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New Moon of Jan 19th

“The Celestial Bear” Comes down to earth.

By Shawn Stevens

I would like to share a small portion of Mohican/Munsee culture and tradition. I want to share a little about the “Celestial Bear” ceremony and time of year it represented. I will not share all details of this story as it is not always a good thing to share everything about Native ceremonies and their intricate details just to anyone especially online. I will share what I think is enough to explain the time of year and give a short description of the last Bear Sacrifice ceremony.

The Celestial Bear coming to earth marks a time of the year. It is the new moon of January. We as Natives mapped the skies as well as did other cultures around the world. We held celebration times during certain Solar/universal events such as Solstice, Equinox etc. Many of Worldwide Native celebrations had much to do with certain events for they marked a passage of time. Even as Indigenous people we were obsessed with keeping time. Keeping an eye on the heavens helped us plan the near future.

As many ancient cultures
Moon cont on page Five:

Terrio Speaks to Bowler Student Assembly



By Thomas Kazik – Mohican News Reporter

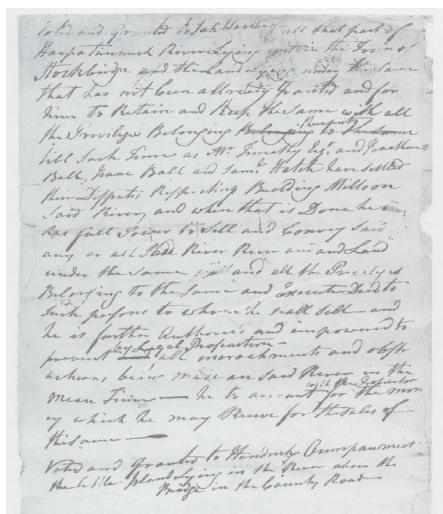
On January 18, 2023 Dan Terrio returned to his high school alma mater to speak to current students and faculty. “Setting foot in Bowler after 20 years was a full circle moment for me. The opportunity brought back many memories, both positive and negative, from my childhood- but allowed me to face the negative and heal. I saw my reflection in the students today; I was that kid sitting in the bleachers listening to a motivational speaker, dreaming about better days and a fulfilled life. Now, I am

Terrio cont on page Ten:

Legislature passes bill to return original documents to indigenous tribe

Representative Smitty Pignatelli’s bill authorizes the transfer from the town of Stockbridge to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe of the Mohican Nation

BOSTON - The Massachusetts legislature recently passed An Act relative to the transfer of original documents (pictured) to the Stockbridge-Munsee community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge. The bill was filed by Representative Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox) and was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker during his final days in office.



Early last year, the town of Stockbridge found documents from the 18th century that included the signatures of several prominent figures of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of the Mohican Nation.

Bill cont on page Four:



Meet the [@forgeprojectny](#) 2023 Stockbridge-Munsee Community jury **Forge continued on page Two:**

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Forge cont from pg One: Rainer Posselt (Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians) @rainerscott is a 2022 Forge Project Fellow and has worked with Native youth, food-sovereignty initiatives, and currently works in public and mental health. Posselt conducts various community needs assessments for the Menominee tribal epidemiology department and for the urban Indian community in Milwaukee, including designing and administering surveys, conducting focus groups, and examining epidemiological data to identify current mental health services needs for Native people in Milwaukee. Posselt is currently working on a community research project with the Great Lakes Native American Research Center for Health that will examine

how historic trauma has affected the attachment patterns of Native American adults. This theoretical relationship has never been quantitatively examined with regards to Native American historical trauma. His study aims to elucidate some of the relationships between historical trauma and how it is transmitted intergenerationally. "It's an honor to participate in selecting Indian Country's best and brightest minds that are working toward the advancement of Indigenous communities through science and the preservation of traditional culture and art," Posselt says. "Forge offers the opportunity for Indigenous minds to move toward Indigenous futures, while maintaining the traditions of the past." Applications for the 2023 Forge Project Fellowship are due February 15, 2023, by 11:59 PM EST.

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Currently we are revising: Enrollment Policy Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Forms for requesting information

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The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has petitioned

Jeff Welch on behalf of its housing department.

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DATED: September 8, 2022.

