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Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund to Honor Northern Wisconsin's Judge David D. Raasch at the 2023 Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner



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Wausau, WI - Judicare Legal Aid, a Wausau-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free civil legal help to those who cannot otherwise afford it, is proud to announce one of the honorees for the esteemed 2023 Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner have long-standing ties to Judicare Legal Aid and Northern Wisconsin. This year's dinner took place at The Madison Club on November 4. This year, the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund (WEJF) recognized Judicare's Board Chairman Judge David D. Raasch Honor cont on page 12:



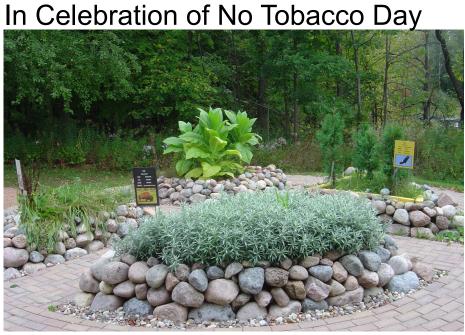
Lilly Wisnefske (pictured with her daughter Riverlee) is the new Community Health Representative (CHR) at the Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center. She is currently in training to work with WIC, a program to aid women, infants, and children with their nutritional needs. "This is a very important program in our community so I strive to be able to provide this service the way we have here at the clinic for years previous" Lilly says.

Lilly comes from a long line of Miller's branching out far beyond her great grandparents Betty (Glenore) and Jack

Lilly cont on page Three:

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Library/Museum Medicine Wheel Garden. Front: Sage Back Left to Right: Sweetgrass, Tobacco, Cedar.

SMC-Cultural Department

Cultural The Department often receives community inquiries about the Four Sacred Medicines. On Pow-Wow Weekend the Library/Museum opened a mini-exhibit about the Four Sacred Medicines that will be a permanent feature in the gallery. In celebration of No Tobacco Day, Cultural Affairs would

Affairs like to take this opportunity to share in the hopes that it may be helpful for our Affairs tribe's youth, parents, or families in search of the meaning of this medicininal plant that continues to be a foundational medicine for many tribal nations, including our own. Tobacco is the first plant that the Creator gave to

Native people. It is the main activator of all the Sacred cont on page 13:

it means a little more.

November first is also

Quinney Day in Wisconsin.

Senate Joint Resolution 27

was introduced on April 30th

2019 authored by Senator

Cowles and Representative

Mary Felzkowski and was

passed with the support of

Community, and adopted

October Eighth 2019.

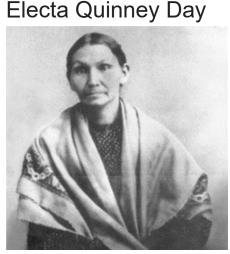
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Clinic updates for November 2023

- Covid
- The clinic has at-home (including N-95 masks) available at no cost.
- Flu shots and booster vaccinations are available at the clinic. If you wish to get a covid booster shot, call 715-793-5000 to schedule an appointment.
- Community Health completed flu and covid vaccinations at the elderly center. They gave out 49 vaccinations at the October event.

Clinic Staff

• Dr. Tom Wargo, our chiropractor, will be retiring. His last day will be December 1, 2023. The Tribe hired Dr. Avari Miller as our new Chiropractor. Dr. Miller will be starting November 6th.

Ella B New Building

• The Tribe is recruiting. Vacancies will be posted on the Tribe's web page https://www.mohican.

<u>com/services/careers/</u> tribal-employment/

- covid tests and masks . The new building is anticipated to be open April 1st 2024.
 - covid
 Parking lot construction is finishing. We hope the rain will stop for long enough to finish paving and paint parking lines. The paving is scheduled to be completed by early November if the weather cooperates.
 - Tribal Council approved the program statement for the new facility. Α copy is on page Eleven of this newspaper. Administrative Updates
 - The clinic implemented a 105L lease. This lease requires IHS to pay the Tribe rent for the Clinic building because the building is used to offer health care services. The lease agreement provides the Tribe \$1.4 million dollars a year, this is approximately \$1.2 million more than the stan-

dard M&I funding method. • Pharmacy began implementing the 340B program from HRSA. This is a pharmacy program to allow the clinic to purchase medications at a reduced rate because we are a FQHC (Federally qualified Health Center). The clinic expects this program to save the Tribe between \$300,000 and \$500,000 each year.

