



**Bette Besaw:  
Retirement**

Denise Fye – Reporter – Mohican News

Many came to the Ella Besaw Center to show their love and congratulate Bette Besaw on her retirement after working for 22 years of service in the healthcare field.

Bette stated, "I enjoyed working at the Ella Besaw Center. It was very rewarding being with and helping the elders. I enjoyed how they lived and lived my life as they did. We are like family here at the Ella Besaw Center."

She lived in Milwaukee and worked at the Hillview Nursing Home for six years and decided to move back in 1982 to Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation and started working at the Ella Besaw Center. Linda Aiello stated, "Bette is a great mentor and helped me a lot with everything. She made me do the job and helped me to take care of elders and showed me how to take care of elders."

Now that she is retired, Bette is going to enjoy life, spend time with her three children Dennis, Dora and Daryl, her 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



**Todd VanDen Heuvel**

Todd is the newly hired Executive HR Director for the Stockbridge Munsee Community. He said that he is extremely excited to be part of this organization and is eager to contribute and lead the human resources program.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Management from Florida State University and a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Marquette University.

Todd's professional background includes approximately 16 years of professional HR experience with 13 of those years in leadership positions. For the past three years, he was the HR Director at the Winnebago Mental Health Hospital near Oshkosh, WI where he served in an executive level capacity for a large psychiatric hospital with around 750 employees.

He is the proud father of five children. Todd is very actively involved with assisting and coaching all of the various sports they participate in.

**Congratulations to all of the graduates this year. Your degree is proof that hard work, dedication, and commitment lead to obtaining your goals. We are all very proud of your achievements.**

**Tribe Hosts Regulators Conference**



**WGRA Golf Outing**

*Commissioner Tony Granquist and Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission Kenneth George, Jr. at Pine Hills*

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

The Stockbridge-Munsee community hosted over 230 participants at the Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association's annual conference on June 13th-15th at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

Commissioner Tony Granquist of the Mohican Gaming Commission said, "We are very proud of our ability to handle a conference of this size and magnitude at the Mohican North Star Casino Resort. Our team did a great job fa-

cilitating the event and handling all of the logistics involved. It was the first time that the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans hosted the Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association (WGRA) Conference. The Mohican Gaming Commission is one of the 11 Wisconsin tribal commissions, along with the Wisconsin Department of Gaming, that make up WGRA. The WGRA Conference is put on to bring training and industry leaders to the tribes of Wisconsin.

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**32<sup>nd</sup> annual Chemon Welch Memorial Picnic**



*(L to R): Betty Schiel, Marie and Jack Demjen enjoy the festivities*

By Kanum Vele – Mohican News Reporter

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Chemon Welch Memorial Picnic took place at the Eunice Stick Gathering Place on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The activities consisted of food, door prizes, and a 50-50 raffle. This year the name was changed from the Chemon Welch Fishing Derby to the Chemon Welch Memorial Picnic.

This change had taken place by vote of the S/M Elderly Steering Committee. It was done in attempt to entice more people to come and cater a bit more to the elders.

Even though it was mostly indoors, one of the things that is always a concern is the weather. It wasn't a concern here. The weather was great for the event and there was

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# An Educational Visit to the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation



By Adam LeMieux-SDI Phenology Research Intern

Many people that live in this area have driven past the College of Menominee Nation (CMN) in Keshena. Those people may have noticed the small building that is just south of the college and some of them may have wondered what goes on in that building, while others may have not even noticed it. That building is the office building for the Sustainable Development Institute of the College of Menominee Nation (SDI).

SDI uses interns from CMN and other colleges to help with sustainability projects that benefit our area. One of the projects that SDI and the interns are working on this summer is the Visualizing

Future Forests (VIFF) project. This project, which is a collaboration between CMN SDI and other colleges, including Penn State, will use traditional knowledge and modern technology to show how the things that we do in the present will affect the forests in the future. Another project which, I am an intern with along with fellow interns Cat Majer and Luke Perez, is the Plant Phenology as an Indicator of Climate Change project. Plant phenology is the study of how seasonal and climatic changes affect the timing of life cycle events (phenophases) that occur in plants and other living organisms during an annual growth period. This project is a collaboration between CMN SDI, Menominee community members, the US Forest Service, and the University of Minnesota.

During this growing season we will explore whether plant phenology can be used as an early indicator of climate change. Besides these two, there are many other projects that interns at SDI are working on this summer. Through these projects the interns get to learn more about our environment and how to better take care of it for our future generations while also getting vital work experience.

There are many other learning opportunities for SDI interns besides what they learn from their projects. During the week of June 4th, all of the SDI interns attended an annual event called the Indigenous Planning Summer Institute. This was a week-long event that helped introduce the interns to the SDI staff, each other, the projects that they will be working on, and the surrounding area. One of the trips that we took that week was a tour of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation.

On the morning of June 7th, the interns met at the SDI office and, with Sustainability Coordinators Rebecca Edler and Cherie Thunder, we loaded up a bus and headed to the reservation. The tour started with a drive to the Arvid E. Miller Stockbridge Munsee Historical Library Museum. Even though I am a tribal member, I had never visited this museum

and I was looking forward to it. When we arrived at the museum, we were greeted by Jeff Vele and Molly Miller. To start the tour of the museum, we watched an informative video about the history of the Stockbridge-Munsee people. When we finished watching the video, we looked at the wall of elders and I was able to find pictures of two of my relatives, my great-grandmother Alice Gardner and my great-aunt Eunice Stick. I also found out that I am distantly related to Adam Schulz, another one of the interns. Molly then showed us the exhibits that are on display in the museum. I felt that the museum did a great job explaining the history of the Stockbridge-Munsee people.

After we left the museum, we went to the Longhouse in the North Star Casino for lunch. This was a nice treat since I have always enjoyed eating at the Longhouse. During lunch we met Agricultural Agent Kellie Zahn. Kellie is in charge of maintaining the garden plots that are on the reservation. We also got to meet Tribal President Shannon Holsey. She stopped in and introduced herself to our group while we were eating. After lunch Kellie took us to one of the garden plots.

