligence to make an educated decision...absolutely! I feel it is the responsibility of the Tribal

Council to provided demographic, financial and long-term planning information to the membership, this way we have the tools needed to make an educated decision. We need to first determine what we are trying to fix, outline attainable goals and discuss the financial impact of each option. We need to implement changes that allow growth at a sustainable rate while preserving what it means to be Mohican.

If elected, I look forward to coming to the table with an open mind and I will promote fair and consistent decision making while acting on behalf of the community. I am confident that with our strong workforce and committed membership, we can effectively work together to implement positive changes that will secure our future for generations to come.

The Creators Game



By Jace Price-Summer youth worker

The game of Lacrosse, also known as "The Creators game" occurs at the powwow grounds on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation. The game has just started being played here frequently in early June of 2018. For anyone who may not know, Lacrosse has been around for a long time. Our people believe we were one of the first to play it. The game originates mainly from Eastern Woodland Native Americans, and some great plains tribes.

Today, Lacrosse is played all over the United states. Although, Europeans colonized the game a little bit, therefore they play differently. Unlike our people, they play with plastic or metal sticks, and hard rubber Lacrosse balls, and their goal is a net. We play with wooden traditional sticks, and our goal is a wooden post. Some tribes play with big traditional sticks that almost look like the plastic sticks that others use. Others play with little wooden sticks with a small pocket on the side of the stick.

There are many different Lacrosse balls being used today. Rather than rubber, some tribes use sewing leather balls filled with tobacco, and some also use wooden balls. In our tradition, Lacrosse is a men's only game. We start the game different as well, everyone holds there sticks up in the air, then once the ball gets thrown up, we all shout to let the creator know we're still playing his game.

The kids that play say that its always fun and they get a good workout. They play every Tuesdays, and Thursdays at the powwow grounds. It's a great community event for everyone to come out. Fellow member of the tribe Warren Miller, and the Stockbridge-Munsee clinic is responsible for this sport coming back to our people. They've even had some people from the Oneida tribe come and play with them. The event has grown a lot since it started. We asked Warren what he was excited to see in the future of the Lacrosse team? "I'm excited to see how much it grows and what direction it will go."

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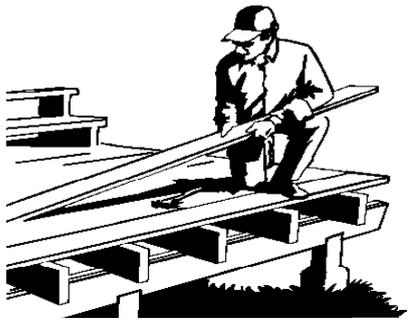
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On August 22, 2019 in the Office of Congressman Mike Gallagher of the Wisconsin 8th District Tribal Veterans Service Officer Gregg W. Duffek along with Oneida, and Menominee TVSOs were recognized by Congressional Record in the Proceedings and Debates of the 116th Congress, First Session.

In his testimony to the House of Representatives, Congressman Gallagher stated "I am incredibly proud of the work... our Tribal Veteran Service Officers from Oneida Nation, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and Stockbridge-Munsee Community provide for Northeast Wisconsin. These Officers and their staff are key to the success of veterans who look for assistance as they transition to civilian life".

Hon. Gallagher went on to state "These Officers are veterans who served our nation, returned home, and continue to serve in our communities. These men and women truly demonstrate what it means to engage in selfless service".

Congressman Gallagher concluded his testimony to the Speaker by requesting "I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the ... Tribal Veteran Service Officers of Wisconsin and those of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District for their unceasing service to veterans. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I yield back".

A Town Hall type meeting was held prior to the presentation from 0830 to 1000 in the De Pere office of Congressman Gallagher along with County Veteran Service Officers and VA Medical staff. Discussion regarding the lack of Providers in the Appleton VA Medical site, Urgent Care use, NO further Podiatry in Appleton site, the recent Executive Order for Fully disabled Veterans including Debt forgiveness, Federal Student Loans specifically and the burden means testing places on our veterans for eligibility to VA healthcare.

The new VAMission Act requires providers to be in a Network not yet developed, limits Chiropractic care and Care Giver Support is now going to the Veterans Integrated Service Network VISN for a decision. It was mentioned by many in attendance the Milwaukee VA Emergency room is a long ride for our veterans and recruiting should be a priority to provide services as intended in our area.

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