**Ground Blessing: Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center**

*By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor*

Tribal and Government leaders, including Governor Tony Evers, came from all over the State of Wisconsin to gather in the town of Cassian on July 31, 2023 to celebrate a ground blessing for the future Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center (ARWC).

According to the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council website, ‘the Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center (ARWC) is a 36-bed residential facility centrally located in Wisconsin to best serve all Member Tribes and urban Indians. It will provide culturally relevant services and responsive residential substance abuse treatment for Native American youth, ages 13-17, who are suffering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and any co-occurring mental health conditions. Priority will be given to Native American youth, but the facility would be available to non-Native adolescents as well’.

Bryan Bainbridge, GLITC Chief Executive Officer, provided the opening remarks for the event and told those in attendance that a group of individuals vetted over 1,000 properties to come up with the location of the future facility.

Bainbridge then introduced Stockbridge-Munsee President Shannon Holsey, who is also the GLITC President of the Board of Directors. President Holsey spoke at length about the initiation of the project and that it was 20 years in the making. All of the State’s Tribal flags were represented and Shannon said, “My heart is full to see our flags flown in...

**Environmental Reminder**

Thomas Kazik II - News Reporter

This time of year is when things start to get stirring in the woods. Deer hunters will start to put out cameras and tree stands; more vehicles may be utilizing logging roads or trails. While in the woods there may be some plants you come across that are invasive and need to be treated. A few plants that the Environmental department have been keeping their eyes on are: Garlic Mustard, Japanese barberry, Japanese Knotweed and a big one for the forestry department is Oak Wilt.

Garlic mustard, (above) originally from Europe and Asia, has become a very troublesome plant. After Anthony Binkowski, is the new Computer Support Specialist for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. His position entails computer assistance to the multiple departments of the tribe. He will also be answering the help desk phone and creating tickets for when actions are needed by the IT department.

Anthony’s family includes his mother and a brother and he is unmarried and has no children. His education consists of an Associates of Computer Science at ITT Tech and a Technical Support Diploma at NWTC (finishing up this December).

Anthony has worked for 15 years at McDonald’s as a shift manager (with some breaks in between). He also worked for a number of months at the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier back in September 2021.

When he is not at work, Anthony said, “I like to play games on my

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Anthony cont from One:
computer, watch random TV shows that catch my interest (usually documentaries or shows that make me laugh), and lately been getting back into putting puzzles together. I would say most of my favorite movies are either sci-fi or fantasy in genre, but do I enjoy a good comedy also. I also have a general interest in computers and newer technologies that can benefit the environment and people in general”.

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Back to School
Thomas Kazik II – News Reporter
On Thursday August third the Mohican Family Center/Family Services program held its annual back to school event. The back to school event is for families that live within the tribe’s original boundary, and it is a way to help them get much needed school supplies for their little ones. This year the back to school program had 45 families registered. The Family Center staff served a light lunch of hot ham sandwiches and chips, followed by some cookies. The Family Center lobby was filled with different informational booths that covered a handful of things like body hygiene and self-care. The Back to school event is made possible by grant money from the Wisconsin Department of Care and Treatment Services.

After speaking to Kori Price Mohican Family Center/ family services Manager she spoke on how this was the tenth year of back to school events she has been a part of. She went to say that “this event is something I look forward to, giving these families and children school supplies and getting them excited for the school year brings a lot of joy to my heart”.

ATTN: SMHWC Patients
Starting in September there will no longer be any podiatry services offered at the Stockbridge Munsee Health & Wellness Center. To continue care for podiatry you will need to work with Medical staff and PRC staff.

For any questions please contact PRC or Medical Staff at (715)793-4144.