When we arrived, we were greeted by tribal member Joe Miller. Kellie and Joe then

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The family of Makai Albrecht wish to express our thanks and gratitude for all of the support received during his illness from X-ALD, and after his passing. Special thanks go to all of his caregivers who took such loving care of Makai while he was with us. Also, a special thanks to friends,

family, healthcare providers, Bowler School personnel, Unity Hospice, Lutheran Church of the Wilderness, Native American Church, and Swedberg Funeral Services for help with Makai's needs. Especially, thanks to the Nanapowe Drum and Firekeepers for helping Makai on his journey. RIP CeexjiiSka (White Buffalo)

All Tribal members welcome  
July 10, 2018 at 5 p.m. at Mohican Veterans Lodge  
Contact Robert Little 715 853-3356

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From September 2014 through December 2015, POWTS were pumped and inspected at no cost to the homeowner by licensed and certified pumpers and inspectors. This was done through EPA funding via Indian Health Services (IHS). This was a one-time free service. All future septic pumping and inspection services are the responsibility of the homeowner. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Public Works Director Stacey Schreiber at (715) 793-4854. Thank you.

### Reward for Lost Ring

This ring has very much sentimentality to me and I lost it about two weeks ago. I may have lost it in the Gresham area. If anyone has found a ring in the area please call 715-793-4388 (Mohican News).

I really, really appreciate it!  
Betty Schiel

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Do you want a move in ready single story home (no repairs needed) on a quiet dead end road? Home is located at N8075 N Schmidt Lane, Gresham. Serious inquiries call Debbie at 715-853-8424.

This home manufactured in 2004 is handicap accessible. Living area is 1859 sq. ft. with a 2 1/2 stall attached garage. Land assignment is 5 beautiful, well maintained acres: includes shed, enormous heated shop with large door access, large storage area and many amenities. The barn (30'x40') is set up for 3 horses and an indoor pen for small animals. Barn has running water and electricity, including electrical outlet for campers.

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2 full baths

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Master suite has oasis tub, shower and large walk in closet.



## Mohican Housing News

Home Repair Demonstration  
Hands On: How to Replace Your Toilet Guts  
Wednesday July 11, 2018  
4:45 pm Food  
5:00 pm Speaker  
At the Housing Office  
Speaker: Bob Vele, Housing Inspector  
Please call to let us know you are coming so we can provide enough food. Thanks  
If no one registers by July 10<sup>th</sup> the sessions will be cancelled.  
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USDA Rural Development  
Home Loans & Grant Program  
Gather information on how to qualify for a home loan or elder (age 62) grant/loan for home repairs.  
Wednesday July 25, 2018  
4:45 pm Food  
5:00 om Speaker  
At the Housing Office  
Laurie Thomack, USDA  
Please call to say you are coming so we can provide enough food.  
Thank you. Session will be cancelled on 7/24/18 if no one calls  
Open to Public

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additional seating outside with a table and tent set up. Some spent time out there to enjoy the nature. There were 94 participants at the event while over 100 people came overall. At noon they had the food which included cake and ice cream. To maintain the spirit of the event the way to determine prize winners were picked with fishing bobbers. The fishing bobbers were bought separately and then

were decorated with a number which would then correspond to a prize. Many people also took part in the 50/50 raffle. The winner was Aaron Louis who won \$122. Many of the people involved considered it a success. The gathering and the celebration of Chemon Welch were both large factors in the positive feeling around the entire event. They ate at noon and it went right up to the end of the event at two.



*The staff of the casino and Pine Hills were recognized several times for their outstanding service to the conference attendees.*

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This conference is free to attendees and solely relies on sponsorship and the host tribe for funding. The Mohican Gaming Commission made it a point to get enough sponsorship to offset the cost of the conference for the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe. Granquist said, "We are happy to say that the conference was completely

funded by sponsorship." The first day was a networking event, the activities included golf at the Pine Hills Golf course, a Slot Tournament hosted by Joker's Corner, and a Welcome Mixer also in Joker's Corner later that evening. The conference started the following day and began with an invocation by Tribal Councilmember Jeremy Mohawk.

President Shannon Holsey provided the welcome for those in attendance. "We recognize that in order for our properties to be successful its actually the regulatory compliance oversight that allows us to do that and each and every one of you and your diligence makes that so much easier for each and every one of the tribal nations," said the President.

Holsey stated that as a tribal leader we do look for guidance and there are some big issues on the table right now; the recent supreme court ruling on sports betting, what does that mean, what significant impact will it have on Indian gaming and what are we doing as Indian gaming operators to get ready for that? Another issue is that of the unregulated gaming machines in various properties and what that looks like. As a tribal leader how do we go and combat that issue and how do we let the people who are in charge and decision makers know that that is not an acceptable practice and if we are going to be the most regulated gaming industry in the world then they should too be held accountable to that same regulation and that oversight.

"As part of the Stockbridge Munsee Community we welcome you and hope you enjoy your experience here we hope that we exceed your expectation and we hope you enjoy the collaboration and network that takes place," said Holsey.

Mark Powless, Vice Chairman of the Oneida Gaming Commission, spoke next and began with a welcome and expression of gratitude, "I would like to do an official welcome on behalf of the Wisconsin Gaming and Regulatory Association for this conference. I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the Stockbridge Munsee Mohican Nation and their Gaming commission for sponsoring this two-day event, so I want to thank you, I also want to thank the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe for the holding of this conference."

"One of the things that I wanted to express to you is the fact that we are charged with regulatory oversight and enforcement of our gaming operations from a compliance standpoint and from federal laws tribal laws and state laws. I have been involved in gaming for 42 years, I have the opportunity to represent my tribe on a number of occasion and testify before the congress with regards to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act before it was an act. And I was involved with the fifteen other tribes that helped put the language together for the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act," added Powless.

