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MFC News

Mohican The Family Center (MFC) preparing for future construction, but before that happens they are planning big events for each age group. The fitness construction will start around the end of April and this will not affect the after-school program until next fall around November when the remodeling of the current building will begin. Until then the MFC will be hosting larger events this year.

The Family Center staff just hosted their Prince and Princess event for the youth on February 24 (right color page of this issue). In June, they will be doing the Game of life, Casino nights in July for Adults. An end of summer block party for the community in August.

Kori Price said "Starting in November we will be packing up. Hopefully we can utilize a building here in the community to continue with the Youth Education program and small community events. If that option is not available, the Family Center and the Youth Education Program will be utilizing bowler continue to to school provide the families with the after-school program and will have to do drive thru family or community events".

Committee Bylaws and Procedures

Over the past year, the Tribal Council has been working with the Legal Department to update the bylaws and procedures for tribal committees, boards and commissions (referred to jointly as committees) and to develop an on-boarding program for new members so that they will be a more effective tool in the Tribe's self-governance.

The project's end goal is to update documents so that they better reflect responsibilities and expectations for committee members as well as provide more guidance and consistent standards for how committees are expected to operate.

The Tribe's current approach addresses committee operations in a number of places.

The Tribe has established committees in a number of ways, which means there are a variety of documents addressing how those committees operate.

For example, there are some committees where requirements about

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PRSRT STD PERMIT NO. 135



Changes Coming for At-Risk Elder Home Restoration Fund

Limited Funding!!

FIRST ROUND APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM: APRIL 1, 2024 TO APRIL 30, 2024 until 4:30 p.m. The first lottery drawing will be completed on May

DEPENDING ON FUNDING AVAILIBILITY SECOND ROUND APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MAY 1ST, 2024 TO MAY 17TH, 2024 until 4:30 p.m. A second lottery drawing will be completed on May 10th, 2024.

APPLICATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED FOR TWO WEEK PERIODS; WITH A LOTTERY DRAW-ING WHILE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE.

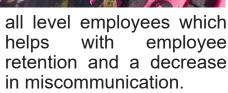
ONLY complete is applications will It is your Munsee drawing. responsibility to make ("Tribe") has received a sure your application Fund cont on page 15:

complete when be submitted. entered into the lottery Purpose: The Stockbridge-Community

Introducing the SMC Training Department



The Stockbridge-Munsee Community (SMC) Training Department is composed of Donna Hora-Schwobe (left), Sandee Barton (second from left), Nicole Elk (third from left) and Emily Lukacs (fourth from left). Their mission employees to become the through continual training and learning. Their strategies include integrated onboarding process and communication



ΑII workshops are researched, planned, developed, and implemented by the four trainers. They work in pairs is to help empower all to deliver content whether that be with PowerPoints, best version of themselves flip charts, or hands on activities. Many of the workshops are held at the an North Star Casino although some workshops are held improving at Konkapot or even at a between SMC cont on page Six:

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Happy Stockbridge Day from the Cultural Affairs Department

Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans (Stockbridge-Munsee Community)

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Flag was originally designed and made by tribal elder, Blanche Jacobs (1903-1982). Blanche loved arts & crafts. She worked in fashion as a seamstress while residing in Milwaukee, WI. In 1995 the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council authorized a new official flag. In January 1996 the new flag was presented to the Community.

The Tribal Flag includes the four colors of each cardinal direction which embodies core understandings of Munsee & Mohican cosmologies (creation of the universe), and the creation of humankind. This symbol can be found across the country among various Native Nations and have various meanings, color orientations, and uses.

Within the four cardinal directions are the four main clans, the wolf, the turkey, the turtle, and the bear.

Centered in the middle is the Many Trails symbol, created by tribal elder, Edwin Martin (1909 - 1999). The Many Trails represents the strength, endurance, and hope of the Stockbridge-Munsee people. The top represents a person with arms raised up in prayer, the circles represent the council fires of the nation, the lines represent the numerous times we were forced to remove from our homelands in the east

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

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until refusing to move further west after our council fire was established in Wisconsin. STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE

CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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On behalf of the residents and staff at Ella Besaw Center, we would like to thank Jason Moede for the donated garden beds that will be a part of the new Ella Besaw Center.

Stockbridge-Munsee Conservation

The Spring Turkey Season hunters to possess valid is upon us and here are some of the bag limits and requirements that hunter's should be aware of.

The spring turkey season is open to tribal members permittees. Tribal and members may harvest four (4) tom or jake during this season. Permittees may harvest two (2) tom or jake during this season.

Hunting season for tribal members is March 1 to June 30.

Hunting for permittees is April 15 to May 31.

