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47th Annual Mohican Veterans Powwow



Thomas Kazik- New Reporter
 August 11th through the 14th the Stockbridge reservation was over run with powwow goers from all over. The 47th Mohican veterans powwow weekend at Many Trails Park was filled with food, music, dancing and the community coming together. The powwow honored those who served in the Gulf War. With each year our powwow Outgoing royalty hands over the crown to new and Incoming royalty. Outgoing

little miss princess Rylann Vele handed her crown to Dariona Webster. Jr. miss Torunn Dodge welcomed Marly Mendez in the Jr role. Bertina Dodge retained her title for another year. The Host Drum was Medicine Bear, and other invited drums were: Young Standing Bear, Swamp Creek, Wolf River, Wigwam Jr.'s, GiiTaa'se. the walk-in drums were: White Pine, Southern Sky, Second Island, Yellow Cloud. Our Head Veteran Dancers: **Mohican cont on Twelve:**

In Memoriam: Dr. Verna Fowler - July 1, 1942 to August 12, 2023

With deep sadness, we share the news of the passing of our friend, advocate, leader, and teacher, Dr. Verna Fowler, the founding President of the College of Menominee Nation (CMN).

Upon learning of her passing, current CMN President Chris Caldwell shared a few thoughts, "In talking with Dr. Fowler, I found comfort in learning from her experiences. Resources are always limited, problems and **Fowler cont on page Six:**



Dr. Verna Fowler

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Kolamalsi.

My name is Shawn Stevens, and I am honored to be the Chairperson of our Tribal Nation's Language and Culture Committee (LCC). I have been actively involved in the Language and Culture Committee since its inception in the early 2000s, and hope to continue for many years to come.

With many ups and downs, it has been a journey of continuous learning and appreciation for the heritage that defines us as a community. Just recently, we recognized the crucial importance of establishing concrete bylaws, mission statements, and standard operating procedures to fortify and streamline our efforts in creating a strong and effective presence. Our aim is to enhance the cultural and academic systems, ensuring a more cohesive and enriched experience for all members of our community and beyond.

Both culturally and academically, we have taken immense pride in the assembling of a team of exceptionally qualified individuals who share a common passion for preserving and promoting the richness of our heritage. Composed of distinguished scholars, and enthusiasts from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds, our Committee is dedicated to a singular objective—tirelessly striving to deliver the abso-

lute best for our People.

With a profound commitment to upholding the essence of our traditions and languages, each member brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. Our expertise encompasses a wide array of disciplines, including linguistics, anthropology, history, literature, arts, music, medicine, and sociology, among others.

Through a collective pursuit of excellence, the LCC ensures that our cultural legacy remains intact and alive, fostering understanding, appreciation, and unity among our community.

The LCC stands strong in its endeavor to provide the very best for our people. Safeguarding our heritage empowers us to face the challenges of a rapidly changing world while staying firmly rooted in our identity. Our unwavering commitment to quality and inclusivity serves as a torchlight of inspiration for future generations, forging a path towards a more culturally enriched and harmonious society for us all.

More articles from the LCC coming soon!

Wuniiwih! ("Thank you," in Mohican)

Shawn Stevens
Dr Robert Shubinski
Wanonah Kosbob
Karen Gardener
Brent Michael Davids

To the Stockbridge Community:

I am writing with sadness and disappointment to inform you that as of August 14, 2023, I will no longer be providing podiatric services to the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center. After 20 years of continuous and consistent service, my contract to continue was not offered.

When my wife, Dr Shannon Meyer and I moved to northern Wisconsin in 1996, our mission was to help develop amputation prevention programs to the tribal health clinics by providing outreach podiatric foot care to the clinics on a regular and
Larsen cont on pg Four:



STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency,
And Case No. 2023-CS-0011

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

Legal Notice for Intent to Change Name

Lexus Fuller has petitioned the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court for a name change from Lexus Jayd Fuller to Lexus Jayd Reiter

The Court hearing will be held on Friday, September 29th, 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.



Legal Notice for Intent to Change Name

Arianna Fuller has petitioned the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court for a name change from Arianna Anastasia Fuller to Arianna Anastasia Reiter

The Court hearing will be held on Friday, September 29th, 2023 at 10:15 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.