Powless also spoke about the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). "In the 1980s when we formed the National Indian Gaming Association we did an assessment of Indian Gaming back at

that time across Indian country. We came up with an idea that we needed to have a representative we needed to have some type of association that could protect the interest of the various Indian Nations in reference to Indian Gaming, in reference to the expression of our sovereignty and our jurisdiction and that we govern within our reservations, hence the National Indian Gaming Association was formed. One off the things that we talked about was the protection of our Indian Tribes, the protection of our Indian Nations." Powless said to the regulators in attendance, "You as regulator play a very key important role, without our regulators we don't have gaming. Federal Law of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires the tribe to have an independent regulatory arm to represent the governing bodies of the tribes that have gaming operations. That is who we are that is what we do that is our role and our responsibility. But what is more important than that is our role in reference to the protection our Indian Nations and that comes down to responsibilities and that comes down to each and every one of you, individually, that you represent your nation."

Powless also said, "In order for us to continue on and survive, we have to do what we have to do within our roles and responsibilities. Most importantly, our role is to protect the assets of tribe certainly but also to protect the tribes ourselves. Our various different independent nations around this great country. We all have languages, we have identity, and we have culture as Indian people. That is one of our specific roles. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act has provided law for the Indian tribes to have gaming operations. Our gaming operations as you know is a billion-dollar industry today, that is unheard of in our lifetime. This is something that has never been done ever in our lifetime as Indian people. Today we have an economic base of over 32 billion. Indian nation that represent gaming economically, financially, 32 billion dollars, that's a lot of revenue. That's a lot of authority, that's a lot of power, that's a lot of clout that we use to protect our individual nations."

"The United States for ever has been trying to get out of the Indian business, one of the ways that they can do that is by our language. Through that federal court case, it is very important I wanted to convey that to the regulators here today. You are not just sitting here regulating our gaming operation. It's certain we would carry out our roles and responsibilities in reference to that but more importantly we protect our nations sovereign right to exist," ended Powless.

The next speaker was National  
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## Stockbridge-Munsee Water System 2017 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report

Many in our community wonder where water comes from. In a typical community water supply system, water is transported under pressure through a distribution network of buried pipelines. Smaller pipes, called house service lines, are attached to the main water lines to bring water from the distribution network to your house. In our community water supply system, water pressure is provided by pumping water up into the storage tanks that stores water at higher elevations than the houses they serve. The force of gravity then "pushes" the water into your home when you open your tap. After the water is pumped, it is treated with chlorine. The drinking water distributed through the community system originates as rainwater that percolates through the ground and is naturally filtered as it travels through the soil and rock. The water is most susceptible to becoming contaminated at the earth's surface. As the water travels underground both down gradient and from areas of greater pressure to least pressure, water collects in what is known as aquifers. Our wells are drilled into ground water aquifers and we pump water to the surface to use as drinking water.

The S-M Environmental and Legal Departments created the Groundwater Protection Ordinance to ensure that rainwater is not contaminated at the earth's surface before the water reaches the community drinking water system's groundwater aquifer. The drinking water system groundwater aquifer lacks confining layers,

which could stop the movement of pollutants. Instead, the groundwater aquifer is composed of sand and gravel, which slows contaminants to move downward rapidly. The Groundwater Protection Ordinance can be found on the Internet at [www.mohican.com/tribalordinance.html](http://www.mohican.com/tribalordinance.html).

The Environmental Department has also completed a source water assessment and protection plan. The source water plan helped the Tribe identify potential contaminant sources and determined the susceptibility of each of the three wells, which support the Tribal drinking water system. Please contact the Stockbridge-Munsee Environmental Department at 715-793-4818 for a copy of the Source Water Plans or for more info.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present

in source water include: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

If present, elevated levels of lead and copper can cause serious health problems, especially on pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Stockbridge-Munsee Public Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

In order to ensure the tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If the standard is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, hand delivery.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessens the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from Safe Water Drinking Hotline at 1-800-426-4791

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to provide input on the review or renewal of the asbestos exemption please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 715-793-4854.

**Stockbridge-Munsee Water System Detected Contaminants Table**

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contaminant	Test Date
Nitrogen, Nitrate Well #1	N	1.300	ppm	10	10	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	4/26/2017
Nitrogen, Nitrate Well #2	N	0.720	ppm	10	10	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	4/26/2017
Nitrogen, Nitrate Well #3	N	1.300	ppm	10	10	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	4/26/2017
Copper	N	0.190	mg/l	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	6/21/2016
Lead	N	0.004	mg/l	0.015	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	6/21/2016
TTHM	N	16.0	ug/l	80	0	Disinfection byproduct	8/3/2017
TTHM	N	25.0	ug/l	80	0	Disinfection byproduct	8/3/2017
HAA5	N	8.4	ug/l	60	60	Disinfection byproduct	8/3/2017
HAA5	N	5.9	ug/l	60	60	Disinfection byproduct	8/3/2017
Barium	N	15.0	ug/l	2000	2000	Erosion of natural deposits	7/16/2012
Nickel	N	4.6	ug/l	100	N/A	Occurs naturally in soils	7/16/2012
Fluoride	N	0.31	mg/l	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits	7/16/2012

Abbreviation	Meaning
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes
HAA5	Five Haloacetic Acids
ppm	Parts per Million
mg/L	Milligrams per Liters
ug/l	microgram/liter



**Conference cont from pg Four:** National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. Chairman Stevens started his presentation by recognizing the North Star Mohican Casino Resort. Keeping it light Stevens said, "I wanted to acknowledge everybody especially the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe for hosting us here, it is a beautiful facility. I can't tell you what's the best casino in Wisconsin, right now because everyone seems to be represented so I can take no sides but let's say for today North Star is the best." Stevens acknowledged all of the people who worked so hard to keep track of the regulations. He especially pointed out Debbie Thundercloud who is the chief of staff of the National Indian Gaming Association. "Debbie is a community leader, she is a very strong woman leader, so I don't know if you guys know, I don't how it works in your other communities,

but women kind of run the shop in our community," said Stevens. Stevens added they continue to fight to stand by and look to the regulators to work with them so that people understand [the Tribal] right to engage in class two gaming. "We continue to have a working subcommittee regarding class two gaming and again that continues to be a powerful right in this country," said Stevens. Stevens spoke of the interactions with the American Gaming Association. "Now as a chairman and chief spokesperson to have the great honor of representing all these kinds of stories from throughout Indian country, I want to mention that today and thank everybody for your work in this field. We work closely with the American Gaming Association. The American Gaming Association is headed up by Jeff Freeman, who recently announced he was stepping down. So, we have