No person may place or use bait or feed material for the purpose of hunting any wild animal, other than bear as permitted under Section ENV.01.13(b)(4).

Turkey hunting requires all

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Dawn Kay Miller (D.O.D. 01/06/2024) Case No.: 2024 PR 0001 Notice to Creditors

A Petition has been filed and accepted for administration of the estate of the decedent, whose date of birth was November 12,1955 and the date of death was January 6 2024. The decedent died located in Shawano County in the State of Wisconsin, with an address of: W9923 County Road VV, Gresham WI 54128.

1. The Petition will be heard at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court, located in the Tribal Office Building on the Reservation in Bowler, WI, before Chief Judge Marianne Higgins, on May 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM and when schedharvest tags as provided in Section ENV.01.18

Turkey permit for spring is \$15.00 for adult first line descendants and spouses(permittees).

Turkey must be registered with the Conservation/ Ecology **Departments** within 48 hours of harvest and processed within 30 days of registration.

Register with: Sterling L. Schreiber 715-881-0401 Beau Miller 715-881-1122 Randall Wollenhaup 715-853-4498

To view the entire hunting ordinance and all rules regarding hunting, fishing and trapping, go to the website www.mohican.com

uled thereafter.

You need not appear unless you object. The Petition may be granted if no objection is made.

- 2. Creditors' claims must be filed with the Stockbridge-Munsee Clerk of Court on or before May 15, 2024 by 3:00 PM
- 3. This notice shall be published for two (2) consecutive issues in the Mohican News

Dated this 15th day of February,





Notice from Enrollment Department

The Enrollment Department is **not** accepting applications for Enrollment and Family Tree requests at this time.

Descendant verifications and ID cards by appointment. Burial assistance and requests for verification of tribal status are processed when received.

Please do not send in Enrollment Applications. We will be mailing them back.

We are revising the Enrollment application and will no long accept the previous application.

Manager (715) 793-4677 Assistant (715) 793-4671 Assistant (715) 793-3049

Stockbridge-Munsee Community Winter Webinar Series

BONUS WEBINAR!

"The Land in Controversy": Natives, Newcomers, and the Fight for the Hudson Valley, Wednesday Apr. 17 10 AM CDT/11 AM EDT

"The Land in Controversy" refers to the mid-1700s, where colonists were beginning to become revolutionaries, while the Munsee inhabitants of the Hudson River Valley (like sachem Daniel Nimham) were consulting lawyers to defend their land and seek justice from King George III. Join guest speaker Dr. James Merrell as he discusses his research into these tumultuous times. Go to https://rb.gy/o5p7ne or scan the QR code to the right to register for this event. Registration is free and required. The session will be recorded to be posted later on mohican.com.





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Logging Road Update Due to uncharacteristic weather this winter logging roads will not be closed. With that in mind please use caution as roads will still be soft and driving them may still cause damage to the road system. Below are a couple of tribal ordinances to help you.

Section ENV.01.25 **Motor Vehicles**

prohibited on forest roads road closure. during spring break up, (3) A notice will be posted in except as authorized under tribal law. (1) ATVs, UTVs and from the spring break-up will road closure.

Section ENV.02.12 Forest Roads

- (a) The forest road network some operations and provides prior to publication in the access to the Reservation newspaper. enrolled members. mandatory.
- rather are a private road want to cut firewood

network for the use of the Tribe.

- (d) Spring Breakup Road Closure.
- (1) To reduce degradation, the Tribal Forester will monitor conditions during spring breakup and will make the decision of when motor vehicle traffic will be prohibited from all forest roads and landings.
- ATVs, UTVs (2) and snowmobiles are exempt (a) Motor vehicles are from the spring breakup
- otherwise all Tribal Offices and Tribal posting locations at or before the time of closure. snowmobiles are exempt (4) A notice of road closure be submitted publication in the Mohican News. However, due to the potential emergency timeframe needed on closures, the is vital to the Tribe's logging effective dates may occur

Keeping this network in The Forestry Department is good work condition is also letting tribal members know Free-Use Firewood (b) Forest roads are not Permits expire March 14th public rights-of-way, but so get a new one if you



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English Translation:

hard maple green robin It's raining spring bluebird It's windy it's a cold day

Every Monday at 4:00-5:00 PM at the Family Center Munsee Language class will be available for the Youth Education Program's Linda K-3 class.

For questions about the Munsee K-3 Class Contact: Barbara. Terrio@mohican-nsn.gov

715-793-3970

For questions about the Family Services' Youth Education Program Contact: Kori.Price@mohican-nsn.gov 715-793-4080

Anushiik, Barb Terrio

PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE Reminder!!

