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Veterans, you now have a place to go for assistance in the reservation area. This is in Bowler at the old bank.



Construction on the Cellphone Tower locations is underway. The cell tower located out at Pine Hills Golf Course is partially standing, and waiting on heavy machinery to come and assist with getting the tower upright. The crew working on Big Lake road is starting to assemble pieces of the tower after getting the earthwork done. The Big Lake road crew will move onto the tower location near the Mohican Family Center to continue the earthwork when they are done at their present location.

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Continued Storm Damage Clean Up



Equipment is set up near the slash piles in Rassch' field News Reporter- Thomas Kazik II
During the Storm of 2022 several large piles of slash were created as roads and yards were cleared of debris. These slash piles were originally located at the Many trails Powwow grounds. The Roads department then moved these piles to Raach's field. Through an end of year grant the Tribe was able to attain money to address hazardous yard trees and their specialized removal as well as money to remove the debris piles through grinding and chipping. This project is part of the effort the tribe is making to clean up as much as possible from the storm of 2022. Land Manager Chad Miller said, "Priority was first and foremost to address the Storm cont on page Six:

Charlies County Market Donates to SMFD



Stockbridge-Munsee Fire Department received a check from Charlies County Market after their annual Rare Bourbon Silent Auction. Each year Charlies hosts their Rare Bourbon Auction and donate the winning bid of each item to different selected charities and local services.

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CORRECTION:

In the 1-15-2024 issue of the Mohican News a article ran on the Electa Quinney PBS Kids documentary. It has come the attention of the Mohican News not all contributing member were recognized.

The Mohican News would like to apologize and give credit to all members who helped in this project. The list below is from the PBS Electa Quinney documentary webpage.

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“For Rent: Agriculture Fields

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is seeking bids to rent out several farm fields located (primarily) in the Township of Red Springs, with a few smaller tracks in Bartelme and Herman, Shawano County. These fields range in size from 2.5 acres to 70 acres each and total approximately 501 acres. The fields will be leased to the highest bidder starting in the spring of 2024 and ending December 31, 2027. Please contact Maria Duits, Agriculture Manager, at 715-793-3031 for a bid packet.

Bids are due to the Tribal Office by 4:30pm on Friday, February 15, 2024.”

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

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Letters of opinion can be dropped off at Mohican News in the Tribal Offices or can be mailed to:

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Please type your letters or print clearly and include your signature, address, and daytime phone number. Letters must be 500 words or less. All letters are subject to editing and may require confirmation. Some may be rejected due to inappropriate content as deemed by our editorial board. The views of our readers are not necessarily the views of the Mohican News, its staff, or the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe.

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Do you want to present in our homelands

There are frequent requests for tribal members to speak in our eastern homelands—the New York/Massachusetts area—and share about Mohican/Munsee history. Usually these requests come from historical societies, museums, colleges, or various community groups. They are eager to hear from our tribe and often do not know whom to contact.

We would like to compile a list of community members who may be interested in assisting the tribe with these requests.

If you are interested and have questions please contact Sherry White sherry.white@mohican-nsn.gov. There is a form to fill out on the tribal web site. Go to government/Tribal liaison look for the presenters form.

Please let us know your topic of interest. Some examples might be: beadwork demonstration, traditional foods, traditional plants and medicine Hudson River Valley history, Stockbridge (Mass.) history, Revolutionary War history, role of Women in the tribe, environmental issues, traditional games, music, or our tribe today. We will compile the information into a Speaker's List to share as requests come up. There is no guarantee by being added to the speaker's list that there will be an opportunity. It is our goal to establish a list of knowledgeable qualified presenters.

Participation is compensated only if the outside agency offers compensation. This is not a tribally funded program

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: May 25, 2022

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Clerk



Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT CIVIL SUMMONS

Case No. 2022-CS-0018

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency,
Petitioner,

Rochelle Doxtator,
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



Position on Representation of Tribal Interests

Stockbridge-Munsee Community seeks to educate and clarify its position on who speaks on its behalf when tribal interests, history, language, and culture are shared with the public.

Bowler, Wisconsin (February 6, 2024). The Stockbridge-Munsee Community ("Tribe") strongly believes in the power of education and to that end has implemented a campaign to educate the public about how to contact the Tribe and who is authorized to represent the Tribe, particularly when statements are made about tribal interests, history, language, and culture.

To that end, the Tribe is doing outreach to the public through the media. As the Tribe does not control the resulting article or statements by reporters and other persons interviewed in articles, the Tribe is providing this press release as supplemental information and to confirm its message.

The Tribal Council is the elected body who is authorized to speak on behalf of the whole of the tribal community when someone wishes to have the Tribe's position on a matter impacting the Tribe including, but not limited to, representations of the Tribe's history, language, and culture.

Persons who wish to have a statement from the Tribe on an issue or have a request for the Tribe need to contact the

Tribe directly. The Tribe's communications protocol is based on the governing principle that the Tribal President is the designated spokesperson for the Tribe and speaks on behalf of the Tribal Council as a whole.