Ernie Stevens, Jr. always promises to fight for Indian gaming rights

to see where that goes. We have had a great relationship with the new one, I've been working with the AGA forever, and worked with some of their other folks before them, when maybe some of those folks weren't excited about our jump into this beautiful world we call Tribal Government Gaming. But for the most part that era is over, and we work together and have tribes who are a part of AGA. With Jeff leaving, that create a little bit of a concern from us. Because there have been some bumps in the road in our work with the American Gaming Association. We spoke all over the country, we spoke at the Ice Gaming Show in London together. He has done a great job, but the thing about it is we had to stand and educate him. Tell him about our world. One of the things he did acknowledge was our ability to work towards understanding the regulation, to network and work together. In a way to help better protect our industry. He has acknowledged that in Indian country, we do a lot better job of that. I want to just acknowledge you again and say thank you for protecting us and heaven forbid we could have the potential for a tragedy like what happened in Las Vegas. I got the feeling that that the reason we haven't had that happen is because of you, so thank you," added Stevens. "To the elder to my left and to the elder on my right we say thank you because of what happened, when we started gaming with bingo and everybody in Washington D.C. said 'that's going to be corrupt, they won't know how to do it. There is going to be gangsters coming in and dancing girls and like Las Vegas, Indian country is trouble.' But these elders sat down and they established a National Indian Gaming Association. They established it to protect our industry, to advocate for us in Washington DC, and to standby us and keep us safe. And we could engage with tribal government gaming, so we could build our future and the foresight they had resonates here today. I can't thank you enough regarding that. That was the message that they set out to do and those elders most of which are retired some of which have passed on, including our late uncle Purcell Powless, and he would be very proud of you gentlemen the way

that this group of people have protected our industry and advocated for our industry. You guys are the champions you guys are the ones that make it strong. Thank you for that!" said Stevens.

Stevens ended by saying, "My final conclusion is, because of you the regulators and old school leaders like the two elders here today the Indian Gaming Industry has passed the Commercial Gaming Industry and now Indian Gaming is now the number one gaming industry in the United States of America. We are ahead and do more gaming than any commercial interest in this entire United States. That is thanks to you. We can't do these things by ourselves, however when we have a successful turn out, a successful representation of our industry. That speaks towards our success."

Granquist added that the conference was a remarkable success, having set the bar in all areas of training, networking, along with food and refreshments. One of the main networking events was the WGRA Golf Outing held at the Pine Hills Golf Course. Attendees had nothing but good things to say about the facility, the workers, food, and refreshments.

Granquist ended the conference by saying, "It was truly a wonderful experience to be a part of such a major event in the Gaming Industry. Our tribe did an outstanding job as the host and set the bar for all future WGRA Conference's. It was amazing to see everyone within the tribe coming together to make this conference a success. This year we had a record number of 235 in attendance. The attendees came from all over the United States and even Europe. The Mohican Gaming Commission would like to thank all those involved, Tribal President Shannon Holsey, Council Member Jeremy Mohawk, North Star Mohican Casino Resort General Manager Michael Bonakdar, North Star Mohican Casino Resort Director of Facilities and Security Terrance Miller, North Star Mohican Casino Resort Hospitality Director David Busch, along with all North Star Mohican Casino Resort Employees apart of the WGRA Conference, the WGRA Planning Committee, and all WGRA sponsors. You were all involved in making this happen."

Join us August 10<sup>th</sup> at North Star Casino Resort and be entertained by the legendary comedy team Williams and Ree. Williams and Ree, aka The Indian and the White Guy, are music and comedy team out of the Dakotas. Bruce Williams and Terry Ree have decades of knocked out shows under their belts and their belts reflect that. The message they bring is one of love and harmony, with an underlying note of deceit



and debauchery. Their overall theme is "We Are All The Same". This free event will be held in the Event Center at North Star Casino Resort and start at 10pm.

## A Fun Game of Lacrosse – With Lessons



Misty Cook, with her two children Coral and Cylis, with saticks made by her dad, Buddy Davids.

Denise Fye – Reporter – Mohican News

Warren Miller, Community Health Representative, recently held a game of lacrosse on May 22nd at the Pow Wow grounds and everyone who attended seemed to have an enjoyable, fun-filled time playing the game. Everyone in the community was invited. Lacrosse sticks and helmets were provided due to a grant through the Great Lakes Intertribal Grant Fund that the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center received. Every Monday in the month of June at 5 P.M. Traditional Lacrosse will be played at the Pow Wow grounds. Please call Warren Miller at 717-793-5064 if you have any questions.

Warren stated, “I want to keep the lacrosse game more traditional, to go back to the old way of playing lacrosse. To come together as a community and bring back our traditional games. Our community needs them.” Warren would like to start leagues with the youth and with the adults. There is much from lacrosse that the Tribe can benefit and gain from especially if a team is formed and many can and are willing to participate. It could bring the community together and learn how to be a better, more supportive community. Everyone was excited to begin playing lacrosse. Cylis Cook who was holding a lacrosse stick exclaimed, “Ready to play lacrosse.” Those in attendance were happy, and eager to learn

about and play lacrosse. According to Wikipedia, “Indigenous peoples in North America developed the game of lacrosse. It is played with a stick and a ball and the players use the stick to carry, pass, catch, and shoot into a goal.”

Misty Cook explained how the lacrosse stick and lacrosse ball are made. “My dad, Roland “Buddy” Davids learned how to make the lacrosse stick and lacrosse ball from Jerome Davis, a blind Menominee man who carved with broken glass and used hickory to make his stick and willow for the ball. Dad liked to use black ash because that is what worked best for him. The ball is made from a square piece of willow, you start at the top and carve it until it is round and then you go to the bottom of the square piece of willow and carve until it is round and then you have your lacrosse ball. The game

of lacrosse was started to keep the men in excellent shape for when they would have to go to war. The women were not allowed to touch the sticks because of the powerful energy women have. The women played a game called Chaw haw.” Misty showed three lacrosse sticks and how they vary in size and shape. She also showed the lacrosse ball made from willow.