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

1. Patient name

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

Thank You, PRC Staff

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Expansion of Health Care Eligibility for Toxic-exposed Vet-

Frequently Asked Questions

Background

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On August 10, 2022, the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 ("the PACT Act"; Public Law 117-168) was signed into law. Amendments made by section 103 of this law expanded health care eligibility for three new cohorts of toxic-exposed Veterans. VA is making these changes effective March 5, 2024.

What changed with this expansion of care?

Under the PACT Act, all toxic-exposed Veterans were supposed to become eligible for VA care on a phased-in schedule between now and 2032, but it allowed VA to accelerate this schedule. VA chose to do so, and beginning in March 2024, Veterans who were exposed to toxins or other hazards while serving our country are now eligible for VA care.

This expansion included:

- Cohort 1: Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (TERA), as defined by law, while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training. Veterans can locate military exposure categories on VA's Public Health website at: www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/.
- Cohort 2: Veterans who were assigned to a duty station in (including airspace above) certain locations during specific periods of time:
- On or after August 2, 1990, in the following countries: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, or the United Arab Emirates.
- On or after September 11, 2001, in the following countries: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan,

Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan, or any other country determined relevant by VA. (Note: VA has not determined any other country relevant at this time.

 Cohort 3: Veterans who were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Resolute Support Mission.

How could this impact me? Under these authorities, eligible Veterans can receive hospital care (including mental health services and counseling), medical services, and nursing home care through VA and will be assigned to Priority Group 6 unless eligible for assignment to a higher Priority Group.

If you are an existing VA health care enrollee in Priority Group 7 or 8, you may be eligible for a higher Priority Group if you qualify under one or more of these authorities.

Eligible Veterans are exempt from copayments for VA medical care and medications that could be related to their qualifying service. Care that is determined to be unrelated to qualifying service will be subject to any applicable copayments.

How can I apply?

VA is reviewing its enrollment records to determine if Veterans qualify under Cohort 2 or Cohort 3 (Veterans who served in certain locations during certain time periods since August 1990, or who deployed in support of certain contingency operations). Many of these Veterans do not need to take action; VA will be able to upgrade their Priority Group without further action on the Veteran's part and will notify such Veterans of this change.

If you believe you meet the



Veterans Corner

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Gregg W. Duffek, Tribal Veterans Service Officer

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eligibility criteria for one or more of the cohorts above and you have not been notified by VA that your Priority Group has been upgraded, please complete and submit VA Form 10-10EZR, Health Benefits Update Form, and copies (not originals) of supporting documentation. The most convenient way to send us your VA Form 10-10EZR and supporting documentation is by submitting them online at www.va.gov/ health-care/update-healthinformation/. However, you can send us your completed VA Form

10-10EZR and supporting documentation in one of the following ways:

• Fax to 404-828-5060, or

 In person at your local VA medical facility, or

• Mail to: Health Eligibility Center 2957 Clairmont Rd NE STE 200 Atlanta GA 30329-1647

Important: When mailing supporting documentation, only submit COPIES, and retain your originals.

If you would like to submit copies of additional supporting documentation, there is no time limit. However, we strongly encourage you to send any additional information as soon as possible.

This project [is ing] [was] supplied in whole or in passion as possible.

Supporting documentation for Cohort 1 (TERA) could include:

What you were potentially exposed to



715-793-4036

- When (month and year) and where you were exposed
- Type of activity you were engaged in at the time of each potential exposure, such as basic training, involvement in a test or experiment, or type of work done during service
 - Personal statements
 - Buddy statements
- Unit histories
- News articles
- Additional evidence (including, but not limited to, a personal journal, diary, and/or photos)

Supporting documentation for Cohort 2 and/or 3 could include:

- DD-214 (Discharge)
- DD-215 (Discharge Update)
 - Service records
- Military orders

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411) press Option 2. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will be happy to assist you further.

"This beproject IS supported, ing] [was] in whole or in part, by federal award number [SLFRP0135FAIN] awarded to [the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs via the Wisconsin Department of Administration] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."

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the number of people in the committee and how often they meet is address in bylaws, while it can be in ordinances for other committees.

Tribal law and policy contain standards about committee operations as well. The Tribe's Procedures Ordinance (Chapter ADM.01 of the Tribal Code) applies to committees. There are also tribal policies addressing committee operations such as the policy on General Responsibilities Related to Boards, Committees, and Commissions and the Tribe's External Public Media policy.

The Tribal Council has directed Legal to develop a new ordinance that has operating standards and requirements that apply in common for committees. The new ordinance will also identify the general expectations that apply to tribal members participating in those committees. By using an ordinance, the Tribe will ensure consistency between how different committees operate and provide greater transparency for these requirements. The Tribal Council hopes to have this new ordinance ready for public comment in the next few months. Once the new ordi-

nance is in place, the Tribe will be providing training on the new materials and any new requirements.