No person may speak on behalf of or enter an agreement on behalf of the Tribe without express authorization from the Tribal Council.

The Tribe has a small number of employees that enjoy a limited delegation to speak on behalf of the Tribe, but none may bind the Tribe in any way. Being a tribal member does not make an individual a tribal spokesperson.

A Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member may make representations on their own behalf, but, it should be made clear that any such statements are made only on their own behalf, not as an official representation of the Tribe.

If the Tribe takes a position on an issue, that position will be made in the form of a release by the Tribal President or by a tribal representative who has a letter or a resolution from the Tribal Council.



Renewables Americas Position Available

To start as soon as possible, full time, permanent Tribal Relations Manager- Location: East coast
Job Summary

RWE Offshore Wind is looking for a Tribal Relations Manager, to join our growing team of environmental and social performance professionals working to develop a best in class portfolio of offshore wind projects in multiple regions of the United States. The successful candidate will support the development of RWE's offshore wind projects on the Atlantic coast. This is a hybrid role based in Boston with regular travel in the US Northeast and Central Atlantic, and occasional travel within the US.

Areas of Responsibility

- Establish trust-based and respectful working relationships with Tribal Nations potentially affected by the project to build mutual understanding, address issues and identify opportunities to work together
- Lead efforts to ensure timely response and consistency in Tribal Nation outreach and engagement as the key point of contact for all inquiries for Tribal Nations with an interest in RWE's US Offshore Atlantic projects
- Develop relationships and build RWE's network with regional, and national, Tribal-related organizations to strengthen RWE's understanding of Tribal matters and seek opportunities for collaboration to enhance RWE's

work with Tribal Nations

- Work with team members and consultants to develop, implement, and maintain an annual project-specific Tribal Nation Engagement and Communication Plans
- Work in conjunction with the RWE US Offshore Development, Government Relations, and Communication teams to prepare, deliver and/or arrange for RWE presentations, and information exchanges with Tribal Nations and organizations
- Represent RWE at outreach events, including Tribal-related activities, and local, regional and national-level meetings
- Participate in workshops and/or educational presentations designed to build understanding of local community and Tribal Nations offshore wind energy literacy and explore opportunities to share information to enhance knowledge
- Identify ways that RWE can design research, data products and tools that suit the needs of Tribal Nations and work to deliver these products for use in project planning
- Lead education activities designed to increase internal knowledge and corporate understanding of Tribal Nation interests
- Lead and coordinate cultural awareness and knowledge-building activities within RWE to increase personnel and corporate understanding of Tribal rights, interests, cultures and perspectives
- Ensure that Tribal Nation interests and concerns gathered through engagement are documented and captured in

engagement plans and regulatory filings

- HSE: Promote RWE Renewables "We Care" HSE standards and procedures

Candidate profile

To succeed in this role, you will have the following:

- A bachelor's degree or College diploma (graduate degree is considered an asset) from an accredited institution with one of the following (or related) concentrations: Indigenous studies, community development, social and/or environmental policy, regulatory/permitting, environmental or Indian law, environmental science/studies
- Minimum 2-5 years, or equivalent, of relevant work experience with a preference for candidates that have prior experience working with Tribal Nations, particularly related to the east coast US
- Well-developed organizational, communications (written and oral), human relations, and technical skills
- Demonstrated ability to handle multiple projects, complete work within deadlines, and create and deliver effective presentations
- Demonstrated cultural competence and ethics working with Indigenous people and communities
- Demonstrated understanding of Tribal sovereignty and governance, traditional knowledge, cultural sensitivity, and place-based or culturally-based decision making
- Demonstrated ability to work with an interdisciplinary team
- Applicants should be motivated, able to complete projects with minimal supervision, and both serve and lead collegially as a team player
- Proficiency with comput-

er applications, including PowerPoint, Word, and Excel (or Mac OSX equivalents)

- Available beyond typical workday for community programming and research
- Social media and media relations experience would be considered an asset
- Membership in a Federally Recognized Tribe, particularly from the US Northeast or Central Atlantic region, would be considered an asset
- Must be a US Citizen, legal permanent resident, be eligible to work in the USA under the Jay Treaty
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a background check

Benefits will be explained. RWE is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.

Join our renewables specialists, working across the clean energy spectrum to grow our operations to 50 GW by 2030 – with some of the world's largest on and offshore wind farms and industry-leading hydrogen initiatives. We're also considered innovators in solar development including floating photovoltaics and agri-photovoltaics. Or add your expertise to our supply and trading operations, brokering renewable electricity, green gas, commodities, and CO2 emission allowances from one of our advanced energy trading floors.

rwe.com/career
Any questions? Paul Blimberg, paul.blimberg@rwe.com

Dear Veteran,
We are contacting you regarding a previous neurology compensation and pension (C&P) examination you underwent at the Tomah VA Medical Center. A review of this particular neurology C&P examination conducted at the Tomah VA Medical Center showed it may have been incomplete. You are eligible for a new C&P examination in support of your neurology compensation claim.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs exercised his authority to permit readjudication of your previous neurology compensation claim. As a result, you may undergo a new neurology C&P examination with an appropriate specialist.