According to history.org, a Mohawk elder wrote, “Our grandfather told us that lacrosse was played for the enjoyment of the Great Spirit; everyone was important, no matter how big or small, or how strong or how weak.” This is a great motto to follow not just in the game of lacrosse but a great motto to follow in our community. Everyone in the Tribe is important. One person or family isn’t more important than another family. We all belong to the Tribe and to the community.



What goes up, must come down (hopefully not on someone’s head).

## Language and Culture Committee Summer Hiring Event for the “2018 Language & Culture Camp”

WE NEED YOUR AWESOMENESS!

- Are you energetic & enthusiastic?
- Like to work with children
- Independent and reliable
- Flexible with your time
- **Can you obtain an (Elder Youth License)?**

We Are Hiring for the following positions: must be 18 or older

- Language Teacher assistant (2 or 3) positions \$10.00 an hour
- Chaperones (4) positions \$10.00 an hour
- Head Cook (1) \$15.00 an hour
- Cook Assistant (1) \$10.00
- We are also looking for any Volunteers/gift cards, gas cards etc..

About Us;

Our purpose is to provide language and cultural instructions to our community and tribal members to ensure cultural and traditional practices are preserved, protected, and culturally

appropriate. The Stockbridge-Munsee Language & Culture Committee shall promote the value of language and culture preservation of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

“Please join us in this annual event”

You can pick up an application at:

Library Museum  
Family Center  
Tribal Office  
Administration Building  
Health and Wellness Center  
Have any further questions contact Vera Heubel, Molly Miller, Shawn Stevens, or Yvette Malone.  
[Vera.heubel@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:Vera.heubel@mohican-nsn.gov) 715-793-5060  
[Molly.miller@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:Molly.miller@mohican-nsn.gov) 715-851-49991  
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# Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association





THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



# PHOTO CONTEST

Theme: What Does Wellness Mean to You?



Enter photos for a chance to win gift cards!

Snap a pic and submit it to: [smhwc.event@mohican.com](mailto:smhwc.event@mohican.com). The winning photos will be used for our 2019 Diabetes Prevention Calendar. Submit your photos by August 31st, 2018.



Happy 8th Birthday  
Baby Bert, Love Mom Dad and Cienna Rae



## Wisconsin Mails 384,000 Postcards to Unregistered Adults

MADISON, WI – The Wisconsin Elections Commission is getting ready for midterm elections in 2018 with an initiative to inform voters about registration opportunities.

“Nearly one in 11 Wisconsin adults will soon be getting an official postcard in the mail urging them to register to vote before the election,” said Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin’s chief elections official. “Getting people to register early helps reduce lines and make Election Day better for voters and election workers.”

This is Wisconsin’s second mass mailing to adults who appear to be eligible to vote but are unregistered. In the fall of 2016, the Commission mailed similar postcards to 1.28 million residents. “Contacting potentially unregistered but eligible voters is also vital to ensuring that Wisconsin has a high-quality, complete voter registration list,” Wolfe said.

The informational postcards are being mailed this week, said Wolfe, interim administrator of the Commission. They can take up to nine days to arrive, and should start arriving in mailboxes soon.

Potential voters will be inundated with election-related mailings from candidates, political parties and independent groups in advance of the August 14 Partisan Primary and the November 6 General Election. Wolfe said this postcard from the Wisconsin Elections Commission is different because the mailing list comes from official state databases using a process to identify people who have a driver license or a state ID card but who are not registered to vote. People who were sent the first postcard in 2016 will not be included in this mailing.

The postcard encourages voters to register ahead of the election. To do that, they can contact their municipal clerk or visit [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov). The postcard also has a toll-free number for people without internet access.

If people who are registered to vote get postcards, they should not worry, Wolfe said. Sometimes there are minor differences in the spelling of names or addresses that may result in a registered voter not matching DMV records. “Nobody will be removed from the voter registration list because of this postcard,” Wolfe said.

Voters who need to register or change their address should go to [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov), Wisconsin’s secure voter services website,

said Wolfe. Electors who need to register for the first time, or need to update their voter record, are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible and not wait until Election Day. If that is not possible, they can always register on Election Day.

Using [MyVote.WI.gov](http://MyVote.WI.gov), people who have Wisconsin driver license or state ID card can register online if their current address is on file with the DMV. Those who do not have a driver license or state ID can fill out the registration form online, print it out, sign it and send it to the correct clerk’s address which the website will provide. Voters registering by mail must also send a copy of a proof-of-residence document, such as the registration postcard. A tax bill, utility bill or bank statement with the voter’s current address will also work.

These postcard mailings are required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 261, which directed state election officials to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). This multi-state group helps its members keep their voter registration lists current by identifying voters who may have changed their address, moved out of state or died. One of the requirements for membership in ERIC is to send a mailing to residents who may be eligible to vote but are not yet registered. Voter Registration and List Maintenance Facts

Wisconsin has a voting-age population of 4,469,475 people, according to estimates by the state’s [Demographic Services Center](http://Demographic Services Center).

Of those, 3,087,256 people were actively registered to vote on [June 1, 2018](http://June 1, 2018).

Wisconsin has had a [statewide voter registration list](http://statewide voter registration list) since 2006.

In 2016, Wisconsin joined the multi-state [Electronic Registration Information Center](http://Electronic Registration Information Center) (ERIC), which provides members with additional tools to keep their voter lists current by identifying eligible residents who are not registered, and voters who may have moved or died out of state.

In September of 2016, Wisconsin mailed postcards to 1.28 million people identified from Wisconsin DMV by ERIC as being eligible to vote but unregistered, encouraging them to register to vote.