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In the Matter of the Estate of **Muriel Sereda** (DOD 11/07/2022)

A petition has been filed and accepted for the administration of the estate of the decedent, whose date of birth was November 30, 1945 and the date of death was November 7, 2022. The decedent died domiciled within the original boundaries of the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation, located in Shawano County in the

In the Matter of the Estate of **Margie Reimer** (DOD 12/25/2022)

A petition has been filed and accepted for the administration of the estate of the decedent, whose date of birth was May 4, 1926 and the date of death was December 25, 2022. The decedent died domiciled within the original boundaries of the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation, located in Shawano County in the State of Wisconsin, with an address of N9083 Murphys Road Bowler, WI 54416.

Creditors' Claims must be filed with the Stockbridge Munsee Clerk of Court on or before **March 16, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.**

The Court hearing will be held on **Friday, March 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM** at the

Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court, N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416.

Any objections may be raised at that time.

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Bill cont from page One:
The town voted to return the documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee community and the the legislation gives the Stockbridge-Munsee community sole ownership rights to any of the documents returned by the town, protecting the community's new ownership rights against any subsequent claims to the documents by another party.

"The passage of this bill completes a story that has been remarkable from beginning to end," said Pignatelli, who worked closely with town officials and advocates to advance this special legislation. "The opportunity to return historic documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee community – the original owners and inhabitants of Stockbridge – is something I was glad to help make happen. Understanding our history is a gift and something that binds us all together, and these documents were a part of that history."

Stockbridge Munsee Band of the Mohicans is one of 574 Federally Recognized Sovereign Tribal Nations in America. The Mohican presence in the area dates back to roughly 10,000 BP. 1609 marked first contact with Dutch colonizers and the beginnings of nation to nation treaty relations with European countries. The Mohicans were estimated to have a population exceeding 25,000 and controlled a large portion of the Hudson and Housatonic River Valleys. In 1734, the Mohican Nation faced the

difficult decision to relocate the seat of their government to their territory in the Berkshires and accept a Christian Missionary there. During the Mission Period, Mohican leaders invited other relative Tribal Nations, including various chieftaincies of Munsee-speaking Lenape. The Indian Town (Stockbridge) mission community included English colonists with the expectation to co-exist and co-govern with the Mohicans. However, lands held by the Mohicans surrounding Indian Town and later Indian Town itself was soon taken over despite adopting European lifeways and other forms of capitulation, such as adopting the title of "Stockbridge Indians."

Sacrificing their own lives to support colonists in the Revolutionary War was another failed to secure what remained of their ancestral lands. Stockbridge Indian Companies served in the siege of Boston Saratoga (NY) Campaign, Battle of Kingsbridge (Bronx), and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Forced out by colonists, the tribe was relocated to Oneida tribal lands in Madison Co., New York, forming a community known as New Stockbridge in 1784. Despite this removal, tribal members routinely returned to Stockbridge, MA. In 1818, one third of the tribe move to Indiana's White River Valley to join Unami-speaking Lenape (Delaware) and Miami. By 1829, a series of land sales to the State of New York dispossessed the tribe of their land at New Stockbridge, causing the removal of the whole tribe

On the Trail Home



Roman Reyna Jr.

Roman Reyna Jr. Passed away at Knapp Medical Center August 1st, 2022. Roman was the oldest child of Sharon Gardner Reyna

and Roman Reyna Sr. He is preceded in death by his beloved mother Sharon, and grandparents Leona "Cuddy" Welch Gardner and Grady "Joe" Gardner Sr. and his father's parents. He is survived by his significant other Sandra, his father Roman Reyna Sr., Brother Manuel Reyna, Sister Raquel Reyna Silva and Aunts, Uncles and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. "Romey" was always a fun loving and caring person with a big smile. He will be missed by his family and friends.

to Menominee lands in Northwest Territory, now known as Wisconsin. Through the Treaty of 1856, the tribe's reservation was established where the seat of their government and community of approximately 1,500 enrolled tribal members still remains today.