If you would like the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to readjudicate your previous affected neurology compensation claim, you must notify VA within one year of the date of this letter. Upon receiving your request, VA will schedule you for a new neurology C&P examination with an appropriate specialist. Once the examination is completed, VA will review your neurology compensation claim. You may also provide copies of medical evidence from private physicians for consideration as part of this review or ask VA to obtain such medical evidence by completing VA Forms 21-4142, Authorization to Disclose Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and/or 21-4142a, General Release for Medical Provider Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If you request readjudication of your previous neurology claim and are currently service connected for a related condition, the new decision may result in one of the following outcomes: 1. an increased evaluation,

2. a proposal for a reduction in benefits,

3. or a continuation of your prior disability evaluation resulting in no change. If you choose to take no action specific to this special neurological examination review, your claim, as related to your neurological condition, will remain unchanged at this time.

Important: Please note that you have one year from the date of this letter to request a new neurology C&P examination to replace the previous neurology examination conducted at the Tomah VA Medical Center. After the completed examination is received, you will receive a new decision from the Veterans Benefits Administration. If you wish to obtain a new examination, please use the attached VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim, and provide written request, stating that "I am requesting reprocessing under Tomah VA Medical Center's Special Neurology Compensation and Pension Examination Review."

Here is what to do: Call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal number is 711. Visit <https://ask.va.gov>.

You should upload your completed VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim.

Please include your full name and VA file number on the letter and annotate your request by stating that "I am requesting reprocessing under Tomah VA Medical Center's Special Neurology Compensation and Pension Examination Review."

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Please mail your written correspondence to: Department of Veterans Affairs Evidence Intake Center P.O. Box 4444 Janesville, WI, 53547-4444

TVSO Update:

Consider coming to see me as soon as possible after returning home from active service or even if you are serving or have served in the National Guard or Reserve to see if you can qualify for VA Benefits. I've been told there were National Guard members who did 20 years that have Line of Duty (LOD) injuries but NEVER got a disability rating. They just didn't know they qualified. I think it could help those nearing end of active duty or recently discharged service members to hear and learn about the benefits they can receive after service.

"This project [is being] [was] supported, 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."



Storm cont from pg One: safety and removal of hazardous trees from members yards. The tribe contracted a specialty company, Tree Solutions LLC to do the job. We held off on the grinding services until we knew most homes had been addressed, specifically those impacted by the storm. We did receive two quotes during this time from two separate contractors out of the valley for the slash grinding service, unfortunately they were not true apples to apples quotes as one contractor didn't have any were to go with the chips and also inquired about addition assistance (heavy equipment and otherwise)". We re-addressed the slash pile this past summer with a third contractor. DTAK, LLC owned and operated by Tom Ort (Tigerton Lumber Company) finally came in with a quote which included Pick-up and Hauling to a central location (Raasch's field) and the full removal of material from the site. They came and started immediately as their summer work was over. D.T.A.K. is located in New London, Wisconsin.

This organization primarily operates in the Lumber and Timber Trucking business / industry within the Motor Freight Transportation sector. This organization has been operating for approximately 19 years. Because the two other quotes are out of date and due to the fact that DTAL LLC was the most complete bid, we are requesting Tribal Council go with DTAK, LLC as a sole source vendor. To update the actual timber cleanup from the storm, tribal Forester Paul Koll stated, "As of January 1st, 2024, nearly 75% of the 6,800-acre blowdown has been salvaged by the dedicated logging crews. There are still six units to be completed of the original 24; one between Mick's and Anderson Road, along Moh He Con Nuck Road, north of National Guard Road, around the Housing, South of Raasch's Field, and along Camp One Road. Hopefully, most of these can be completed yet this season but a few will ultimately need further work next year. There is light at the end of the tunnel."



North Star Employee of the Month DECEMBER 2023



Bernard Tourtillott
Executive Host

North Star Mohican Casino Resort would like to congratulate Bernard Tourtillott, on the achievement of winning the Star Employee of the Month, for the month of December 2023. The way you perform shows your hard work, sincerity, and diligence. North Star Mohican Casino Resort has taken note of and appreciates your consistency to uphold and achieve our Mission, Vision, and Values. Keep up the great work and best wishes for further achievements.

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Daniel Castellanos Ortega
Environmental Services Associate

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Boxing at the Mohican Family Center



Thomas Kazik II- News Reporter

The Mohican Family Center has recently purchased some boxing equipment. Officer Tyler Schech started the group for youth and adults. Boxing can help improve your heart health, body composition, and strength, as well as lower your blood pressure and aid weight loss. Most of all, boxing is a fun way to get some exercise and

release stress in a safe and healthy way.

Officer Schech gave the Mohican News more information about what is going on. "Boxing has been Monday's & Tuesday's starting at 6pm and ending approximately 7:30pm. That schedule may be changing because I will be moving to night shift following Thanksgiving" said Schech.