- The Clinic and Tribe continue to work with Wisconsin and CMS to implement a Medicaid All Inclusive Rate that will increase Medicaid revenue from prescriptions filled at the Clinic. Wisconsin plans to request a state plan amendment from CMS to approve this request. The State Plan Amendment is scheduled to be presented to CMS in December of 2023.
- The clinic is working with IHS and our contracted flooring company to replace the clinic floors.

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The company is working on finishing the tile work in our hallways. Once tile work is completed, the flooring company will begin work in rooms.

• The clinic will re-open the drive-up pharmacy pickup once the parking lot is completed.

<u>Clinic community events</u> (fliers will be distributed)

- November is Diabetes Awareness Month and we will be offering blood glucose and blood pressure screenings at various tribal buildings throughout the month.
- Nov 4th Annual Turkey Trot @ Mohican Family Center starting at 9am
- Nov 16th Great American Smoke Out lunch @ MFC at noon – speaker Lindsey from pharmacy - lunch provided with Primal Eats
- Dec 6th will be our Annual Jingle Bell Walk at the MFC after work

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Proud and Determined

I'd like to tell you about the back cover of Proud an event that took place ten years ago this month at Lutheran Church of the Wilderness. It was the launch event for my selfpublished book, Proud and Determined: A History of the Stockbridge Mohicans, 1734-2014. Excerpts of the book had appeared in Mohican News prior to the launch party to advertise it. I brought a cake. Shawn Stevens' drum group was not only there, but their sound produced the kind of excitement that anybody would be deeply grateful for. Having never written I have looked around for a book before, and not thinking of myself as a celebrity, I was surprised when people started asking me to sign the books they were buying. I don't remember how many books I sold that evening, but it was more than I had available, probably more than one hundred books, which I felt had me off to a successful start as an author.

Instead of a great starting point, that book launch party was a high point. While I put together a good slide show which I delivered at a few public libraries here in Wisconsin, those events didn't have the kind of enthusiasm or "street cred" that was provided by Shawn Stevens' drum group. While the Amazon website allowed me to sell books over the internet, I got fewer online reviews, and, as a result, fewer sales than I had hoped for. If you are still interested Worse than that, though, in in a week or two of the book launch event, my friend John Martin's house burned down. Along with most of John and Sandy Martin's worldly possessions, their dog died in that fire.

and Determined features authentic sliver jewelry. As you may have guessed, I'm referring to John's father's creation, the Many Trails symbol. I would be remiss if I didn't also point out that the front cover depicts John's daughter in Pow-wow regalia (if I was writing for a white audience I would say she was his step-daughter). Sadly, Vicki Bowman Stevens and her mother, Sandy Martin, both walked on to the spirit world in the last ten years.

another historical project but never found one. Looking back ten years later, I understand now more than I did then - that most Indians really don't want Non-Indians nosing into the history of their people. But, at the same time, I should also say that quite a few Stockbridge Mohicans not only welcomed my work, but also helped me out one way or another. Unfortunately, not all of them are around anymore.

Proud and Determined is now a free e-book for those who have a Kindle. To all others, the e-book costs \$3.99. My blog, Algonkian Church History has been neglected by me for a long time, but is still available on the net for those who are willing to search for tribal history. Jeff Siemers

getting the flu November of 2013, within vaccination please contact Occupational Health. They can be reached at the following:

> Peggy- 715-787-2547 Michelle-715-793-5105

Please remember to call

To The Stockbridge-Munsee Community,

by the trust and confidence you have seen fit to place in me as one of your Tribal necessary. Council Representatives.