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The Constitution Committee meeting will be held at the North Star Mohican Casino and Resort’s Orion Event Center on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Casino is located at W12180 Hwy. A, Bowler, Wisconsin. You will need to present your Tribal ID to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a platform for members to comment and give their suggestions on Constitution changes. This is not a debate nor is it a question and answer meeting. The goal is to provide a forum for free expression related to constitutional changes; in a safe, respectful environment. Participants will be provided up to three minutes to share their thoughts. There will be no sharing time with someone else. All comments will be transcribed; however, it is suggested that participants write their comment down prior to presenting them orally, then they can drop the written comment into the comment box. Members may also submit comments or suggestions by placing in the comment box; without presenting them orally. There will also be a locked box available for submitting any comments or suggestions. Additionally, Tribal Members may submit comments and suggestions until September 9, 2023 if you are unable to attend the meeting. The email address is: constitutioncommittee@MohicanSMC.onmicrosoft.com or mail to Stockbridge-Munsee Community PO Box 70 Bowler, WI 54416

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT
Mohican Nation
Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency,
And
Brittany Kaquatosh
Petitioners,

CIVIL SUMMONS

Thomas Gardner,
Respondent,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a Civil Complaint/Petition has been filed against you in this office.

YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER to the Complaint/Petition within Twenty (20) days of the date this Summons and attached Complaint were served upon you. The answer must be filed with the Tribal Court at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Offices at N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416, and a copy must be delivered or sent to the Petitioner or his/her attorney.

IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint within the Twenty (20) days of the date you were served, a JUDGMENT may be entered, and the plaintiff may be awarded the relief asked for in the complaint.

DATED: June 20, 2023

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Clerk

Free Breakfast and Lunch at Bowler School
The School District of Bowler is participating in a Free Breakfast and Lunch program for the current school year 2023-24. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled at the following school(s) may participate in the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program at no charge.

Household applications are not required to receive free meals, but applications may be distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information.

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at the following sites:
- Bowler Elementary and Bowler Middle/High Schools

For additional information please contact: Bowler School District, Attention: Heidi Rickert - Business Manager, 500 S Almon St., Bowler, WI 54416, 715-793-4101 x6312, hedirickert@bowler.k12.wi.us.

HUNTER’S SAFETY CLASS

DATES:
Monday: September 18, 2023 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tuesday: September 19, 2023 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday: September 20, 2023 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday: September 21, 2023 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Class will be held at The Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building on Camp 14 Rd. All students are required to obtain Wisconsin DNR Customer ID # as part of the criteria to graduate from any recreational safety class. Students must have this number prior to coming to class on Friday and need to show their numbers to the instructor. Students can obtain a DNR customer ID# by calling 1-888-936-7463 from 7 am to 10 pm. Students can also visit a Wisconsin DNR service center during their regular scheduled hours. The cost of the hunter’s safety course is $10.00.

Anyone of any age can take the class. Those that meet the course requirements will receive a safety education completion certificate. However, it should be noted that persons younger than 12 years of age may lose some of the benefits of the certification (small game hunting privilege, authorization to shoot an antlerless deer during the first gun deer season after graduation) if they take the class before age 12.

To sign-up for the course, or if you have any questions you may contact us at 715-793-4364. We will need a name(s), address, and telephone number when registering. Please respond by September 16, 2023.

Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class! It is the student’s responsibility to read the booklet in the packet and bring your packet to class. Parents and/or guardians must fill out and sign the registration card that is in the packet. Packets can be picked up at the Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Department (Public Safety Building W13455 Camp 14 Road). Parents and/or Guardians are encouraged to attend with their child.

Beau Miller
Sterling Schreiber
Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation Wardens
Dale Richard Schwab

Dale Richard Schwab, age 82, passed away on July 28, 2023, in Shawano. Dale was born on July 8, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Henry “Skip” and Berle “Sue” (Puttnam) Schwab. He graduated from college and earned his degree as an EMT. Dale worked for several years at Pine Hills Golf Course as a groundskeeper. In his free time, Dale enjoyed cutting wood and mowing lawns.

Dale is survived by his sons, Ricky (Melanie) Skenandore and Henry Schwab and eleven grandchildren. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dale is preceded in death by his sister Carolyn “Sissy” Collins and parents, Skip and Sue.

A memorial service for Dale was held on Tuesday August 8, 2023, at Church of the Wilderness in Bowler with Pastor Paul Johnson officiating. Burial is at Stockbridge Munsee Indian Burial Grounds. Visitation was held on Tuesday until the time of service at church.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

1st Annual Recovery Walk

September 9th 2023 from 10am to Noon @ Public Safety

First 50 to sign up will get a free t-shirt. Walk will consist of the Housing loop. Narcan information, Recovery booths, Community Members’ Recovery Stories. Light snacks provided.