Elders

Larsen cont from Three: consistent basis. Since 2003, we have been providing that care to your community. I am honored and humbled by all the patients I have served as a provider and by all of those who have assisted me to provide you with the best care that I could deliver. Through our experience and through research, the prevention of amputation is very well done through prevention and collaboration with fellow health care professionals and with multiple specialists. As a specialist in diabetic foot and high-risk patients, not having this access at

the Health and Wellness Center will create a risk for those patients.

If you are concerned about your health and your feet and need further care, please contact your health care provider to discuss your plan to continue prevention care for your feet.

Again, I am sorry to inform you that I will no longer be available for foot care and amputation prevention at the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center.

Sincerely,

.David C Larsen DPM

On the Trail Home

Neopit.



Dr. Verna Fowler

S. Verna Fowler, age 81, passed away on August 12, 2023, at her home in Keshena. Verna was born on July 1, 1942, in Keshena to the late Sanford and Louise (Pecore) Fowler Sr. She graduated from Shawano High School then went to college at Silver Lake College. Verna graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with a PHD in educational leadership. She was the founder and former President of College of Menominee Nation. Verna was the past principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano and taught at many schools around Wisconsin. She was a nun at Sisters of New Genesis in Green Bay diocese. Verna was a member of the Franciscan order for many years. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in

Verna is survived by her special niece, Joan Delabreau; lifelong friend Sister Jeanette Trost; her sister-in-law, Ava Fowler; and many other nieces and nephews.

Verna is preceded in death by her siblings, Marlene, Joan, Clara, Sanford Jr., Shirley, Bernard, Leon, Al, Calvin, Eugene and Llewellyn Dickenson and parents, Sanford Sr., and Louise.

A funeral mass will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday August 17, 2023, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit with Fr. Hanz Christian and Fr. O'Brien officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday August 17, 2023, from 9:00 am until the time of service. Inurnment will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery at a later date. A memorial has been established in Verna's memory at the College of Menominee Nation.

A quote from Verna, "One day I hope the Menominee will be as well-known for their education, as they are for their forest management."

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Michael Cook for the wonderful care.

Bowler School Shares Donation With MFC



Bowler School received a donation from School Specialty on July 14th and 15th. School Specialty is a furniture and school supply business that schools and other educational facilities order from. The School Specialty warehouse in Appleton had 3.5 semi-trailers full of sample items and other items that were in excellent condition, just no longer being manufactured or of use to the business any longer. Richard Welk, an employee of School Specialty, contacted the Bowler School District through the advice of his

sister Barb Mendoza. Barb gave Richard my phone number and from there I organized the logistics to go and pick up all of the items. It took one 26 foot Penske truck, the school van along with the trailer, and all of the custodial workers to retrieve all of the items. After two days of trips to Appleton, along with loading and unloading the furniture in the Penske, the Bowler School Elementary Gym was packed with new furniture. Using the new (still in bubble wrap) furniture, were able to furnish quite a few classrooms and

update other areas within the school, but we still had a large number of items left. Wanting to spread the wealth within the community, Kori Price at the Mohican Family Center (MFC) was contacted to come and take a look at the various items still available. Kori and Crystal Malone came to take a peek and begin claiming items that

would be useful for the Mohican Family Center. "It was great to be able to give back to the community and allow others to benefit from the generous donation of School Specialty." said Brandi Dove.

This information was provided by Brandi Dove, Bowler School Elementary Principal.

VA Health Care Eligibility Myths

One very valuable veteran benefit is access to the VA health care system. Unfortunately, there are many myths, rumors and misconceptions that circulate among veterans and the public which may prevent some veterans from applying for the benefits they are entitled to. It can be confusing to determine whether or not you may qualify because eligibility for VA health care is not straight forward or black and white. Not all veterans are eligible to enroll in VA Health Care and eligibility depends on a wide variety of factors and circumstances. Here we discuss a few common misconceptions that might keep veterans from applying for this valuable benefit.

Myth Number One – I didn't serve overseas or in combat so I'm not eligible. If you served in the active duty military, even during peace time, and were honorably discharged, you likely meet the basic/minimum requirements to qualify for VA health care. However, meeting the service requirement doesn't automatically qualify or disqualify you because there are other factors the VA considers to decide eligibility. Some of these include:

Being a Former [Prisoner of War \(POW\)](#)

In receipt of the Purple Heart Medal.