He continued "I started the

boxing club to stay fit and to get to know the people in the community. Anyone can come to the boxing club and do as much or as little as they want. Join in the warm-up exercises, practice techniques, spar, and maybe one day compete. I'm not leaving anytime soon, but it'd be great if members of the community made the boxing club their own. Stockbridge coaches and Stockbridge boxers could give youth a productive outlet. Being respectful and humble could be a virtue of this club".

Officer Schech finished by saying "The council approved a \$5,000 fund for the club which has purchased high quality gear that should last many years. Kori at the Family Center has been a tremendous help and got us everything we needed. I couldn't have done any of

this without the Stockbridge community and I'm glad for the opportunity".

Boxing training is a form of exercise that involves footwork, punching, and evasion movements to simulate the activities involved in the sport of boxing. It's often combined with other conditioning activities, such as jumping rope and calisthenics, which increases the intensity of each training session.

Fitness boxing is a great aerobic exercise. Aerobic exercise gets your heart pumping and helps lower the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. It can strengthen bones and muscles, burn more calories, and lift mood. Aerobics can also boost your endurance, which helps you climb a flight of stairs or walk farther.

MAXKII ALAANGWEEWAK

RETOLD BY SMC-CULTURAL AFFAIRS



MAXK (THE BEAR) IS IMPORTANT IN MOHICAN & MUNSEE CULTURE & HISTORY. MAXK IS A FINE SOURCE OF MEAT, CLOTHING, & MEDICINE.

OUR ANCESTORS REGARDED THE STAR WORLD WITH GREAT RESPECT AS IT IS A SOURCE OF IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE. THE STARS ARE USED TO FIND WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE TRAVELING, TELLING TIME, & WHEN TO START IMPORTANT TASKS, SUCH AS HARVESTING, PLANTING, OR HUNTING.

THE MAXKII-ALAANGWEEWAK (SKY BEAR), OR URSA MAJOR IS CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT. THIS STAR FORMATION IS FOUND IN THE BIG DIPPER & TELLS THE STORY OF MOHICAN HUNTERS AND THE GREAT BEAR.

THE HUNT OF THE MAXKII-ALAANGWEEWAK (SKY BEAR) STARTS IN THE SPRING & LASTS THROUGH THE SUMMER. BY THE FALL THE HUNTERS HOUND THE BEAR CAUSING THE LEAVES ON THE TREES TO BE STAINED RED WITH HIS/HER BLOOD. BY WINTER, THE BEAR'S LIFE IS TAKEN. THE FALLING SNOW REPRESENTS THE FAT OF THE BEAR FALLING TO THE EARTH AS THE HUNTERS PROCESS ALL PARTS OF THE BEAR FOR FOOD, MEDICINE, OR OTHER USES. WHEN THE WARM WINDS OF SPRING RETURN, THE BEAR'S FAT IS MELTED AND TURNED INTO THE RUNNING SAP IN THE TREES...AFTER THE SAP HAS STOPPED RUNNING, THE CYCLE OF THE HUNT BEGINS AGAIN.

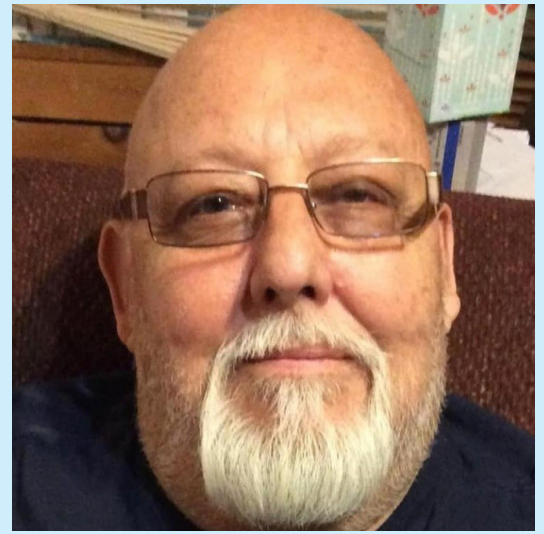
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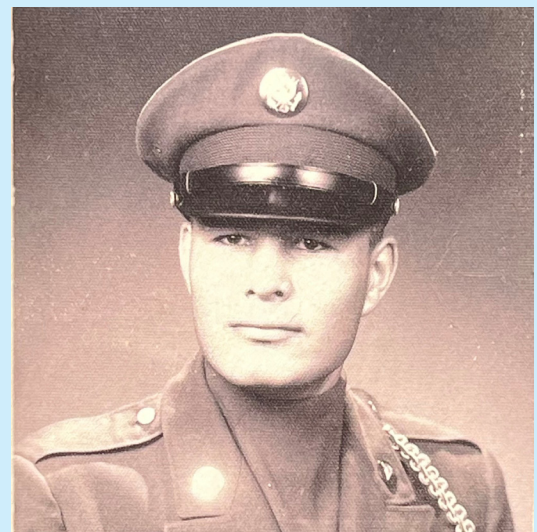
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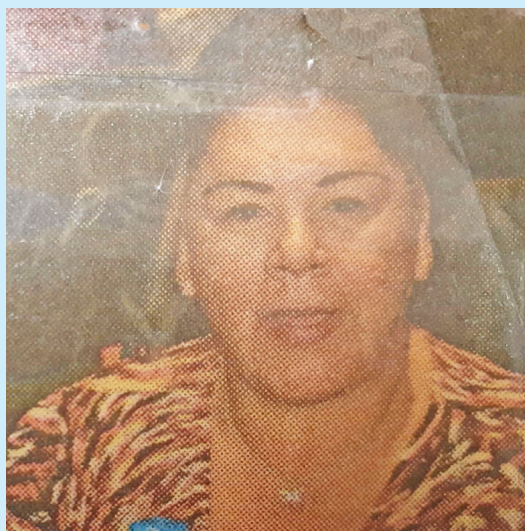
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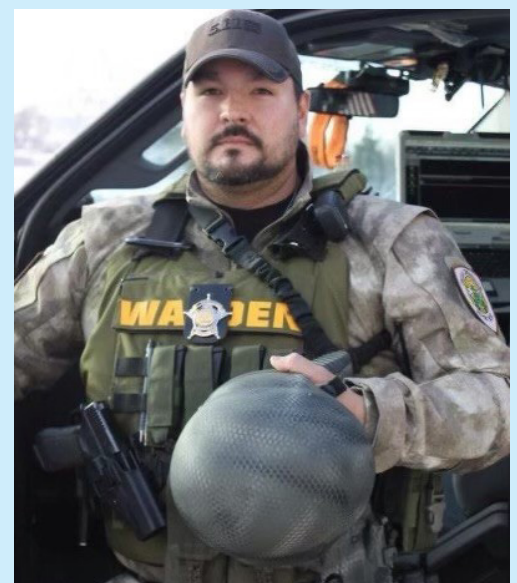
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Cultural Threads: Expressing Identity Through Traditional Clothing