"These historic records tell the story of our ancestral heads of state. It is a rare occurrence to see records of this nature returned to a Tribe since much of our historical documents remain in external repositories located thousands of miles away from the people who need them the most," said Shannon Hosley, President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans. "This is not only our victory, but also one for all Tribal Nations who seek the return of Native American Archival Materials. It is our hope that other records repositories and archives will seek to do the same so that we can once again tell our story from our own voice. The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans would like to extend our

heartfelt gratitude to Chris Marsden, Rick Wilcox, The Town of Stockbridge Board of Selectmen, State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and all who assisted in the process to ensure that these records could be returned to us."

"The Town of Stockbridge Board of Selectmen would like to thank Chris Marsden for finding this document, and Rick Wilcox and Bonney Hartley for their efforts to secure its transfer to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans," said Patrick White, Chair of the Stockbridge Select Board. "We also would like to thank the people of Stockbridge, Rep. Smitty Pignatelli, and Gov. Charlie Baker for supporting this endeavor at Town Meeting and on Beacon Hill. It is an honor to bring together town and tribe and foster a spirit of reconciliation and renewal."

The 193rd Session of the Massachusetts General Court began on Wednesday, January 4th as members of the House of Representatives and Senate were officially sworn in.

Moon cont from pg One: are around the world, the new moon of January was followed by 12 new moons of the year. Each moon or "Month" was approx. 28 days until the next (13 total). The New Moon of January marked the "New Year." At this time, it is said by our Mohican/Munsee ancestors that "The Celestial Bear" returns to earth. The "Celestial Bear" is exactly "The big Dipper" constellation. It is at this time that the Big Dipper is closest to the Northern horizon and earth than it is at any other time of the 13-month year.

Just as other ancients, we referred to this constellation as "The great Bear, The Celestial Bear, the Big Bear (There's also a "Little bear" which is the Little Dipper)." Anyway, this constellation yields great energies.

In Many Native cultures, the Bear is a wise and most importantly a healing animal. Its body, fur, bones, fat, meat, all used in medicinal healings. The belief is that the great power of the Spirit Bear/Celestial Bear is very strong at this point being so close to the earth. It is at this time our Mohican/Munsee ancestors celebrated the Spirit Bear and all its healing qualities.

In the early 1900s a Mohican Munsee by the name of "Nekatcit" (Molly Miller I may have spelled that wrong please correct if I did.) Who sat down with a writer to document his knowledge of the Bear Sacrifice ceremony and his knowledge of the very last one to have been performed in the mid-1800s. He was a very young but learned from the elders who used to perform this ceremony. I am about to share based only on my memory of his story, but I am leaving out many intricate details. For those seeking the

intricacies of this story, you will have to personally find someone who can sit down and share them with you. There are too many for me to type all out, plus some things aren't for internet.

In the not too far off past, there was in the midst of the joined Mohican/Munsee nation; a yearly celebration that took place among the peoples. It was called the "Celestial Bear Ceremony" which was held at the beginning of the New Moon of Jan and lasted for 12-14 days until the full moon arrived.

The beginning of this ceremony called for the sacrifice of a bear, and its body to be consumed during this 2-week celebration. It would begin with a woman from the people who had the gift of vision. She would dream of where the right kind of bear would be found.

During the last known ceremony, a woman from the village had such a vision in where to find this bear. She did relay her vision to the Chief of the ceremony where it could be found. The Chief then instructed 12 men to go and find this bear. Once the bear was found in its hibernating spot, they would awaken it and lead it back to the Big House where the Chief would be waiting.

I believe the Chief and the 12 men's number reflects the 13 months of the year. The chief was to await the bear to be led to the Big House where only the Chief was to make the kill. The killing of the bear was very humane and painless. They used a strong club with a ball on the end to strike the bear with one death blow to the head.

So, in following the vision of the Woman who had that gift of sight, the 12 men followed her directions and came upon a tree where the bear lay hidden

up inside. The lead man would pound on the tree 3-4 times and say "Bear! Wake up! We need your body for the ceremony!" When they heard nothing the lead man would repeat the pounding and telling the bear to awaken.

Finally, the bear awoke and climbed down. Sitting on the ground still groggy from his slumber he held his head low to the ground. The lead man said "Come bear! Follow us to the Big House! The old man (Chief) is waiting for you!" So the bear followed the men with absolutely no problems. But so far along the trail the bear sat down and did not move anymore. The lead man said "Bear! Get up! The old man is waiting for you at the Big House!" But the bear just sat there with his head hung low.