In receipt of the Medal of Honor. Have a compensable VA awarded service-connected disability of 10% or more.

In receipt of a VA Pension.

Were discharged from the military because of a disability (not preexisting), early out, or hardship.

Served in a Theater of Operations for 5 years post discharge.

Served in the Republic of Vietnam from January 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975. Including serving on some U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships associated with military service in Vietnam. Served in the Persian Gulf from August 2, 1990 to November 11, 1998.

Were stationed or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953

and December 31, 1987.

Are found by VA to be Catastrophically Disabled.

Previous years' household income is below VA's National Income or Geographical-Adjusted Income Thresholds.

Myth Number Two - I wasn't injured in the service, so I'm not eligible for VA health care or I can only receive care for service connected injuries. These are common misconceptions but the truth is you don't have to have a service connected disability (injury/illness) to use VA health care and VA health care clinics and hospitals provide comprehensive health care.

The VA is uniquely equipped and trained to treat combat wounds, yes, but they also treat everything from the common cold to cancer and everything in between, including mental health counseling and AODA treatment. You can receive VA hospital and outpatient care for any ailment, service connected or not, if you are enrolled in the VA healthcare system.

Myth Number Three— I make too much money to qualify for VA health care. This may or may not be true. Income does affect eligibility in many cases. If you do not have a service connected disability, or do not qualify due to other factors, income may be a limiting factor for your enrollment. See a local Veteran Service Officer if you have questions about how income affects enrollment and apply to get a VA decision.

Myth Number Four — VA health care is health insurance. Enrolling in the VA health care system does NOT mean you have health insurance! VA Health Care is coverage for care received at VA facilities only (with some limited exceptions that need pre-approval). In fact, you should have other private health insurance or Medicare/Medicaid to cover care outside the VA. It is especially important to have other insurance to avoid incurring large bills due to emergency room visits. Emergency room visits are not covered by the VA unless the visit is at a VA hospital emergency room or it

is a life-threatening emergency like a heart attack or stroke – things like broken bones are not considered life-threatening.

Myth Number Five — I can't use VA health care if I have private health insurance. Entirely false. You may receive care at the VA and still choose to use your private health insurance to receive treatment from private doctors as well. The VA will work with other doctors to meet your health care needs and coordinate effective treatment. Also, as stated above, it is important to have coverage for emergencies that the VA won't cover.

Myth Number Six – I can only apply once. This is not true. You may apply whenever there is a change in your circumstances (for instance if your income changes or you are granted a service connected disability) or if there is a change in the law/rules that govern the VA eligibility standards.

Myth Number Seven – I get services from my Tribal Clinic, so why go through the hassle of applying with the VA? As an eligible Native American the Tribal Health Center and many Tribal Health Centers throughout the United States provide Direct services to you if you present your enrollment or descendant papers. Often the funds received from IHS only cover an estimated 46 % of the need of most Tribal Communities. By applying for Veterans Health benefits, you have earned it is possible for your Tribal clinic to get reimbursed by the VA for services they are going to provide to you anyway, so help your Community stretch those healthcare dollars for the betterment of your Tribe.



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The bottom line — Because there are so many factors that can affect a veteran's eligibility for VA Health care the best way to determine if you are eligible is to apply and get an official decision from the VA. You can do this yourself online by going to: <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/>, by going to any VA clinic and applying in person, or with help at your Tribal Veteran Service Office.

The Mesothelioma Center

As a result of the military's past reliance on asbestos, countless veterans are currently suffering from life-threatening diseases caused by asbestos exposure. Our organization provides free information, resources, and personal assistance to those who have been affected by these diseases and can even help veterans file for their VA benefits.

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Please take a look at some of the great information we have for veterans and let me know if you have any questions:

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Fowler cont from pg One: challenges never end, and communication can sometimes be difficult. But the rewards are countless when you see the impact on our students' lives and those of their families and communities."

Dr. Fowler devoted her career to advancing educational opportunities for American Indians as a teacher, school administrator, and advocate. She was a teacher at all elementary and secondary school levels and in colleges in Northeastern Wisconsin. She was also an administrator at the elementary and college level.