Cultural Threads: Expressing Identity Through Traditional Clothing is an exhibit of traditional dress representing many different cultures, most of which can be found in North Central Wisconsin. Each outfit was created by a Textile Artist from that culture, with significant knowledge of that culture, or with the help of someone from that culture.

Mosaic of North Central Wisconsin's mission is to make our area an inclusive, welcoming place where people are accepted and valued for who they are. We want to highlight our commonalities. Every culture has its own traditional clothing with meaning specific to that culture and helps pass along traditions, history, and values to future generations.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Textile Artists. This exhibit represents only a small number of the many cultures calling North Central Wisconsin home. One of our artists resides in India and the remainder live across the state of Wisconsin. Each of them graciously volunteered their time to create an outfit, sometimes more than one, for this project. We are forever grateful they chose to share a small part of their cultural heritage with us. Thank you.

A very special thank you to Jasmine Carabajal for recording the Spanish audio version of the outfit

Community

descriptions.

We would love to expand this exhibit to represent more cultures from North Central Wisconsin! If you are interested in adding another culture to our collection by creating an outfit, please contact us at mosaic@mosaic-connect.org.



Doll 3 (above)

Mohican Nation - Ribbon skirt - The use of ribbons on Indigenous clothing came into style once Europeans began using silk ribbons as trade goods. Initially, layers of ribbons were sewn on the edges of cloth replacing painted lines on hide clothing and blankets. By the close of the 18th century, Indigenous seamstresses created much more intricate appliqué ribbon work designs. Silk ribbons were used by Woodland Indians to create a form of appliqué decoration not seen before in Europe. Ribbons are sewn onto skirts, dresses, and shirts, and each color has a special significance to the wearer. A Ribbon skirt represents the reclaiming of one's identity and wearing

that identity proudly. It is a cultural protection against assimilation and degradation, a symbol of resilience, survival, and identity, and its meaning changes with each person who wears one and each person who shares their history.

The Muh-he-con-ne-ok "The People of the Waters That are Never Still" have a rich and illustrious history which has been retained through oral tradition and the written word.

Our many moves from the East to Wisconsin left Many Trails to retrace in search of our history. Many Trails is an original design created by Edwin Martin, a Mohican Indian, symbolizing endurance, strength and hope from a long suffering, proud and determined people. The Mohican/Munsee lands extended across six states from southwest Vermont, the entire Hudson River Valley of New York from Lake Champlain to Manhattan, western Massachusetts up to the Connecticut River Valley, northwest Connecticut, and portions of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is located on the Stockbridge reservation in Wisconsin, although enrolled tribal members live in other parts of Wisconsin, the United States, and the World. The reservation boundaries encompass the two townships of Red Springs and Bartelme. Approximately half of the tribal population of about 1,500 live on or near the reservation.