In addition, the Tribal Council has also directed Legal to work toward updating and standardizing the bylaws for tribal committees. This project will be rolled out over time so that the Tribal Council and Legal are not attempting to make changes to all bylaw documents at one time. Committees will be contacted for their involvement in this process on a rolling basis.

The Tribal Council recognizes and appreciates the time commitment and community spirit shown by tribal members who choose to participate in tribal committees. We rely on our committee members to serve as our advisors, whether it be through training and experience in a particular area, or through dedicated research in your committee's focus area. We are asking you to help consolidate community input, interests, concerns and requests for the Tribal Council so that we have more information for making decisions. We want to ensure that you have the tools and understand the Tribal Council's expectations for its Committee Members so we can all work together to best serve our community.

Attention

From the PRC Department:

If you are referred out from SMHWC PRC department and receive a bill for services covered by the referral, please submit ALL Bills received to the PRC department for payment as soon as possible to avoid any delays in payment.

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

Kasha Coyhis, PRC Manager 715-793-5011 CJ Komanekin, PRC Assistant 715-793-3015 Ronni James PRC Assistant 715-793-5010

requestor's Basically, the Trainers will facilitate workshops wherever they are needed. Organizational departments can request the Guest and Employee specific training for their employees. training department will also facilitate outside contractors. For example, they have brought in Forklift Training and Waste Hazardous and Confined Space training by NWTC. In addition, Sandee, Nicole, and Emily are certified Real Colors facilitators and lead a Real Colors workshop quarterly for any employee who is interested. If you would like to host a Real Colors workshop, please contact one of them and they will make arrangements for your work group.

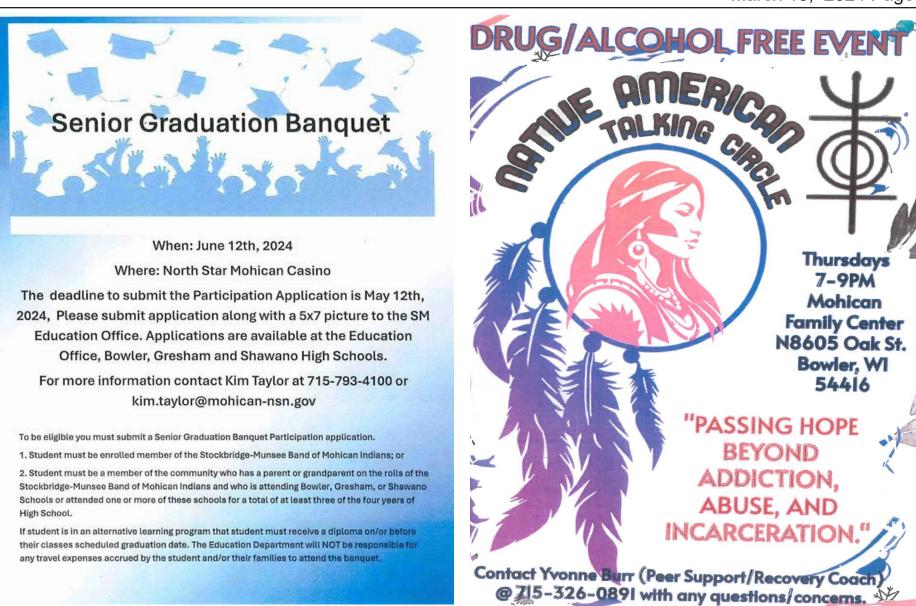
In August 2020, the SMC training department was established informally when Sandee Barton, Ph.D., retired a Geophysical Sciences Professor and author of the Standard Model of Indigenous Learning, was hired as the Training and Continuous Improvement Coordinator. Her main responsibility was conduct a strategic training needs assessment, up a 4-year strategic plan to institute training, and begin developing training modules for managers.

The department was formally recognized in August 2021 the addition of Donna Schwobe, M.S., as the Training Manager. She department which serves overcome both the Tribal and Casino build their employees. Between 2019of the SMC Head Start. Besides her managerial expertise, her background training and facilitating for fishing. the county extension. She

SMC cont from page One: is involved with ensuring department. that training materials are empirically and evidence research based on current workplace practices.

Nicole Elk, B.S. began as Satisfaction Specialist The of the North Star Casino Resort in November 2018. While in that position, she reorganized the Casino new hire orientation developed training and workshops for employees and supervisors at the Casino. One program is known as the 3 C's and the other is a series of workshops based on the book, Santa Claus. In July 2024, Nicolewashiredasthe Training and Development Specialist. Her extensive managerial experience is an asset when organizing, assessing, developing, and delivering the training programs. Always working on continuing her professional development, Nicole recently became an ATD certified Facilitator and Trainer.