This distinguished advocate of American Indian Education played a critical role on advisory committees, including the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities (under President Clinton and Bush), and was a leader who served as President of the American Indian College Fund and Vice President of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. She is a highly respected leader and will be deeply missed by our College of Menominee Nation family and throughout Indian Country.

History
Dr. Fowler's biography has been documented in many sources over the years, including writer Judy Earp's interview of her for the 2008 "Unsung Heroes in the Indian Community" project of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Earp's article begins with quotes well known to those who have worked with Dr. Fowler and remember

her frequent admonitions, "Start with a plan...take one step at a time and move forward..." and "...pay attention to people, administrators, others around you...soak up their knowledge and learn from them...it all comes to you for a reason."

With two paths in mind — nursing or teaching — the 1960 high school graduate Verna Fowler chose teaching. She completed a bachelor's degree at Silver Lake College to become an elementary school teacher.

Her early education and professional careers advanced with encouragement from many who saw her potential and urged her on. While serving as principal at an elementary school in Shawano, she was encouraged by her sister, Shirley Daly, to pursue a master's degree. She spent the next three summers at the University of North Dakota (UND), working toward her Master of Arts. Encouragement next came from a professor who approached her about enrolling in a doctoral program at UND. She first declined, but upon being awarded the prestigious Patricia Roberts Harris Scholarship, which covered her financial needs, she was able to follow his advice and completed the dissertation for her doctorate in 1992.

The next step in Dr. Fowler's career began with a call from the Tribal Legislature asking her to return to the Menominee Reservation and help re-establish a tribal education program. With a job offer in hand, she was at first reluctant. Dr. Fowler initially said "no," but as had the professor at UND, the Tribal Chairman and Glen Miller didn't give up. He persuaded her that

her "education, knowledge, skills, experience and spirit" were needed in the Menominee community.

In October 1992, Dr. Fowler signed a contract with the Tribe to start work on the college. She knew two critical truths about starting a college: 1) Students must have financial aid, and 2) students must have accredited courses that will transfer to other colleges. She readily got down to business — starting with a plan, taking one step at a time, and moving forward.

Her legacy of a successful, accredited, and fully functional tribal college was last celebrated just months ago. As part of the College's 30th Anniversary, CMN's retired Founding President Verna Fowler was recognized during the Class of 2023 graduation ceremony.

President Caldwell shared,

"In May 2003, Dr. Fowler handed me my first college degree when I graduated from CMN. Now, I reflect on that moment when handing our graduates their diplomas and seeing their smiles reflect a brighter future. Although her loss saddens me, I also remember her words that she had a good life and was prepared for her journey. Seeing her strength to the end is part of a legacy she leaves us with at the College. I share my prayers of strength and comfort with her family, friends, our college, and all those who have connected because of Dr. Fowler."

We assure her spirit that we have paid attention, hopefully, soaked up her knowledge, and learned from it.

Dr. Fowler's obituary can be viewed on page Four of this issue of the Mohican News.

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For any questions please contact PRC or Medical Staff at (715)793-5010 or (715)793-5000 .

Powwow Photos taken by Richard Evans



47th Mohican Veterans Powwow



Veterans Princess Katie Welch



President Shannon Holsey



AJ Miller grilling up sidepork



Brock Shreiber



Karmen Mason



Melanie Smith



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Karmen Mason



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47th Mohcian Veterans Powwow



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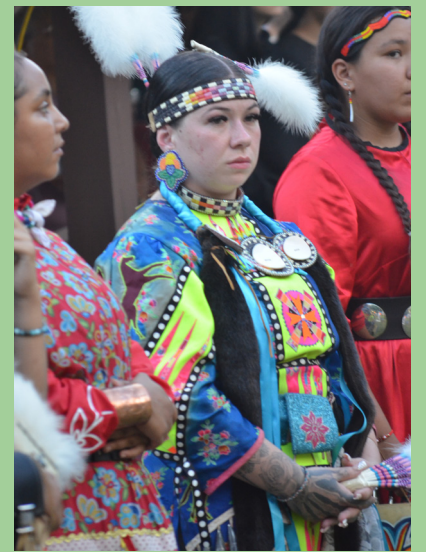
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Libby Carinton and Torunn Dodge



47th Mohican Veterans Powwow



Harm Reduction



What is “Harm Reduction”? Harm reduction is about safety – an example of harm reduction is having a designated driver. We are not saying its ok to go out and get plastered, but having a designated driver provides a safety measure for yourself and others.