**(Editor’s Note: Elections are Nov 2018 and it is important for everyone to get out and vote)!**

## NIEA Releases Statement on the Forcible Separation of Families and Detention of Children at the U.S. Border

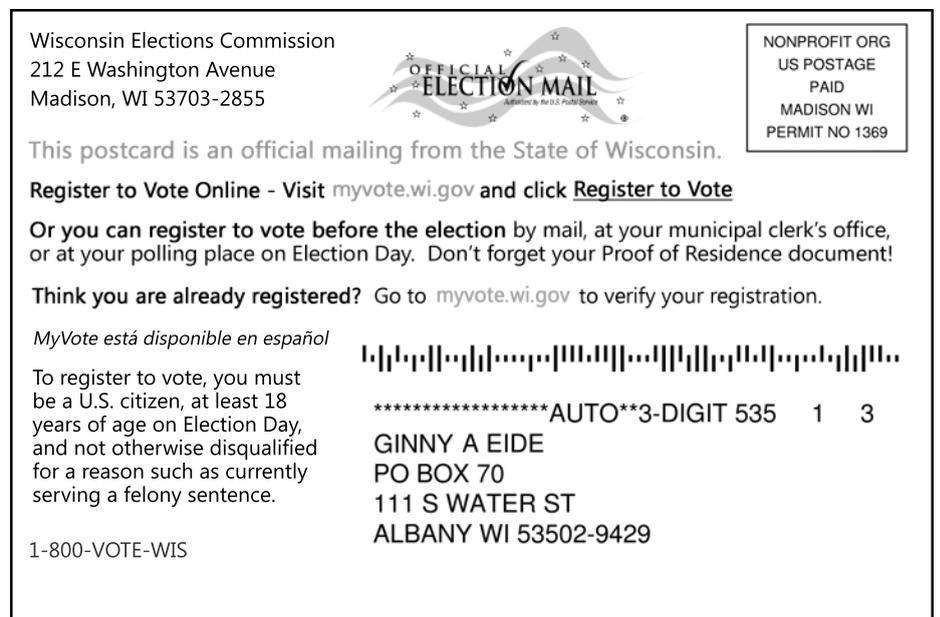
Washington, DC: Dr. Jolene Bowman, President of the National Indian Education Association released the following statement on the forcible separation of families and the detention of children at the U.S. border:

“Forcibly separating children from their families is not a new federal policy strategy - it has been used since America’s founding. The forcible separation of families, and the cruel detention of children into camps and cages, echoes the experiences of America’s first target- Native communities. Photographs and audio recordings of young children, terrified and alone, match the descriptions and horrors our communities experienced. Native communities understand the heartbreak of forcible separation. We know the impacts and long-term trauma immigrant families, parents, and children will now face. The damage is done- it cannot be undone with the stroke of a pen. Decisions that come only as a matter of politics, not of morality, will not heal their wounds. Our

children and our families are still healing from the boarding school era- when centuries of discriminatory federal policies ripped children from their families in an effort to assimilate us. This policy was, and is, a cruel and deliberate punishment for being different and unique. We have always hoped that America’s leadership would reflect, and learn, from a past that is shameful and cruel- it seems that it has not. Since our founding in 1969, National Indian Education Association (NIEA) has represented American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students across the United States- our hope is that our students, and all students, can be loved, cherished, and thrive. Educators will continue to be frontline healers- working to mend the minds, trust, and dreams of the children forcibly detained. We join the thousands of voices asking for compassion and support for those hoping for a better life. We welcome the children hoping for a better life, full of love, joy, and opportunity.”



**(Editor’s Note: Listed above and below are the images of what the card is that you will receive in the mail. Please take time to register)!**



## News from the Health Center

Just a couple of reminders:

- The Health Board Meetings are held every third Friday at 1:15 p.m. in the Health Center conference room located on the lower level. Packets go out to board members the Friday before each meeting so, if you have an item that needs to be added to the agenda, please make sure it is submitted no later than the Thursday before the day the packets go out. This will allow Health Center staff to generate the necessary paperwork involved for the submission of your case. You may send all requests to:

Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center  
W12802 County Hwy A  
Bowler, WI 54416  
Attn: Andrew Miller-Health Center Director

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Liza Duffek, Administrative Assistant for the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center at 715-793-5025.

- It is with great sadness that I inform you of Maria Antonucci's departure. Maria has worked as a Pharmacist here at the Health Center for 7.5 years and is moving back home to be near her family. A pot luck will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> at noon in the Health Center conference room. We will miss Maria and wish nothing but the best for her.

Thank you and please keep an eye out for flyers for all our fun and informational activities for the Health Center; from Lacrosse to Diabetic luncheons with various guest speakers and other Community events. Stay healthy everyone!



### Top 10 Fireworks Safety Tips:

1. **Use fireworks outdoors ONLY.** Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
2. **Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.** Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks including sparklers. Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type
3. **Avoid buying fireworks packaged in brown paper.** This is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
4. **Be careful when lighting the fuse.** Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Light fireworks one at a time, then quickly back up to a safe distance.
5. **Never relight a "dud" firework.** Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
6. **Only use fireworks as intended.** Don't try to alter them or combine them. They can kill you!
7. **Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.** After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
8. **Use common sense.** Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
9. **Alcohol and fireworks DO NOT MIX.** Have a "designated shooter."
10. **OBEY LOCAL LAWS.** If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.

## Basketball Clinic July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Mohican Family Center

Grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be at 8:00 am to 12:00  
Grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> will be at 12:00 noon till 4:00 PM

Mike Powless will be instructing.  
Call MFC 715-793-4080 or 4807 for information.

### Fruit/Vegetable of the Month

# STRAWBERRIES

Community Health

July 2018

Strawberry season is now upon us! These red, juicy, conically shaped berries are a member of the rose family. While strawberries are now available year round in stores now is their time to shine. Late June and into July strawberries are in peak season, producing sweet, tender, and juicy berries.

#### Tips for Picking, Preparing, and Eating

Local crops should be ready for picking in mid to late June and well into July this year. Many farms have pick-your-own including Glendale Farms in Clintonville, Merry's Berries in Antigo, and Porter's Patch in Shawano. Most farms offer pick-your-own or call ahead orders. After you get your berries home make sure to not wash or clean your berries until you are ready to eat or process them, you can store unwashed berries in the refrigerator for 3-5 days. When you are ready to eat and/or process, start by washing your berries under running water but DO NOT soak them and drain in a colander or on towels. You can simply eat from here or hull the berries to remove the green caps. You can freeze berries whole by freezing them on a cookie sheet and then bagging them up or can slice or prepare and freeze.