Finally, the lead man said "Bear! If you don't follow us to the Big House, we shall have to sacrifice you right here!" But the bear still did not move. So the lead man told one of the other men to go to the Big house and tell the Chief that the bear will not come.

After some time, the Chief arrived with the messenger back to the spot where the bear was sitting. The Chief said "Bear! Get up and follow us to the Big House! We need your body for the ceremony!" But the bear still sat there with his head hanging low. The Chief then said "Bear! If you do not come, we will have to sacrifice you here!" Still the bear remained..... So, with one precise swing, the Chief killed the bear instantly.

Then, the men carried the bear back to the Big House. There were women waiting to cut up the bear and begin processing it for the 2-week ceremony. One young man was left with them to assist in any way they needed.

After the Bear was skinned, the Chief took the hide into the Big house. In the middle of the Big House there was a center pole. On this pole wrapped and tied was the hide from the bear that was sacrificed the previous year. He would untie the old hide, and re-tie the new one to the post.

This was the beginning of the 2-week celebration in honor of the Spirit of the bear and all its qualities. Each night there was a feast, dancing, sharing of visions of the previous year and of the year to come. Many ceremonies happening in celebration of the New Year, and the Celestial spirit Bears return to earth.

At the end of the celebrations the Chief would give a speech. He would give advice to all who came about making good decisions and living life in the right way. He would talk of the importance of family and community and our responsibilities to each other, telling us not to argue and fight, not to take our brothers wife home (That was really said lol).

This was a new year, and a time of healing, growing, and sharing in respect to the Spirit/Celestial Bear. A time of New Year resolutions, chasing your visions, healing broken relationships and growing as a community.

This story is known by many in our community; some people do still recognize this time of year and do our own modern respecting of this time. At the time of the 1800s, this ceremony was only being done by very few traditionals. Eventually it stopped. This man Nekatcit knew of its importance and had allowed his knowledge to be document in its entirety. It is as if he knew in time, the traditionals would rise

Moon cont on page Six:



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Moon cont from pg Five: again and rediscover this ceremony of healing and unity among the tribe. I am sure he may have predicted that it would not be done the same, but I feel his biggest wish was that people would not forget what it was for! I don't take any credit for his knowledge he shared. He left this knowledge behind so people like you and I could find it, share it, and teach our children about it. It is one small part of who we were/are. One can also request A copy of this documentary from the library (You may have to pay for paper). You will find much much more within. I merely shared a small piece! I have always been taught that our ancestors have left things on our path to rediscover, but we need to

recognize it and pick it up and use it while it is there. Otherwise if we leave it and change our minds later to return to find them. They could be gone for good. As I stated I left a lot out of this story, but shared enough for all to understand what this time meant to our people, and what it means to me. If I had left anything of dire importance out, I would hope that those who have the knowledge will chime in and add to it. This isn't an issue to argue over a microphone, it is meant to share our culture and traditions in a goodhearted way. Wneeweh This Text was shared by Shawn Stevens via Facebook Happy Holiday! Tobacco down for the New year! May yours be beneficial!

2023 Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Youth Trip to the Homelands

April 20th (Thursday) – April 22 (Saturday), 2023

Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts invites Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Youth who will be 16-18 years as of April 20th and who are fully COVID vaccinated as of **February 15th, 2023** on an all-expenses-paid trip to the homelands. Williams College will purchase roundtrip plane tickets departing from Austin Straubel Airport in Green Bay, WI, and will cover housing, events, and most meals during the trip.

Due to the limited spots, priority will be given on a first come first serve basis. This means the first 15 S/M enrolled students who submit proof of being fully COVID vaccinated to Kim Taylor by email at kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov before the Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 deadline will be selected. **Note: Students who sign up after February 15th will be considered only if space allows. Kim Taylor, can also be reached by phone at 715-793-4100 for questions.**

Proposed Programming:

Thursday, April 20: Travel/Evening events

- Fly from Green Bay, WI to Albany, NY. Shuttle from Albany airport to campus.
- Welcome Dinner with OIDEI, professors, and Admission/SFS staff (Maud, Leticia, Bonney, Gretchen)
- Dorm/hotel check-in.
- Evening reflection: What are your hopes, expectations, and questions about walking your ancestral homelands tomorrow?