When individuals have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or as some would say a drug or alcohol addiction, they need to be provided harm reduction materials - such as fentanyl testing strips or having naloxone (Narcan) available.

Sometimes people are afraid that providing harm reduction methods will cause an increase in drug use - that has found to be simply untrue. Does wearing a seat belt cause more crashes? Does having a fire extinguisher cause more fires? Of course not, it is just a preventative safety measure.

Research has shown that individuals with access to harm reduction materials are five times more likely to enter treatment or seek out support services for recovery. Most people with SUD *do not* want to be addicted to drugs and there are a multitude of reasons that lead people to become addicted.

Harm reduction is about caring and supporting individuals until they can make a change in their lives. True caring and compassion are at the heart of tribal communities. If you or someone you know has issues, you can be there with tools and support.

Fentanyl test strips and Narcan nasal spray are available at the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center Community Health Department. Just stop by and ask any of the Community Health staff or call Judy at 715-793-5060.



Virus or Bacteria: What's Got You Sick?

From time to time everybody gets sick. Do I wait for 5 or 7 days before I call to make a Doctor appointment? Is it viral or bacterial and will I get the magic pill to make me feel better? These are all question we all ask ourselves.

Antibiotics are a great way to take care of certain bacterial infections, where viral infections need to run its course. One way to help get over a cold is to drink plenty of fluids and get rest. But some antibiotics that used to be typical treatments for bacterial infections now don't work as well. And some drugs

don't work at all against some bacteria. When an antibiotic no longer works against some strains of bacteria, those bacteria are said to be antibiotic resistant. This resistance can be caused by overuse or misuse of antibiotics or the bacteria's strain has changed.

The change in bacteria's strain is no different to our survival. We learn how to adapt to our surroundings and pass on our knowledge to others. Bacteria has that same ability. With this in mind, the normal antibiotic will not work.

Overuse and misuse will



Viruses or Bacteria What's got you sick?

Antibiotics are often prescribed when they are not needed for respiratory infections. Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria. Viral illnesses cannot be treated with antibiotics. When an antibiotic is not prescribed, ask your healthcare professional for tips on how to relieve symptoms and feel better.

Common Respiratory Infections	Common Cause			Are Antibiotics Needed?
	Virus	Virus or Bacteria	Bacteria	
Common cold/runny nose	✓			No
Sore throat (except strep)	✓			No
COVID-19	✓			No
Flu	✓			No
Bronchitis/chest cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults)*		✓		No*
Middle ear infection		✓		Maybe
Sinus infection		✓		Maybe
Strep throat			✓	Yes
Whooping cough			✓	Yes

* Studies show that in otherwise healthy children and adults, antibiotics for bronchitis won't help patients feel better.



To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.



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cause the same effect. When we take antibiotics for the wrong type of illness the antibiotic is useless and will not work. The antibiotic will attack our body's good bacteria and allow us to be susceptible to opportunistic attackers. We need to know when an antibiotic is right for the symptom.

This is when we need to know the difference between bacterial and viral infection.

Other common viral infections that aren't helped by the use of antibiotics include:

- Cold or runny nose
- Flu (influenza)
- Bronchitis
- Most coughs
- Some ear infections
- Some sinus infections
- Stomach flu

Taking an antibiotic for a

viral infection:

- Won't cure the infection
- Won't keep other people from getting sick
- Won't help you or your child feel better
- May cause needless and harmful side effects
- Promotes antibiotic resistance

So, what is the answer? 5 days? 7 days? Understanding your symptoms and monitoring your progress is key. Cold and flu season is upon us.

Keep hydrated.

Eat healthy.

Seek medical attention when symptoms worsen or when they don't get better after a week.

Keep in mind antibiotics are not a magic pill. Self-care and awareness are important.

Mohican cont from One: Christopher “Bully” Tomaw and Rose Mary Tourtillott, and they were joined by our head dancers: JaNiYaKuHa Webster (all weekend), LJ Flores (Friday & Saturday) and Waylon Welch (Sunday). For all the food fanatics we have the Food stand awards. Best Fry Bread went to Auntie NeNe’s stand. Bev Miller and Family were on their game for the weekend bringing in three different awards: Best Main Dish: Cheeseburger on Fry bread, Best Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake, and Best Soup: Chili. Best Drink went to Courtlyn’s Sweet Shack for the Blue Raspberry Lemonade.