Emily Lukacs Jensen, B.S joined the training Department as **Employee** Guest and Satisfaction Specialist in September 2023 She was previously working with the Stockbridge-Munsee Career and Education Department as a Career Advisor. Emily has a vast amount of experience in group facilitation and training as her professional experience highlights work with with populations of people seeking to improve their personal or professional situations and learn new united the Casino and skills. With an ultimate Tribal training staff into one focus on helping people barriers professions, Emily is excited to work 2021 Donna was Manager collaboratively with others training through contribute to building a positive community. In her involves many years of spare time, you'll find her



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tgg Hunt



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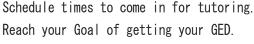
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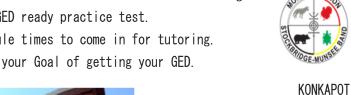
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2024, the Stockbridge- actions were taken: Munsee Tribal Council Roll Call:

On Tuesday, February 6th, that time the following

held a Regular Tribal Shannon Holsey Present Council Meeting and at Craig Kroening Jr Present

Sara Putnam Present Ella Kazik Present Terrance Miller Present Willy Miller: Present Shawn Moede Present APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

ADD: Allocating of Space Request

Owner's Rep RFP for **MENTS** Family Center Expansion

Personnel Clarification in Executive Session STRIKE: Membership Committee Selection Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the agenda as explained. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried. **ENROLLMENT-Jolene** Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to allow Enrollment to release identifiable information for youth 18 years and under along with elders 65 and over as requested by the Education and Career Services staff. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

MOD BUDGET RE-QUEST-Jolene Bowman, **Director of Education** and Career Services

increase the budget. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion maker amends motion: to come out of Unallocated. Second concurs. Motion carried.

Motion by Shawn Moede to award contract to Small Town Consulting. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion nice carried.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS RE-QUEST-Terrie K. Terrio, **Elderly Steering Commit**tee Chair

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the monies being asked to be added to the activity line for Elderly Kazik. Motion carried. Services and the monies IHS for registration to attend SUSTAINABILITY Unallocated. Seconded by Duits, Ag. Manager Ellie Kazik. Motion carried. Motion by Terrance Miller

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Terrance Miller Sustainability Initiatives to approve Tribal Coun- Directives cont on pg 11:

cil Minutes from January 16th, 2024, and January 22, 2024, with the noted change of word "sets" to "said". Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATE-(for posting)-September 30, 2023, October 31, 2023, November 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve for posting September 30, 2023, October 31, 2023, November 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023, financial statements for the tribe. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried. DONATION **REQUEST:**

Bridge the Gap-Lesley Laluzerne

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve a donation for 2024 and would also suggest that the tickets that are given for the banquet events perhaps offer them to the members of the community that are dealing with autism that would like to attend. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

DESCRIPTION: JOB Motion by Willy Miller to Head Start Teacher-Ginny Rusch, Head Start Manager

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the revised Head Start Teacher job description as presented. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Eu-Stick Gathering Place **Manager-Stacie** Bowman, HR Executive **Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the changes to the Elderly Services Manager as discussed and post the position. Seconded by Ellie

ENVIRONMENTAL GLNAEA to come out of TIATIVES GRANT-Maria

to approve the application for IHS Environmental

Directives cont from 10: Grant for a well and commercial septic at the Tribal Farm. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Amendments to Gaming Ordinance-Bridget Swanke, Legal and Ray S. Bowman, Gaming Commission

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve resolution #011-24 and to send to NIGC the amendments to Chapter GMG.01, Gaming Ordinance, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby adopts the posted amendments to Chapter GMG.01, Gaming Ordinance, which **FLEET/INVENTORY** include the following:

- Modifications of sections following of GMG.01: .04(j), (k), (t), and (x); .14(b), (e)(1), (i), (l), (n), and (o); .15(a), (c) (8), (d)(1), (d)(1)(A), (e) (1), (j)(2), (l)(3), (l)(7), (l)(7)(B), (I)(9), (p)(2), (r)(2), (s) and (t).
- Addition of the following new sections of GMG.01: .04(k)(1), (t)(2)-(3), (x)(5)-(7); and in .15(I)(8), (I)(9) (A)-(C).
- Deletion of the following sections of GMG.01: .04(t)(2) and .15(j)(8).