Friday, April 21:

• AM: Experience the Homelands

- o Joined by Bard professors.
- o Field Farm for swimming, Counter Culture exhibit

• PM: Explore Colleges

- o Dining hall lunch
- o WCMA program (Noah Smalls)
- o College panel with RPI, MCLA, Bard, Skidmore, Bennington, Williams

- FUN: planned events are in the works
- Evening reflection: Please describe your experiences in Stockbridge and/or Field Farm. What does being Native in college mean to you? What are your hopes for after high school?

Saturday, April 22: Morning events/Departure travel

- Goodbye breakfast with OIDEI and Admission/SFS staff.
- Williams campus tour
- LEAVE CAMPUS BY 2pm: Shuttle back to Albany airport, travel back to Green Bay, WI.



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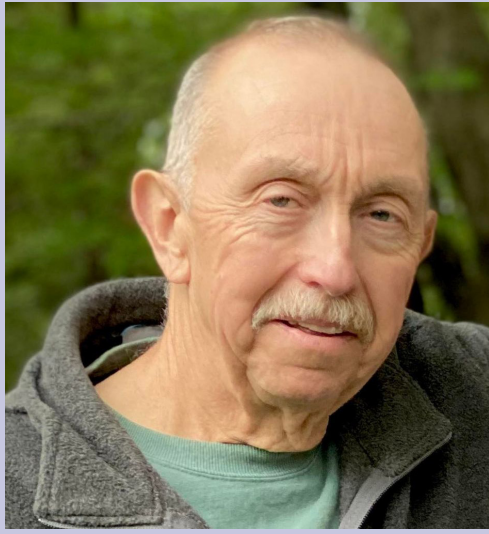
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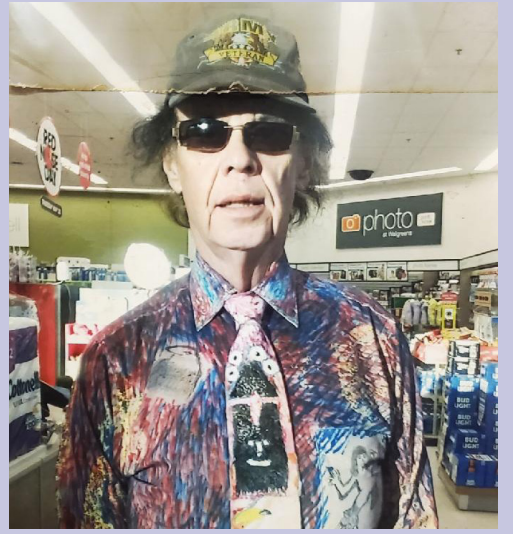
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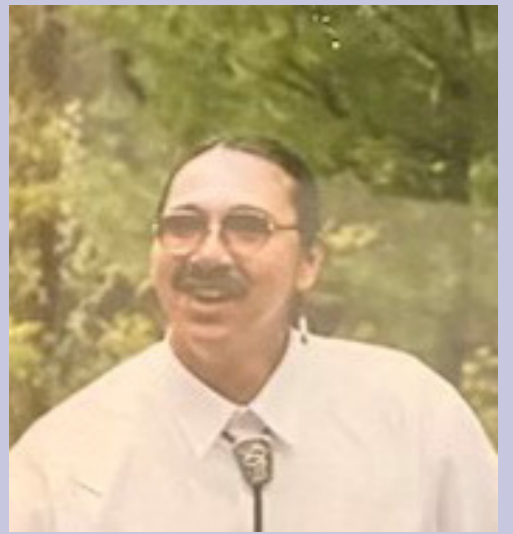
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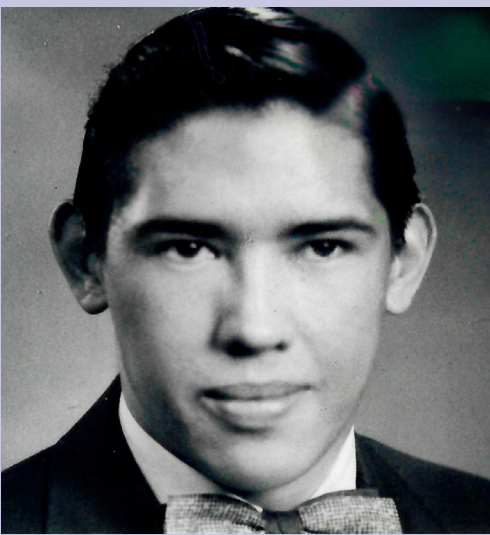
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To Those We Lost in 2022