*"Nutrition Benefits:  
Strawberries are low in calories and fats but rich in phyto-nutrients, mineral, and vitamins. They are a great source of Vitamin C and Manganese which helps counter inflammation and infectious agents."*

#### Recipe Corner:

##### Strawberry Spinach Salad

#### Ingredients:

- 2 T. sesame seeds
- 1 T. poppy seeds
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. olive oil
- 1/4 c. vinegar
- 1/4 t. paprika
- 1/4 t. Worcestershire sauce

1 T. minced onion

10 ounces fresh spinach -rinsed, dried, and torn into bite-sized pieces

1 qt. strawberries—cleaned, hulled, and sliced

1/4 c. almonds, slivered



#### Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame seeds, poppy seeds, sugar, olive oil, vinegar, paprika, Worcestershire sauce and onion. Cover, and chill for one hour.
2. In a large bowl, combine the spinach, strawberries and almonds. Pour dressing over salad, and toss. Refrigerate 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

## Mohican Strong Wellness

# Summer Camp

Held at Annie's Campground  
W12505 Roosevelt Rd,  
Gresham, WI 54128

#### LET YOUR KIDS COME AND ENJOY INSPIRING CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!

Water Activities  
Interactive Meals  
Team Building Activities  
Hungry-Hungry Hippos Game  
Nutrition Fun  
Diabetes Games

Questions or to RSVP call  
Casey R. at 793-5006 or Whitney S. at 793-3008  
Max of 25 kids each day so sign up early!

Sponsored by the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center - Community Health Department

Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Ages 6-9 years

Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Ages 10-14 years

Camp held each day from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Campers must be dropped off and picked up at Annie's Campground

Youth Registration Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



## Bowler High School/Middle School 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

### High Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Maranda Brei, Katelyn Fehrman, Reanne Kietlinski, Alissa Rickert, Brianne Rosenow, Hannah Slater

**Juniors:** Noah Bestul, Jada Waters

**Sophomores:** Ira Rudesill, Alyssa Strassburg, Brooke Thiex

**Freshmen:** Adin Brei, Skye Breitrick, Brock Strassburg, Logan Thiex, Maya Thiex, Zachary Young

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sterling Schreiber III

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bailey Grosskopf, Myrin Rudesill, Brady Strassburg

### Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Jayla LeMieux, Matthew Olson, Crista Peters, Sarrena Peters

**Juniors:** Lisa Stemler, Jodi Wolf, Nicholas Young

**Sophomores:** Jayden Boswell, Zachary Fehrman, Kayla Pecore, Keegan Pingel, Austin Salter, TajaJae Williams

**Freshmen:** Taya Grant, Samantha Mohawk, Mckayla Putnam

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Isaiah Bestul, Asa Doxtator Jr., Hunter Haselow, Selina Thiex, Zachary Ziemer

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Edward Castellanos, Ezra Demaskie, Julia Hahn, Odin Peters, Jackson Pingel, Kellen Pingel, Brandi Spencer, Tristian Thiex

## \$1,250 Gresham Community Scholarship is Available

Are you a member of the Gresham community and are interested in pursuing your post high school education dreams... read on.

The Gresham Scholarship Fund (GSF) awards a limited number of Community Scholarships each year to qualifying members of the Gresham community. To get the details and an application form go to, [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships) then to the link labeled "College and Non-Traditional". There are several pages, so look for "Gresham Community Scholarship". The deadline for applications is June 30.

Arthur Ward, GHS '86 was awarded one of the Gresham Community Scholarships recently and carries a cumulative 3.735 grade point average where he is a senior at U.W. Green Bay. Arthur is studying for a Bachelor of Applied Studies

in Integrative Leadership Studies with two areas of emphasis: Applied Communications and Environmental Policies. Arthur says, "I just can't tell you enough how much I appreciate my scholarship and how much I endorse what the Gresham Scholarship fund has, and is doing for the Gresham Community." He went on to say, "it's never too late to go back to school". Arthur will be graduating within the year with high honors.

In addition to the Gresham Community Scholarships, GSF currently awards a \$1,750 scholarship to all Gresham High School graduates who apply and have a "C" or better average. The scholarship can be applied to college or trade school.

Contact: Bob Klopke. [rklopke@charter.net](mailto:rklopke@charter.net) (715) 787-3386

## Lightning Safety Awareness in Wisconsin

When thunder roars, go indoors! Wisconsin's Lightning Safety Awareness and it's time to remind people about the dangers of lightning and what steps they can take to keep safe.

"Lightning strikes can seemingly come out of nowhere, killing or seriously injuring a person in the blink of an eye," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula. "It's important to watch the skies and be ready to head indoors if you hear thunder or see lightning."

Lightning kills dozens of people across the country and injures hundreds of others each year. In Wisconsin, seven people have died since 2008 after being struck by lightning.

Health officials say if a person you are with is struck by lightning, immediately dial 911 and start performing CPR. Don't be afraid to touch the victim – the human body does not hold an electrical charge.

If you can hear thunder or see lightning, act quickly to protect

## Breaking Down National Silos to Better Serve Indian Country



*NIHB Office, L-R; Dr. Wendee Gardner and Dr. Jolene Bowman. Dr. Gardner received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Art from UW-Madison in May 2004, a Master's Degree in Public Health from Emory University in May 2009, and a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy from UW-Madison in May 2017.*

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Vice-President, Dr. Jolene Bowman as President of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) participated in a joint National Tribal Organization strategy discussion in working towards a diverse and varied lens in the crafting of a strong and cohesive response to the current state of affairs. With the protection and promotion of the inherent sovereign authorities and rights of Tribal Nations at the core of organizations, such as; National Indian Health Board (NIHB), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), National Indian Education Association (NIEA), and etc. Dr. Bowman said, "It is vital that these national organizations unite their resources and work together for the betterment of our communities."