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes the submittal of the amended ordinance to the National Indian Gaming Commission for approval pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2710(e). Seconded by Willy Miller. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION: Dissolve Swanke, Legal

approve resolution #012-NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2023. Seconded by Shawn care Consulting LLC, to Tribal Council hereby dis- Moede. Motion carried. solves the adopted, but BIA GREAT LAKES RESunapproved, Charter for TORATION the 19th Hole Under Article GRANT-Randall Wollen-VII Section 1(g) of its Con- haup, Ecology stitution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT **FURTHER**

the Tribal Council Secretary shall send a copy of this resolution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to close their records on the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's Charter for the 19th Hole. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Resolution adopted.

ALLOCATING SPACE-Sterling Schreiber II, Associate Judge

Motion by Terrance Miller to designate the former Ella Besaw Center for Tribal Court purposes and for Tribal Court work through the CORE Planning process. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

VE-**HICLE-Allen** Quinney, the **Executive Director**

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the sale of the LP truck to Draeger as it is no longer of use to the Tribe, specifically the 2006 Freightliner Bobtail Truck, which has no working motor at the time. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

OWNER'S REP RFP FOR **FAMILY CENTER EXPAN-**SION-Allen Quinney, Executive Director

Motion by Willy Miller to go along with the recommendation of Loefler Consulting Co. as proposed to come out of Unallocated. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

GM'S MONTHLY RE-PORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023 AND DECEMBER **2023 WITH FINANCIALS-**Tony Granquist, GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to **19**th **Hole Charter-Bridget** approve the GM's Monthly Report with financials for Motion by Sara Putnam to November 2023 and the GM's Monthly Report with for the approval to award financials for December

INITIATIVE

grant permission to submit Ellie yes, Sara opposed, RESOLVED, grant project proposal for Craig yes, Willy yes and

the BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant and signature from the Tribal President on the application cover letter. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

PERMISSION TO PRO-VIDE INPUT ON GRAY Wol-WOLVES-Randall lenhaup, Ecology

Motion by Terrance Miller to grant permission to begin discussions with Constructive Conflict, LLC as it pertains to the issues involving gray wolf.

Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

PRE-PROPOSAL FOR SUSTAIN OUR GREAT LAKES GRANT-Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology

Motion by Sara Putnam to grant permission to submit pre-proposal for Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) grant. The grant would be used to fund replacement of at least one and up to three road/stream crossings on Silver Creek and Boehm's Roads, depending on cost estimated and grant award.

Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

PUR-REQUEST TO CHASE FIXED ASSET-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrance Miller for approval to purchase a health care vending machine from Area Wide, Inc. using the State provided Public Health Vending Machine grant funds. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO ENTER A CONTRACT-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrance Miller a contract to MJP Healthpost payments and to assist in identifying missed billing opportunities including Medicaid. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Motion by Terrance Miller to Roll Call: Terrance yes,

Shawn yes. Motion carried. **BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES-**

Forestry Committee-Sterling Schreiber Sr, **Committee Member and** Paul Koll, Tribal Forester Motion by Ellie Kazik to approve December 6, 2023, Forestry Committee minutes. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Willy Miller to proceed with the Tribe's Voluntary Withdrawal of all remaining lands from the Managed Forest Law Program at an estimated cost out of Unallocated and to approve all other actions contained within.

Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE SE-LECTIONS-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to appoint Jeffery Vele Jr. to the Editorial Board. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Willy Miller to appoint Jess Mohawk to the Child Protection Board. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Willy Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 6:17 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried at 6:49 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Banishment, Contract a Personnel Clarification.

Motion by Terrance Miller to authorize Human Resources to update job description to wage classification as discussed. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the contract as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried. Motion by Shawn Moede to authorize the banishment **Directives cont on pg 12:**

Directives cont from 11: authorized in Executive Session. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Willy Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried at 6:52 PM.

On Thursday, February 29th, 2024, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey Present Craig Kroening Jr Present Sara Putnam Absent Ella Kazik Present Terrance Miller Present Willy Miller: Present Shawn Moede Present APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**ADD:** Permission to submit CTAS Grant

RFP for Engineering Services

Community Concern in Executive Session

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the meeting agenda with the additions of the CTAS Grant from Tribal Courts, the RFP request for Stormwater Engineering Services and the Community Concern in Executive Session. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried. TACONIC HOME BIDS-

Chad Miller, Land Management

Motion by Terrance Miller to award the bid to the individual identified as C.O., for their choice since they bid on both homes in the exact amount and then award the remaining home to the second highest bidder C.W.K. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried. JIM SCHULTZ DONA-

TION-Chad Miller, Land Management

Motion by Willy Miller to accept the offer from Jim Schultz and work with Bridget on the paperwork. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR RADI-**EQUIPMENT-OLOGY Director Health Center**

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve to award a contract to General Electric to move the radiology equipment at the tribal clinic with funding coming from IHS BEMAR account. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve resolution #016-24. Seconded Craig Kroening Jr.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Resolution adopted.