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10-09-2022



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Aleta Doris (Welch) Pingel
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Muriel Robin Sereda
11-07-2022



Roman Reyna Jr.
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Carl "Deacon" Church
12-07-2022



Earl E. Miller
12-12-2022



Community

Terrio cont from pg One: the speaker. There are so many words I could use to describe the visit but the only one that does so accurately is “full circle.”

In this presentation, Terrio explored the concept of human beingness, resiliency, and finding purpose through the power of storytelling. Utilizing the powerful story of his journey, attendees learned how resiliency, healing, strength, and good can spring from less than perfect circumstances, while encouraging communities to cultivate a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

After listening to and talking with Terrio there is plenty to learn about oneself and his words describe that perfectly. He said, “We all have a story. That story shapes who we are, why we believe the way we do, and our values. Far too often, we tend to label people from what you perceive about them rather than getting to see their true self, or their ‘human beingness’ in this case. Human Beingness is defined as what makes you unique, what makes you passionate, and what makes you real. Human beingness defines your character and your authenticity, and it is shaped by your life journey. Embracing the human beingness of others starts with embracing our individual human beingness.”

Terrio said, “I currently work as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for Milwaukee County. My role tasks me

with the development, implementation and planning of initiatives and programming designed to attract a diverse talent base to seek employment with the county, while engaging the county’s nearly 4,000 employees in creating an inclusive workplace environment. I also serve as an advisor to the County Executive on Diversity and Inclusion issues within the workforce, and monitor workforce trends globally. With my appointment, I became the first Native American to serve in an executive administration and I am one of the only Indigenous Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officers in the state of Wisconsin.”

When asked about his future plans he replied, “I am in the process of writing my memoir, which has been a work in progress and I am hoping to complete it within the next year. I am also working hard in my role with Milwaukee County. I also volunteer with Wisconsin’s only group home that serves displaced and homeless LGBTQ+ youth, and recently led the purchase of a second home to house LGBTQ+ youth that ‘age’ out of the foster system. I have recently returned to keynote speaking after stepping away for years. There is a need to elevate Indigenous voices and LGBTQ+ voices. Youth, in particular, are struggling with bullying, mental health, addiction, gender identity, and the list goes on. There is a need to hear voices that have experienced a multitude of these issues and have found the



Terrio addresses assembly of students at Bowler High

courage, strength, and light to find purpose on the other side. I look forward to continuously sharing my message that hope is possible, and purpose lies where you least expect it.”

Dan was asked if there was anything he would like to say about where he was in life, as compared to where he is now. He explained, “I was in a very dark place as a kid. I was able to hide it well and find light in a time of darkness. Despite everything, I don’t regret anything that has happened thus far in my life as it has made me better, and made me stronger. When I look at our youth, I see myself and I see strength. I have used my trauma to find purpose, and that has brought me endless joy knowing that I am making a mark on this world- given what life has handed me.”

As Terrio talked he explained, “My goal for coming back is for Bowler students to see that the possibilities are endless as long as they stay true to themselves and embrace their authenticity. I was fortunate to mentor with Tribal elders Dot Davids and Ruth Guidinas, who instilled in me the power of human beingness and embracing your stories. Because of their influence, I have been able to find my voice and inspire others to

do the same. When I was younger, I felt like nobody could hear me because of the trauma I experienced. When I fully embraced my human beingness, I found peace, and I found a drive to succeed. That success led me to working in the largest county in the state of Wisconsin. I don’t take for granted that I get to do this work in Milwaukee County because for generations, Indigenous people and LGBTQ+ people fought to have a seat at the table and a voice in societal change. A voice like mine has not been heard in our areas of government, and now, my voice has a seat at the table. Never let your trauma define what you’re capable of doing. If I can do it, anyone can do it.”