Roberta Carrington was the head of the all the works powwow weekend. She wanted to thank all the workers she making the weekend possible. The powwow Stand Crew: Job Moede, Kim Taylor, Tashina Williams, Raini Moede and Darby Rockman, they stood and took care of business the entire weekend. The entire cleanup crew: Donnie Webster, Ruben Arce, Cheryl Pieper, Jamie Mattingly, Daryl Erickson, Joseph “Boo” Azzolina, Frank Azzolina, Violet Azzolina, Rikki Gulbranson and Robert James. The powwow would NEVER get done or be enjoyable if they were not there to clean up and help out. The overnight crew: Walker Miller and Sam Tourtillott, they stay awake all night and keep fire as well as make sure everyone is safe inside the powwow grounds.

role and keeping things straight, Carlos Fernandez for sound; always amazing, Nikole Pecore for Crowns and Sashes, and Our Tribal Council for providing the dollars to get all of our people lined up to lead our powwow. Carrington said “Even though it’s a ton of work, it’s always rewarding work, the planning is a big task but everyone who attends and dances, drums, etc. makes it what it is!”

Emcee Mark Denning touched on how natives were banned from holding cultural events back in the day, so the following in some history. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Canadian and American governments outlawed a variety of traditional Indigenous ceremonies, including powwows. In Canada, the 1876 Indian Act obstructed the celebration of powwows by restricting Indigenous peoples’ right to conduct cultural and spiritual ceremonies and wear traditional outfits. Subsequent amendments to the Indian Act in 1884, 1895 and 1914 only confirmed the prohibition of various Indigenous ceremonies. This prohibitive legislation in Canada coincided with similar American legislation that banned dancing on reserves, most notably a 1921 order that labelled dancing and ceremonies “Indian Offences”. The American Indian Religious Freedom Act is a United States federal law, enacted by joint resolution of the Congress in 1978. Prior to the act, many aspects of Native American religions and sacred ceremonies had been prohibited by law. Today, powwows are cultural exchanges that are used as part of healing ceremonies, and

to celebrate Indigenous dance, music, food and art. these celebrations were adopted and adapted

by various Indigenous communities across North America throughout the 20th century.

College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute Names New Director



KESHENA, WI- Jennifer Gauthier has been named the Director of the Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) at the College of Menominee Nation (CMN). Jennifer will assume leadership of SDI on September 11, 2023. SDI was organized in 1993 by tribal community leaders representing a broad spectrum of institutional interests including governance, commerce, education, and natural resource management.

Jennifer Gauthier is an enrolled member of the Menominee Nation and has connections to Ho-Chunk, Oneida, and Stockbridge-Munsee communities. Gauthier earned a Master of Public Administration from UW-Oshkosh and a bachelor’s degree in political science from UW-Madison. She has worked with the Menominee community in tribal government and most recently as a community development educator. These experiences have created many professional development opportunities, meeting and learning from Indigenous peoples at home and throughout the world.

At the core of Gauthier’s work is the integration of Menominee language and culture into all aspects of programming. Through this foundation she has been instrumental in building food systems, transportation solutions, and the advancement of traditional arts and language within the Menominee community. Her work is inclusive of community voice and provides safe spaces for learning and sharing. Collectively, this work is a way of building healthy communities.

Gauthier is active in the community. She regularly gives of her time to teach traditional arts and Menominee language, and shares knowledge through various community presentations. She also serves as the chairperson of the Menominee Language and Culture Commission and is an inaugural board member of the Kaehkēnawapahtæq Charter school. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work over the years.

President Caldwell states, “We are extremely **SDI cont on pg Thirteen:**

On Tuesday, August 15th, 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: Donation

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

Motion maker amends motion: Strike the Small Home Bids. Second concurs. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to accept the meeting minutes of Tuesday, August 1st, 2023.

Seconded by Terrie K. Terrie.

Roll Call: Joe abstains (*hospital*), Terrie yes, Sara yes, Craig yes and Randall yes. Motion carried.