Textile Artist—Denise "Bants" Huntington,

Stockbridge-Munsee
Gresham, WI



Doll 4 (above)

Mohican Nation - Dress with leggings - "Morning Star" is wearing traditional female attire of a dress reaching nearly to the knees and leggings, worn particularly if the weather was cool or if rough terrain required protection for their legs. While clothing was originally made of softened hide, the arrival of Europeans brought access to woven cloth. These outfits were highly decorated with beads and embroidery, both of which predated European contact. Mohicans traditionally wore their hair in two braids and used a headband, sometimes with a feather. Accessories such as bracelets and bag are part of the regalia. The bag was practical, with this particular bag having a turtle charm attached as the Textile Artist is part of the Turtle Clan, one of the three matrilineal clans. Both men and women wore earrings and moccasins. Textile Artist—Andrea Smith, Stockbridge-Munsee-Sturgeon Bay, WI



Let's Get Moving: 5 Tips to Find a Balance and Exercise Program

As we age, it is common to feel unsteady or start to have a fear of falling. The good news is, there are many programs available that are proven to improve balance and strength to help decrease the risk of falls. Here are five easy ways to stay strong and find a program in your area.

- 1. Do exercises regularly.** If you were referred to a physical therapist to prevent falls, do your exercises as recommended by the physical therapist.
- 2. Contact your area agency on aging.** Visit eldercare.acl.gov or call 1-800-677-1116 to find the nearest area agency on aging (AAA) in your community. The AAA may offer information on its website, or you can give them a call to find out what balance and exercise programs are available nearby.
- 3. Visit your local senior center.** Senior centers offer a variety of programs and activities for people to join. They are often a "one-stop-shop" for programs that support healthy aging, including programs that support falls prevention.
- 4. Bring a friend.** Trying something new can be intimidating. Once you find a program that looks promising, take a friend or caregiver with you! You will have more fun, and you'll be able to motivate each other.
- 5. Don't forget online options.** Many physical activity programs are now available online. You may be able to participate in balance or exercise programs without leaving the comfort of home.



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Love Your Heart, Love Your Food

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in America. It also can be a leading preventable disease, food choices have a big impact on your heart's health, even if you have other risk factors.

Only a few risk factors, such as age, gender and family history, cannot be controlled. Talk to your provider to determine your risk level for heart disease.

You can help prevent and control many risk factors of heart disease, such as high cholesterol and lipids and high blood pressure with lifestyle changes and medications. Healthy food choices and an active lifestyle can have a big impact on your heart's health.

If you are at high risk for heart disease or already have heart disease, meet with a registered dietitian. Together with your health care provider, your RD can help you lower your risk or improve your existing condition by working together to create a healthy lifestyle.



Here are a few steps to put you on the path to a healthier heart!

Step 1: Make Healthy Food Choices

Making healthy food choices starts by eating a variety of nutrient dense foods. Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes and fatty fish. Aim to fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables as well as eating salmon, lake trout, albacore tuna, mackerel or sardines twice a week. Legumes including beans and lentils are great sources of fiber and also a great source of protein. Not only are they heart-healthy, they're very affordable as well. Choose whole-grain foods most often and minimize refined grain foods.

Eat less foods that have added salt, sugars and fats. Reduce salt intake by preparing foods at home so you can control the amount of sodium in your meals. As you prepare meals, use as little salt as possible. You can cut at least half the salt from most recipes. As you shop, select reduced-sodium or no-salt-added canned soups and vegetables. Steer clear of trans-fats and limit your intake of saturated fat.

Step 2: Be Active

Regular, moderate physical activity lowers blood pressure and helps your body control stress and weight. Be physically active in your own way. Start by doing what you can, at least 10 minutes at a time. Always check with your physician before beginning a workout regimen. Recommendation is 150 minutes a week!

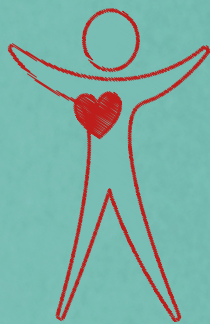
Step 3: Manage Stress

Yoga, ping pong, walking, jogging, meditation, dancing to your favorite music — whatever works for you, figure out a way to reduce life's stresses!

Step 4: Don't Smoke

Smoking increases your risk for heart disease. If you smoke, quit. Contact the clinic to sign up for the smoking cessation program or to get assistance quitting.

HEALTHY Heart DAY



February 14th, 2024

On Wednesday, February 14th from 10:00a-2:00p we will be having a Healthy Heart Day Event at the SMHWC in the lower level conference room. This event will include informational booths, blood sugar & blood pressure screenings, and heart healthy snacks!

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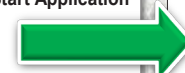
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2024 Garbage & Recycling Guide

Environmental Department
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The Stockbridge-Munsee Community Residential Automated Collection Program for garbage and recycling is designed to make collection easier and more cost effective for tribal members and the Tribe. Tribal members should place all household garbage into the black-lidded garbage cart and all recyclables into the green or blue-lidded recycling cart. Garbage and recyclables are collected every week by an automated vehicle.