BEMAR FUNDS AMEND-MENT #2-Melodi Malone, **Assistant Director Health** Center

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve Amendment #2 to the 2021 BEMAR funding, that provides the Tribe additional funds for the clinic flooring project. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

DISSOLVING OF COM-MITTEES-Tribal Council

Motion by Ellie Kazik to dissolve the Stockbridge-Munsee Historical Committee, the Historic Preservation Committee and the Language and Culture Committee. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT NEW COMMITTEE-Tribal Council

Motion by Shawn Moede to establish the Historical, Language and Cultural Afed by Willy Miller.

Motion maker amends mo- Jr. tion to add: the committee Roll Call: Terrance yes, will be a 9-member committee, two members must Willy no and Shawn yes. be Elders and two mem- Motion carried. bers must be Youth.

Second concurs. Motion to enroll Patrick Malone Roll Call: Terrance yes, Elcarried.

COMMITTEE BY-LAWS-**Tribal Council**

Motion by Shawn Moede **Melodi Malone, Assistant** to adopt the new template for committee by-laws. Seconded by Craig Kroen-

PERMISSION TO SUBMIT **CTAS GRANT-Marianne** Higgins, Chief Judge

ing Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the submission of the CTAS Grant for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Courts in the Healing and Wellness Court Program. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

RFP by **MANAGEMENT** ENGI-**NEERING SERVICES-To**ny Granquist, GM

Motion by Willy Miller to give approval to move forward with the RFP to get the parking ramp engineering done. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Ellie Kazik to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 1:54 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried at 3:51 PM.

While in Executive Session was held on two Member Concerns and Enrollment carried. Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Terrance Miller to enroll Aaron Malone as 9/32 Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

OF Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie abstains, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to enroll Amy Footit as 17/64 fairs Committee. Second- Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Craig Kroening

Ellie abstains, Craig yes,

as 9/32 based upon relin-**NEW TEMPLATE FOR** quishment from LCO. Sec-

onded by Craig Kroening

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie abstains (related to the applicants), Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shawn Moede to enroll Russell Gleason as 11/32. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to deny the enrollment of Russell Robertson as a **STORMWATER** first denial. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried. Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve enrollment of Simone Olivia Martin and Arvina Martin, siblings as ¼ Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded Terrance Miller.

> Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

> Motion by Terrance Miller to deny the enrollment of Nathan John Gospodarek and Christopher John Gospodarek as siblings. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

> Motion by Terrance Miller to deny enrollment of Linda Stoeckert. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion

> Motion by Shawn Moede to approve Erin Bowman as ¼. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

> Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

> Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve Jeremiah Sanders as 1/4 Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Terrance Miller.

> Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shawn Moede to approve Carly Serwe as \(\frac{1}{4} \). Motion by Shawn Moede Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

lie yes, Craig yes, Willy

Directives cont on pg 13:

Directives cont from 12: no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to Willy Miller: approve the enrollment of Shawn Moede Chanelle Hedrick as 17/64 APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie abstains, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller ede. Motion carried. to approve Jasmine Provo, Martin Provo and Jenaya Provo as blood siblings all 17/64 Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Craig MEETING MINUTES-Kroening Jr.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie abstains, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve Curtis Kolinek and Brenda Sue (Kolinek) Cortez as siblings, full siblings, as ¼ Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Shawn Moede.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie abstains, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller tor to deny the enrollment of Michael Welch, first denial. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Craig yes, Willy no and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. for denial of Levi Conrad due to insufficient blood, first denial. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to adjourn. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried at 4:11 PM.

On Tuesday, March 5th, Munsee Tribal Council velopment that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey Present Craig Kroening Jr Present

Sara Putnam Present Ella Kazik Present Terrance Miller Present Present Present **ADD:** Home Bids

STRIKE: Peer **Process**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the agenda of Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. Seconded by Shawn Mo-

OPEN AGENDA-

Council Member Willy Miller left the meeting at 6:00

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, with the correction of Dee Cas to Dee Castellanos under Other Present. Seconded by Shawn Moede.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Sara abstains, Craig abstains, and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET MOD-Molly Welch, Administrative Assistant/Fire Coordina-

Motion by Shawn Moede to approve the budget mod from funds sent from the BIA to the BIA Revenue Account. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Sara yes, Craig abstains (Fire Officer), and Shawn yes. Motion carried. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT

RFSI FRANT-Maria Duits, Ag. Manager

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve to submit Resilient cated at N7774 Moccasin Food Systems Infrastructure Grant Application titled: Strengthening *Processing, Storage Ca-* W13082 property to bidder 2024, the Stockbridge- pacity, and Economic De- D.S. due to the previous ried at 8:11 PM. held a Regular Tribal for the Stockbridge-Mun-Council Meeting and at see Community that additionally requires a match in ried. Tribal Contribution and the **AMERICAN** Critical Resources and In- **FIELD GRANT-Monique** to adjourn. Seconded by frastructure Letter and Maria will be budgeting for the **Director**

match in the FY25 Budget. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

Burr, Career Advisor

Motion by Sara Putnam to make the change to the Review current policy for Career Services Internship Placement from just full-time to part-time or full-time.

> Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

FUNDING REQUEST-BIII Terrio, Emergency Preparedness Manager

Tribal Contribution.

ede. Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT SOP'S-Alphia Creapeau, Enroll- tion carried. ment Manager **Tabled**

HAZARD TREE REMOV- Housing Board AL-Chad Miller, Land Management

as Sole Source because we are already contracting with them for remaining hazard trees stemming from the 2022 Storm and to also have Chad and his team continue to evaluate requests, so that we can build the budget to do a third trench of tree removal for the Tribal Council's consideration. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried. APPROVE HOME BIDS-

Chad Miller, Land Management

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the bid accepted by individual known as C.W.K for the house lo-Lane and the other home on Moccasin Lane identi-*Intertribal* fied as N7758 to the bidby Ellie Kazik. Motion car- nel Matter.

Motion by Shawn Moede to approve submission of a National Park Service **POLICY CHANGE-Diane** American Battlefield Protection Program grant application for survey work at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, and for President/ Vice President to sign the grant letter of support. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

RFP IMLS-Monique Tyndall, Cultural Affairs Director

Motion by Shawn Moede Motion by Ellie Kazik to to approve posting of RFP increase his budget out of for Institute for Museum and Library Services Grant Seconded by Shawn Mo- Project Support and Research Services. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Mo-

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Ellie Kazik to accept the Housing Board Motion by Sara Putnam minutes from Thursday, to approve Tree Solutions February 15, 2024, and all the actions contained within. Seconded by Sara Putnam.

> Roll Call: Terrance abstains, Ellie yes, Sara yes, Craig yes, and Shawn yes. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE SE-LECTION-

Motion by Terrance Miller to appoint Mr. Wayne Murphy to the Police & Fire Commission and to post for the other vacancy. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Shawn Moede to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried at 7:40 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Execu-Food Networks: Increasing der V.M. and to add the tive Session. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion car-

> Opportunities higher bidder declining that While in Executive discusparticular home. Seconded sion was held on a Person-

ADJOURNMENT-

BATTLE- Motion by Terrance Miller Tyndall, Cultural Affairs Ellie Kazik. Motion carried at 8:12 PM.



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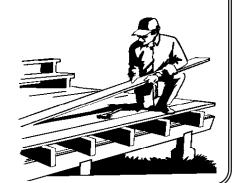
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Fund cont from pg One: second and final round of ARPA CAPEX funding for special home restoration grants for homes within the 1856 reservation boundary. This funding allows the Tribe to assist eligible At-Risk enrolled elders with the costs to repair/renovate/restore their home so it is safe, sanitary and secure and so they can remain living in their home.

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per home/household contingent on funding availability. If your home/household has already received this ply again.

This funding is intended to tance. assist elders who are at b. if home repairs or renova- Long tions are not made in order Screen by a qualified pro- is current.

to allow them to maintain residency. Applicants must satisfy all of the following eligibility criteria.

- Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.
- Applicant must be 55 years old or older.
- Applicant must use the home as a year-round residence.
- Applicant's home must be located on Stockbridge-Munsee tribal land (trust or fee), on the applicant's individual trust land, or on land owned by the applicant in fee simple within the 1856 reservation boundary.
- 5. Applicant's home must require eligible restoration activity, as identified under this policy, for the Applicant to maintain residency.
- Home/household has not previously received ARPA CAPEX Funding.
- Applicant must qual-7. Amount: Up to \$25,000.00 ify for assistance due to being considered "at-risk" based on one of the following standards.
- Applicant is enrolled a. funding in the first round, in the Wisconsin Depart- scheduling appointments any questions please call you are NOT eligible to ap- ment of Health Services for Friday's only, starting the Housing Office at 715-Family Care Program at the time they apply for this Applicant Eligibility Criteria: home restoration assis-
- risk of leaving their home ceived a Wisconsin Adult functional screening com-Term Functional



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tained at:

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Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Offices located at N8476 MohHeConNuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416 (see receptionist)

All completed applications must be returned to the Housing Office. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications a "functional screen" ap- will be accepted 4-1-24 They will be thru 4-30-24. If you have

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