Following the strategy discussion Dr. Bowman attended a First Kids 1st meeting which is a collaboration of NCAI, NIEA, NIHB, and NICWA working to change National Tribal and State policy that create conditions in which American Indian and Alaska Native children

can thrive. Three of the four National Tribal Organization coalition included representation by Tribal members. The three Mohicans at the table were; Jacob Schellinger who was the Staff Attorney & Legislative Counsel for NCAI and who is now in charge of the full department as the Director of Government Affairs for NCAI, Dr. Wendee Gardner, who is the Native Youth Engagement Manager for NIHB, and Dr. Jolene Bowman as the President of NIEA. Dr. Bowman said, "How inspirational and powerful it is to work with Tribal membership on a National issue that supports our children." Bowman added, "We do this because we know that the strength of a community can be measured by how well the youth are thriving in that community."



yourself. Even if the skies are clear directly overhead, a bolt of lightning can travel several miles from the center of a storm.

Never seek cover under a tree or think you are safe by being low to the ground. Get out of open areas and away from bodies of water, such as lakes or rivers.

The safest place to be is inside a sturdy shelter, such as a house.

Even the inside of a car with a hard top is safer than being out in the open during a thunderstorm. If you are inside a vehicle, avoid touching metal surfaces that could conduct electricity.

Before spending time outdoors, pay attention to weather forecasts and be ready to change your plans if thunderstorms are in the forecast.



**Visit cont from page Two:**  
explained how important the garden plots are to the community, especially during harvest time. Kellie then gave us a demonstration of how they plant and weed the gardens using time saving tools like a flame weeder. After that, we wrapped up the tour and headed back to SDI.

This tour was extremely informative and taught me many things that I did not know about my own people. Jeff, Molly, Joe, and Kellie were all very helpful and were able to answer any questions that the interns had. Thank you to all of them for taking time out of their schedules to take us on the tour.

So, if you feel bored and are looking for something to do this summer, you can take a tour at the museum or contact Kellie

Zahn (above) about volunteering some time at the garden plots. The gardens are a big task and Kellie sure could use the help. If you are in college and looking for an internship, or just curious about sustainable development, stop in at SDI and learn about all the different projects that we are doing this summer and into the fall.



Adam LeMieux



**On Tuesday, June 5, 2018, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken on the motions:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

**Add:** Teaching Coach Request, Waiver Request and Personnel Issue

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, June 5, 2018, with additions. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**MEETING MINUTES: Regular Meeting May 15, 2018-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber.

**Roll Call:** Sterling yes, Terrie yes, Jeremy abstain and Craig yes. Motion carried.

**TRIBAL FINANCIALS: February/March 2018 (Approval) and April 2018 (Posting)-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Tribal Financials for February and post April. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Motion maker amends motion to include: approval of Tribal Financials for March 2018. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUESTS- Indian Summer Festival-JoAnn Schedler/Karen Gardner**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to donate to Indian Summer Festival. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**NIEA Convention and Tradeshow Sponsorship-Roberta Carrington, Education Board President**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Education Board's recommendation and support a Bronze Level Sponsorship toward the 2018 NIEA Convention and Tradeshow. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**GM'S REPORT & FINANCIALS FOR APRIL 2018-Terrence Miller/Tammy Wyrobeck, Casino**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the GM's Monthly Report, Casino and Bingo Financials for April 2018. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to waive waiting for the State stamp of approval, knowing that we have a state certified engineer inspector that has developed the plans and going to monitoring them, from MMC. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST: New Interior/Exterior Signage-Casino Management**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the request made by North Star Mohican Casino Resort for the interior venue signage and exterior entrance/exit signage from Appleton Sign Company. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**FOREST FIRE PROTECTION GRANT-Craig Kroening, Jr. and Molly Welch, Fire Department**

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to approve the Fire Fighter Protection Grant Application for 2019. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

**Roll Call:** Sterling yes, Terrie yes, Jeremy yes and Craig abstain.

*Councilman Kroening abstains, as he is the Fire Chief.* Motion carried.

**HEADSTART COLA INCREASE-Jill Tieg, Grants Writer**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2018 COLA Increase of 2.6% totaling \$6,867.00 to go into the Head Start Budget. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

**EPA WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION-Mike Jones, Wetland Specialist**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve a cash match and an in-kind match for the EPA Wetland Program Development Grant Application. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**EPA WETLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REQUEST-Angela Waupochick, Hydrologist**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize Angela to submit a proposal to the US Environmental Protection Agency, that requires a cash match. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**I.H.S. FUNDING-Melodi Thiox and Andrew Miller, SMHWC**

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to approve the movement of funds received by I.H.S. into the Pharmacy wages. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**CONTRACTED PROVIDERS-Melodi Thiox and Andrew Miller, SMHWC**

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to approve the movement of funds in the medical department from contracts to wages. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS-Part-time Recreational Coordinator**

No action taken at this time.

**TEACHING COACH REQUEST-Crystal Malone, Kori Price and Nikole Webster**

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to extend the Teaching Coach position to employed throughout the Summer months, June through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**Pharmacist-Melodi Thiox and Andrew Miller, SMHWC**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Pharmacist position. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

**TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST-**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Tribal Member request to salvage the tin roof and to use it on his property. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**SELECTION OF BOARD/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS-**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Roberta Carrington and Crystal Malone to the Pow Wow Committee. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Karen Gardner to the Historic Preservation Committee. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried at 5:59 PM

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 7:00 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on audit reports, a land acquisition, legal issues, a waiver request, a hiring recommendation and personnel issues.

**-OPEN AGENDA-**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to authorize human resources to negotiate a wage as discussed in Executive Session for the Executive Director of Human Resources. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the Audit Reports for Program 222, Land Management and Program 210, Forestry. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the employee waiver in case number 2013-CF00054.

Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept Audit Reports for Program 701, Property & Equipment, Program 705, Mohican Insurance, Program 105, Family Center, Program 205 Indian Child Welfare and Program 208 Housing. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 7:16 PM.

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