Garbage & Recycling Collection Guidelines

- Place all household garbage into the black-lidded garbage cart and all recyclables into the green/blue-lidded cart. **see disposal guide for acceptable recyclables**
- All garbage waste must be bagged and all wastes must fit properly inside their respective cart with lid shut. Any refuse that is outside of the carts will not be collected.
- All recyclables shall be placed loosely inside the recycling cart. **No plastic bags or garbage items.**
- Rinse clean all plastic, glass, and metal bottles/containers and remove any lids/caps. Lids/caps should be discarded into the garbage.
- Place carts so the lid opening is facing the street. Leave 4 feet between carts and any obstacles. Be sure there are no obstructions in front of the carts.
- Carts must be set out for collection **no later than 6 am** on the date of pickup. Any garbage/recycling not out by 6am may not be picked up until your next scheduled collection day.
- If you need a replacement cart, contact the Environmental Department for assistance. **Fees may apply.**



Occasional excess garbage: For an occasional need for extra garbage disposal, try one of the following options:

- Check with a neighbor to see if they have extra room for your waste materials in their cart(s).
- Hold the excess waste materials for disposal for the following week.
- Take waste for disposal to Marathon County Solid Waste. Disposal fees may apply.
(877) 270-3989; 172900 WI-29, Ringle, WI; www.marathoncountysolidwaste.org
- Purchase an additional cart. Contact the Environmental Department for more information.

Other Than Curbside Collection and Spring/Fall Cleanup

Items not picked up at curbside may be disposed of at the following locations. **Charges and limitations may apply.** Please call each location for more information and for any requirements they may have. Inclusion on this list is not intended to imply endorsement by SMC, nor is exclusion intentional. Contact the Environmental Department at 715-793-4819 if you need assistance.



- A** **Automobiles -Parts / Junk**
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Cousineau Recycling (715) 623-2372
Richter's Wrecking, LLC (715) 823-3800
- B** **Batteries & Bulbs**
Batteries Plus Bulbs - Green Bay (920) 498-1100
Wausau (715) 355-9201
Qualheims True Value (715) 526-6108
- BC** **Brown County Hazardous Material Recycling Facility**
2561 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304
(920) 492-4950
http://www.browncountyrecycling.org/
Open Thu 12-6:00 for Shawano County residents
- E** **Electronics**
Best Buy - Green Bay (920) 494-2950
Wausau (715) 241-0711
Goodwill - Antigo (715) 623-3767
Shawano (715) 526-6185
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- ED** **SMC Environmental Department**
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- H** **Harter's Fox Valley Disposal**
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- HC** **SMC Health & Wellness Center**
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- MC** **Marathon County Solid Waste**
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- SM** **Scrap Metal**
Alter Metal Recycling - Green Bay (920) 494-3451
Wausau (715) 298-9330
Weller's Salvage (715) 677-6757
- T** **Tires**
Badgerland Tires (715) 524-3034
Bee Line Tire Recycling (715) 623-5085
Cousineau Recycling (715) 623-2372
Pomp's Tire Service - Antigo (715) 623-3771
Shawano (715) 526-2178
- WO** **Waste Oil**
Advance Auto Parts (715) 623-4108
Ed's Auto Repair (715) 823-6535
Gresham Hardware & Auto (715) 787-3288
O'Reilly Auto Parts - Antigo (715) 623-2149
Clintonville (715) 823-2009
Shawano (715) 524-7275

2024 SPRING & FALL CLEANUP

- The Spring and Fall Cleanups will occur on two days, with curbside cleanup on Monday and appliance/electronics recycling on Tuesday. Curbside cleanup is open for Bartelme tribal members ONLY. Appliance/Electronics recycling is open to Bartelme AND Red Springs tribal members. Items not allowed in the curbside cleanup will NOT be picked up. Any curbside items not picked up **must be removed** from the end of your driveway and disposed of properly.
- All items collected curbside are NOT RECYCLED, but disposed of in a landfill. Recycling or reusing items by passing them on to others can save landfill space, limit costs and help others. It's encouraged to donate unwanted items if possible.

Spring Cleanup	
Curbside Cleanup:	Monday, May 13
Appliance / Electronics Recycling:	Tuesday, May 14

Fall Cleanup	
Curbside Cleanup:	Monday, October 21
Appliance / Electronics Recycling:	Tuesday, October 22

APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

BARTELME AND RED SPRINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS

SPRING CLEANUP: TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

FALL CLEANUP: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Place Appliances and Electronics into Appropriate Dumpsters at P&E and Roads Department from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesday of event

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEANUP

BARTELME TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

SPRING CLEANUP: MONDAY, MAY 13TH

FALL CLEANUP: MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Place items curbside beginning Monday week before Cleanup event
Have **ALL** items curbside by **5:00 am on Monday of the Cleanup event**
FREE pickup for ONLY the items listed below during Spring and Fall Cleanup:

Bed Frames / Head Boards	Windows	Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)
Mattresses / Box Springs	Cabinets	Carpet Rolls (5ft or less)
Fitness Equipment	Dressers	Chairs / Recliners
Large Plastic Toys	Toilets	Couches / Sofas
Bikes	Grills	Doors
	Sinks	

Items Not Allowed: NO Construction Debris, Hazardous Materials, Tires, Appliances or Electronics

Volume: Total Volume **MUST NOT** exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (about 4ft tall x 5 ft long x 5 ft wide in size)

APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Appliances <u>WITHOUT</u> Freon:	FREE
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Appliances <u>WITH</u> Freon:	\$15.00 EACH
Refrigerators • Freezers • Air Conditioners • Water Coolers • Dehumidifiers	

Fee for appliances with freon can be paid at the Finance Department

****Proof of payment required for drop off****

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Computer Accessories	DVDs / VCRs / Blu Ray Players	Mobile Phones
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On Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, 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
Ella Kazik: Present
Shawn Moede; Present
William Miller; Present
Terrance Miller Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the agenda. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Willy Miller to approve meeting minutes from December 26th, 2023. Seconded by Terrance Miller.