His presentation shared the importance of storytelling and embracing one’s authenticity. The message, which is adapted from Terrio’s 2018 TEDx Talk by the same name, details Terrio’s life and journey to purpose while encouraging listeners to look at their own stories and not judge others. He shared key moments in his life, including a near fatal car/train accident that left him temporarily confined to a wheelchair and how that moment directed him to finding his own voice and to leadership.



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On Tuesday, January 17th, 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; Present
Jeremy Mohawk; Present
Terrie K. Terrio; Present
Randall Wollenhaup Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-ADD: Personnel Matter in Executive Session

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr to approve agenda with the addition of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of December 27, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara abstains, Craig abstains, Randall yes and Jeremy abstains. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Regular Tribal Meeting minutes of January 3 as amended. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT (IHBG) COMPETITIVE-Randy Young, Housing Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve 016-23, NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council agrees to allocate the amount of in-kind for the Division of Community Housing New Home Construction Project, contingent upon the award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the same project. Seconded by Joe Miller. Resolution adopted.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Collections and Projects Coordinator-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director

Tabled
JOB DESCRIPTION: Historic Preservation Program Coordinator-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director

Tabled
JOB DESCRIPTION: Computer Software Specialist-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Computer Software Specialist. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk Motion carried.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM - Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize purchasing Alert Media Emergency Communication Solution. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

STATE PUBLIC UTILITY GRANT APPLICATION-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Joe Miller to approve authorizing partnering with Wittenberg Telephone to apply to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for the broadband expansion grant with a tribal contribution. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: PC Support Technician-Regina Williams, HR Manager NSMCR and Robert Kosowski, IT Director

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the changes to the PC Support Technician job description. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

NSMCR & BINGO-2022 ENDOFYEAREXTERNAL AUDIT-Tony Granquist, Interim GM and Ken Davids, Mohican Gaming Commission

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk for approval for the Mohican Gaming Commission send audits to the National Indian Gaming Commission and to the Wisconsin Division of Indian Gaming. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 2022 GM REPORT WITH FINANCIALS - Tony Granquist, Interim GM

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the GM's Monthly Report with financials for November 2022. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Tribal Management Development (TMD)-Janet B. Miller, Contract & Grants Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 017-23, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the Tribe's Model Contract for FY23, 24, 25 for the purpose of 638 contracting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

Resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION: TVSO MOU Veterans Services Grant-Gregg Duffek, TVSO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 018-23, approving the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of ARPA State Recovery Funds with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and to authorize the President's signature contingent upon the funds showing the waiver of sovereign immunity. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion maker amends motion to add: WDVA 2023 American Indian Veterans Services AIVS Tribal Veterans Service grant and a One-time Supplemental grant. Second concurs. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION: Lamberries 2023 & Van Treeck 2023 Trust Applications-Chad Miller, Land Management

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 019-23, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, to process its "Van Treeck 2023 Application" to have such fee lands taken into federal trust status for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and be proclaimed as part of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Reservation;

BE IT FUR1HER RESOLVED, this "Van Treeck 2023 Application" consists of approximately 137.9 acres of land held in 4 parcels that have the following legal descriptions and tax parcel numbers:

Parcel 1
The NE¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of Section 25, T. 28 N., R. 14 E., 4th P.M.,
Directives cont on pg 13:

Directives cont from 12:
Town of Red Springs, Shawano County, Wisconsin, excepting the West 7 ½ rods of the North 32 rods thereof, and also excepting the following: Commencing 20 ½ rods East of the NW corner of the said NE ¼ of the NE¼; thence running East 10 rods, thence South 16 rods, thence West 10 rods, thence North 16 rods to the place of beginning.

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Parcel 2

That part of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 25, T. 28 N., R. 14 E., 4th P.M., Town of Red Springs, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of said quarter-quarter section; thence East along the North line of said quarter-quarter section, to the Northwest-erly shore of Malone Lake; thence Southwesterly along said shore, to the West line of said quarter-quarter section; thence North along the West line of said quarter quarter section to the place of beginning.

Tax Key No. 038-25140-0001

Parcel 3

The E ½ of the NW¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 25, T. 28 N., R. 14 E., 4th P.M., Town of Red Springs, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

Tax Key No. 038-25120-0000

Parcel 4

The E ½ of the SE¼ of Section 24, T. 28 N., R. 14 E., 4th P.M., Town of Red Springs, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

Tax Key Nos. 038-24440-0000 and 038-24410-0000.