DONATION: Indian Country Today

Motion by Joe Miller to support a donation. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATION-Alexia Dellemann, ICW Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the budget modification due to an increase in awards from the BIA. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN-Paul Koll, Tribal Forester

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve and accept the Forest Management Plan. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Lenapehoking Project Planner-Stacie Bowman, HR Executive Director and

Monique Tyndall, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the posting of the Lenapehoking Project Planner position. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Elderly Services Worker-Kristy Malone, Elderly Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to increase the Elderly Services FY2024 budget to support a new position that will act as a floater for the Elderly Service Area. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

MEDICAL STOP LOSS RENEWAL-Rene Montez, Insurance and Joe Zack, Cottingham & Butler

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve stop loss carrier with a change from Gerber Life to HCC. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT-Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio for approval to accept the State provided Public Health Infrastructure grant. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

HANDBOOK UPDATES-Roberta Carrington, Education Board

Tabled

WIDOT/FHWA AGREEMENT-Monique Tyndall, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve President/Vice President to sign the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement with WisDOT and Federal Highway Administration. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

FILM PROJECT REQUEST-Monique Tyndall, Tribal Member

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to honor the request of Monique to do the film project as she stated through PBS Kids to produce a 2-minute



live action segment. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Land Committee

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Jeffrey Krutz to the Land Committee. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:03 PM.

Motion by Joe Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried at 6:38 PM.

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fortunate at the College to have someone with Jennifer's background of cultural knowledge, values, community focus, and technical expertise coming in to lead the Sustainable Development Institute. The SDI has long worked on understanding and advancing Indigenous sustainability thinking on many issues we face as Indigenous peoples and those who come to learn and share with us. This role is important as SDI is the first Indigenous-led research institute of its kind within the Tribal Colleges and

While in Executive Session discussion was held on Internal Audit, Tribal Member Request and Land Acquisition.

Motion by Sara Putnam to accept the audit for Program 608, Strip Mall. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to grant a Tribal Member Request as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 6:39 PM.

Universities (TCUs) movement."

The role of the Sustainable Development Institute is inextricably bound to principles of sustainability and Menominee values. Prompted by Menominee's long tradition of sustainable forestry practices, tribal leaders created the Sustainable Development Institute to encourage, promote, and build upon the Menominee approach to sustainable development. SDI supports and advances sustainable ways through a variety of initiatives.



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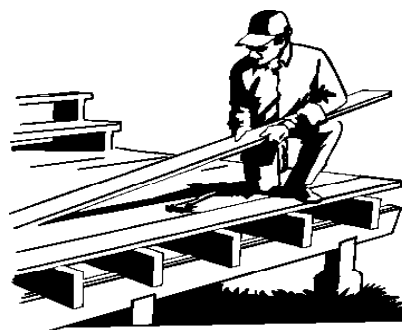
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If you are interested, please reach out to Tribal Secretary Jody Hartwig at (715) 793-4387 or by email jody.hartwig@mohican-nsn.gov by 12:00 noon CST **September 15, 2023.**

All interested Veteran's will be **entered into a drawing** it will be live streamed via social media.

• Tribal Secretary will make all travel reservations.

Ella Besaw Birthday Shout-outs



Happy Birthday to Eileen Steiner on September 28th!



Happy Birthday to Wayne Martin on September 18th!

Mohican Veterans news



Koonamanthe?

The Mohican Veterans presented their "Eagle Vision Award" to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Lenape Color Guard, princess and members from Oklahoma who participated in the Mohican Powwow.

Commander Robert Little presented the certificate to Kenny Brown.



On July 15, 2023, Robert Little (Commander), William Doxtator (Chaplain) and Mark Church (Financial Officer) of the Mohican Veterans traveled to High Ground Veterans Park in Neilsville, WI to present the Organization with a \$500.00 donation. The check was presented to Chris Pettis of High Ground Park.


That day was also the Viet Nam Veterans Reunion which was filled with many activities at various parts of the Park.

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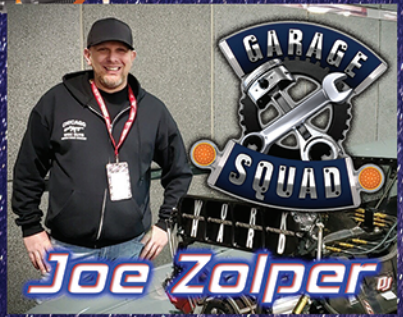
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