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

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr. to approve the minutes from January 2nd, 2024. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Brown County C-LEC, LLC (NSIGHT)-Bridget Swanke, Legal

Motion by Craig Kroening Jr to adopt resolution 010-24, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal President or, if unavailable, the Vice President to execute the IRU Agreement and supporting documents on an on-going basis under the waiver approved in this resolution so long as the dispute resolution language is not modified substantively in future contract document(s); and BE IT FURTHER RE-

SOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby grants and approves a limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity solely for the limited purpose of enforcement of this agreement, including the resolution of disputes and the enforcement of determinations or awards, against the Tribe; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the waiver of sovereign immunity for the Tribe is also limited to the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity is granted only to and for the benefit of the parties identified as part of the agreement(s) that the Tribe has executed and shall not extend to any other entity or person.
2. The limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity contained in this resolution shall be effective only after the parties' officially designated representatives have executed the agreement(s) and shall only be for the term of the agreement(s).
3. Nothing contained in

this resolution shall be deemed consent to levy of any judgement, lien, or attachment upon any property or interest in property of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

4. The limited waiver of sovereign immunity granted and approved through this resolution does not waive the sovereign immunity of any official, employee, member, or agent of the Tribe.

5. Any dispute resolution action against the Tribe, as consented to through this limited waiver of sovereign immunity, shall be brought in the form and venue identified in the agreement(s). The law to be applied, if no law is otherwise identified, shall be federal law. Seconded by Sara Putnam.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Ellie yes, Sara yes, Craig yes, Willy opposed, and Shawn yes. Resolution adopted.

2023 YEAR END FINANCIAL AUDIT-Tony Granquist, General Manager

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the 2023 Year End Financial Audit by RSM. Seconded by Shawn Moede. Motion carried.

RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES-Tara Moderson, Purchasing Manager

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the acceptance of the attached proposal from Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, for residential garbage and recycling service for a period of 5 years. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Willy Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 5:35 PM.

Motion by Willy Miller to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 6:02 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Head Start Request and a Relinquishment.

Motion by Willy Miller to go along with the request from Head Start as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Ellie Kazik.

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

Motion by Terrance Miller to accept the relinquishment of the individual named 001840. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Willy Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Ellie Kazik. Motion carried at 6:03 PM.

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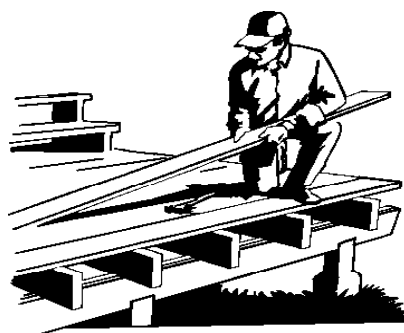
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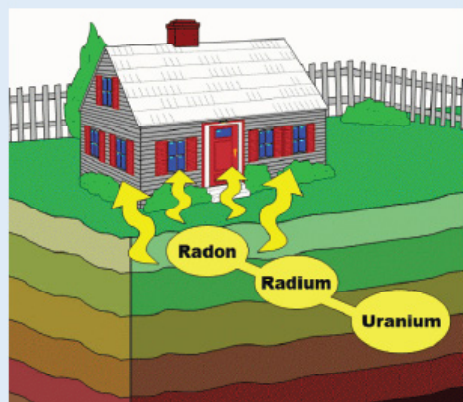
Smokers who live in homes with high radon are 10 times more at risk to have lung cancer than non-smokers who live in homes with high radon

2 out of 3 homes in our area have high radon levels

Radon levels peak in the winter months when windows and doors are closed



Is Your Home Safe?



Radon occurs naturally in the ground and can enter your home through cracks and holes in your foundation, or even through your well water. The amount of radon in the soil depends on soil chemistry and can vary from house to house. In Shawano County, radon varies from low to very high, with some homes on the Reservation having very high levels.

Keep you and your family safe this year by getting your home tested for radon. FREE test kits are available to Tribal members through the Environmental Department. Contact the Environmental Department to have your house tested! If your house tests high for radon, the Environmental Department can provide advice on having a radon mitigation system installed into your home.

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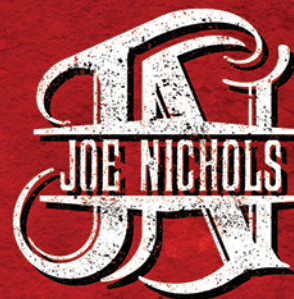
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