Seconded by Joe Miller. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 020-23, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Af-

fairs, Great Lakes Agency, to process its “**Lamberies 2023 Application**” to have such fee lands taken into federal trust status for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and be proclaimed as part of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Res-ervation;

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, this “Lamberies 2023 Application” consists of approximately 80 acres of land that have the following legal description and tax parcel numbers:

The NW¼ of the SE¼ and the SW¼ of the SE¼ (which includes Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 1696, recorded June 29, 1998, in Volume 6 of Cer-tified Survey Maps pages 172- 173, as Document No. 507455) in Section 10, T. 28 N., R. 14 E., 4th P.M., Town of Red Springs, Shawano Coun-ty, Wisconsin, LESS AND EXCEPTING that part for roadway.

Tax Key Nos. 038-10420-0000 and 038-10430-0000

Seconded by Joe Miller. Resolution adopted.

2023 BUDGET MOD #2 FOR FUND 204-Jolene Bowman, Director of Education & Career Services

Motion by Joe Miller to support Mod #2 which transfers from Fund 220 wage line item (54200) to the Student Incentives line item (7321) in Fund 204, to support the 2023 Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican trip to the Homelands ages 16-18 and receiving cash in lieu of a gift card. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

HRSA OVERDOSE RESPONSE GRANT-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve to apply for the HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program- Overdose Response

Grant. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

STATE GRANT: Room & Board for Members with Medicaid and OUD-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve to apply for the State funding to cover room and board cost of Medicaid members with an opioid use Disorder in Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

WISCONSIN DHS-Radon Education Information-Andrew Miller, SMWHC Director

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve to share counts of radon testing and number of houses mitigated since last year to Wisconsin Department of Health Services and UW Carbon Cancer Center for use in an informational Power Point. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

IHS EQUIPMENT FUND-FY2023 for new Ella Besaw Building-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve to apply for IHS FY2023 equipment fund for the new Ella Besaw Building. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTION-Linda Mohawk-Katcheango, Constitution Committee Member

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request from the Constitution Committee to fund and support the costs for holding a meeting the Tribal Membership and the UW Madison. Seconded by Joe Miller.

Motion maker amends motion: not to exceed a set amount. Second concurs. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTION-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Childcare Workgroup

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk approval from the Tribal Council for the Childcare Workgroup to share the list of Tribal Members household who were mailed the Childcare Survey with the Tribe’s Human Resources Department. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT-Conveyance of the Shawnee Indian Mission to the Shawnee Tribe

Motion by Joe Miller to authorize President or Vice President’s signature on the letter of support for the Shawnee Indian Tribe for the Shawnee Indian Mission. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-

Motion by Joe Miller to appoint Alpha Creapeau to the Health Board and to post for the vacancy. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint JoAnn Schedler to the Membership Committee. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 5:46 PM.

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:29 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Personnel Matter, an Elderly Hardship Request and a SMHWC Request.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the director’s request concerning a contract position as recommended. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:30 PM.



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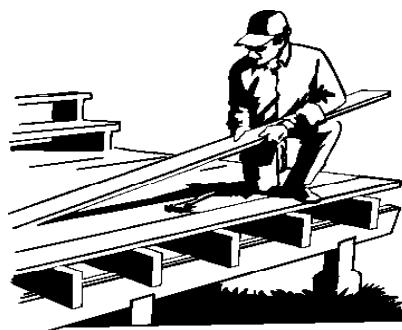
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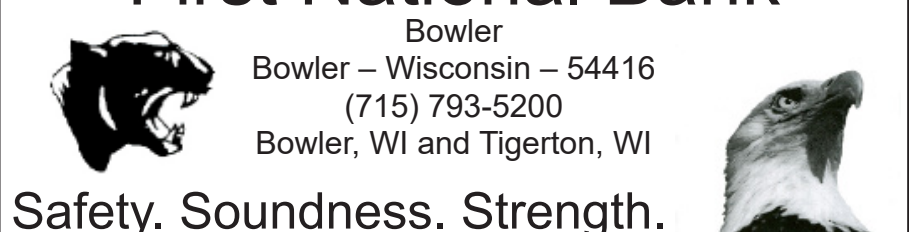
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