To sign up: Call 715-793-4397 or email brittany.kroening@mohican-nsn.gov

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Plants cont from pg One: invasive plant across the Northeast, Midwest and Northwest of the United States. The plant was introduced to North America in the mid-1800s. During its first year, garlic mustard leaves are rounder and take on a rosette formation at ground level. In their second year, the leaves grow up a flowering stem and become more triangular and heart-shaped with toothed edges. Small white four-petaled flowers emerge in the spring. Like many invasive species, garlic mustard requires patience and persistence to get rid of. Garlic mustard is a threat to the biodiversity (the variety of life on Earth and in a habitat) of many native ecosystems. This plant spreads its seeds in the wind and gains a foothold in fields and forests by emerging earlier in spring than many native plants. By the time native species are ready to grow, garlic mustard has blocked their sunlight and outcompeted them for moisture and vital nutrients. This advantage is only strengthened as climate change continues to alter seasons faster than native plants can adapt. Invasive species that crowd out forest ecosystems inhibit trees, which store large amounts of carbon dioxide, from growing. Because the understory of a forest is so important for insects and other species at the bottom of the food chain, invaders like garlic mustard can weaken the entire ecosystem. Further, garlic mustard’s roots release chemicals that alter the important underground network of fungi that connect nutrients between native plants, inhibiting the growth of important species like trees.

Oak wilt is a disease caused by a fungus. It starts with fall coloring out of season—the leaves are wilting and browning, and within a few weeks, the tree is dead. The good news is that oak wilt is preventable and treatable. The bad news is that it’s such an aggressive disease, it’s almost always too late to save the tree by the time a homeowner or gardener notices. The first sign of oak wilt is a rapid wilting and browning of the leaves in late spring to early summer, followed by the leaves dropping. The browning of the leaves starts at the margins of the leaf at the apex, which is the tip of the leaf. From there it progresses downwards along the margins towards the midrib and the leaf stem. The browned leaves drop to the ground. Another symptom is vertical cracks in the bark with mat-like fungal spores’ underneath. The bark swells and eventually ruptures from the pressure created by the growing fungus.

Japanese Knotweed (above) is an invasive ornamental shrub. It can be found growing on a wide range of sites, from full sun to deep shade. It is used primarily as a landscape hedge and is still sold in nurseries and garden centers. This plant can dominate deep in the woods and along woodland edges. This crowds out native plants and disrupts these ecosystems. Research has shown that the presence of the black-legged tick, which transmits Lyme disease, increases in areas with dense barberry. Young plants can be removed by hand, but this option is not going to work on well-established plants. You may come across these in the woods while walking a trail or through some timber. The best thing to do would be to contact the environmental department and give them the best possible location description you can.
Back to School Event

Employee Recognition

Maria Amora celebrates 5 years with the Casino
Brenda Davies celebrates 5 years at the Casino
Shayna Mohawk and Blake Juga celebrate 5 years at the Casino
Perry Waupoose celebrates 5 years at the Casino
Amanda Dvorak celebrates 5 years at the Casino
Polly Pleshek celebrates 30 years with the Tribe
Cindy Mueller celebrates 30 years at the Casino
Employee Recognition

Alex Blom celebrates 5 years with the Tribe
Antoinette Tourtillott celebrates 10 years with the Tribe
Gregg Duffek Sr celebrates 30 years with the Tribe
Jill Tlegs celebrates 20 years with the Tribe
Kori Price celebrates 15 years with the Tribe
Daryl Erickson celebrates 20 Years with the Tribe
Ron Denasha and Laura Welch celebrate 25 Years with the Tribe
Sarena Peters celebrates 5 years with the Casino
Gregg Duffek II celebrates 15 years with the Casino
Sharae Bourdon and Elizabeth Huntington celebrate 10 years with the Casino
Sue Thiex and Amanda Petrich celebrate 15 years with the Casino
Kemawin Dess and Chris Stevens celebrate 25 years with the Casino
(Left) William Terrio Celebrates 35 years with the Tribe
(Right) Kelly Wamboldt and Paul Bowman celebrate 30 years with the Casino
Blessing cont from One:
a place that will not only
provide them an Indigenous
journey to their healing,
but remind our children
that they are supported,
loved, seen and valued".
She introduced the Tribal
leaders present and the
leaders from the State,
including the Attorney
General Josh Kaul.
She said It is also
a day for us to identify
systemic and ongoing
issues in Indian Country
and call for progress and
change. Today serves as a
celebration and highlights
the native communities
that have always been
here strong and resilient
and this ground which was
originally occupied by the
Lac du Flambeau Lake of
Superior Indians.
Shannon spoke of the
future children that would
have use of the facility and
ended by saying, “Today
we lend our voices to those
descendants yet to be
born; to protect their right
to live. And give thanks to
the ancestors who speak
through our hearts. We
stand with strength and
grace to defend the lives
of our relatives and bring
them healing, and to
ensure that the beautiful
gifts from creation continue
to sustain all beings. Our
spirits are strong. Our
minds are creative and
our voices and our words
carry power. Perseverance
is in our DNA. Let us
all continue to building
healthy communities and
collectively do the work
that will heal our children
and that our ancestors will
thank us for”.
President Holsey
then introduced State of
Wisconsin Governor Tony
Evers.
Governor Evers
said this day was also
international overdose
awareness day to serve as
a timely reminder of why
this facility is so important
to folks in Wisconsin. He
went on to say this facility
is needed, and will be
a valuable asset for the
Tribal, Nation, Wisconsin,
and others in the area
because there were
approximately 1800 people
from Wisconsin who died
last year from overdose.
The Governor said
the challenges of getting
help for tribal communities
is high, and the governor
believes this facility is
intended to serve Native
and non-natives so that
any child who needs a care
as the care available
Governor Evers
ended by saying “this
facility will provide cultural
and competent care, and
have a generational impact
on Native communities
throughout Wisconsin, and
beyond. I am grateful to all
the partners with made this
happen. It’s been years
in the making, and we
would not have been here
today without the work and
efforts of Tribal leaders
of Wisconsin. I’m looking
forward to this working
to address the issues of
substance abuse in our
state and in our Native
countries.
One of the leaders
in attendance asked
the governor if he could
blacktop the road to the
facility and he said he would
get a shovel and get right at
that. The event ended with
a meal provided by Lac du
Flambeau.

Shannon spoke as both the President of the Stockbridge-
Munsee Community and the GLITC President of the
Board of Directors

Stockbridge-Munsee Council members Vice-President
Craig Kroening, Council person Randall Wollenhaupt and
Council person Terrie Terrio represented the Community

Chief Executive Offiver of GLITC, Bryan Bainbridge
provided the opening remarks and introductions

Wisconsin State Governor Tony Evers addressed those
in attendance about the support given by the State
On Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:
Shannon Holsey Present
Craig Kroening Jr Present
Sara Putnam Present
Joe Miller Absent
Jeremy Mohawk Absent
Terrie Terrio Present
Randall Wollenhaup Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ADD: Land Acquisition in Executive Session
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda for August 1st, 2023, as amended. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Sabre Industries-Brian McDonald, CIO
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution #044-23, which is going to grant the request for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity to get the cell tower constructed. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION: AAAHC Survey-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve for signature of the 2024 Cooperative Agreement Fraud Prevention and Investigation Program. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

2024 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FRAUD PREVENTION & INVESTIGATION PROGRAM-Crystal Malone, Human Services Area Manager
Motion by Sara Putnam to approve Program 606, Shawano Retail Stores Internal Audit Report. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve changes to the Committee and Boards Structure and purpose policy ADMIN0036. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

SECONDED BY RANDALL WOLLENHAUP
MOTION CARRIED.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on Internal Audits, Personnel Matters and Land Acquisition.

Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 5:31 PM.

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Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Seconded by Brandon Wollenhaup.

MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded by Brandon Wollenhaup.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to adjourn. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 5:35 PM.

The L-W Lions have built many ramps and keep a large supply of medical supplies stockpiled. They donated a small elevator to the Gresham Lions. Lion Tim teaches and had his Electrical class inspect the wiring and check the function of the elevator. Once the elevator was pronounced ready, Lions Tim & Norm transported it to the residence and installed it. The result: one happy homeowner! The Gresham Lions followed through with a $500 donation to the Larsen-Winchester Lions Club.

Happy homeowner with the elevator

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Checking wiring & function of the elevator
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