I pledge to do my best duties, responsibilities, and every day to not betray such trust and confidence and remain focused on for me can take pride in serving the best interests of the Tribe.

L pledge work to cooperatively to give our community a powerful voice wherever and

Lilly cont from page One: Miller. (Leonard) Her grandparents Debbie and Terry Miller raised her mother Erin Miller-Wisnefske here alongside her aunt Melanie Exferd (Miller) who also works at the clinic. "I have many other relatives here as well." Lilly says. She is the niece of Cindy and John Miller as well as the late Mary Miller and Emmeretta Miller. Lilly and her fiancé Cody Fehrman have started their own family in the nearby village of Tilleda. There they are raising their beautiful baby daughter Riverlee Mae Fehrman, named after a beloved friend, the late BriAnne Mae Goss.

After graduating from Bowler High School, Lilly began her career in agriculture. She owned her own business working with horses and cattle but decided to further her education and experience. After a short-lived career in the bovine genetics industry, Lilly had a change of heart. my daughter, I decided will hopefully be able to the agriculture workforce showcase their talents at wasn't for me." Lilly said. Lilly and Cody's wedding "I needed to do something this upcoming summer. more, I needed to help people." She developed a for choosing me and giving strong passion for servicing me this opportunity. I hope the community and jumped to be of great service to our on the opportunity to community for many years make it her career. "I to come." hope to especially serve

I am honored and humbled whenever representation of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community is needed and

I pledge to carry out my conduct myself in a manner so that those who voted having done so, and those who did not are pleasantly surprised.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve-Terrance (Moonie) Miller

our younger community

members, especially pregnant women, infants and children up through young adulthood," she says. Outside of work Lilly has a few different hobbies and interests, from fishing bow hunting, and to working on her collection of project classic cars and antique tractors. But the most significant hobby of hers will always be making music. From a very young age Lilly had a great passion for music, many of you may remember her singing in events at Bowler school, the casino, and various other venues with her classmate and fellow community member Isley Welch. A catastrophic injury to her hand in 2021 threw a serious wrench into her guitar playing career. Nearly losing 2 of her fingers, it seemed impossible to ever play again. She is now rehabilitating and working on her abilities with the hopes of continuing her pursuit as a musician. She, along with a few "After having of her musician friends

Lilly said, "Thank you

Thanks to John Martin, first!





The parking lot pavement project is finished for the year. Parking lot lights will be installed the next few weeks with limited impact to parking.

The first row of parking nearest the Clinic entrance is reserved for patient parking, but patients are welcomed to park in any open spot except handicap and Tribal Elder parking unless they meet those requirements.

The Clinic will resume pharmacy pickup at the front of the Clinic. Thanks for your patience

during the construction.

Mohican Writer's Circle has just completed a three week series of writing with classes several participants. They all decided they would like to expand this class and invite all Elders to come and join at the Eunice Stick Gathering Place.

This is an opportunity to get "your story" down on paper. This next round will include a book titled "The Story of my Life" that prompts writing introducing by topics to get your thoughts down on paper.

Please sign up for this group starting November 8 and 22nd.

The group will continue every other Wednesday and assist you with this process. Exciting times ahead!

Personal loan application and policy changes

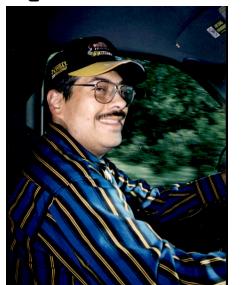
By Mohican News Reporter October 24th the tribal must have a credit rating council approved revised personal policy. The purpose of the personal loan is to provide enrolled tribal members with unsecured loans for personal use through the Mohican Personal Loan Program. One of the major adjustments was that the maximum loan amount was raised from 5,000 dollars to 10,000 dollars.

criteria for the loan are as of the previous years fashion. All required place: a promissory note follows: applicant must tax records, including all information must be and security agreement, a be an enrolled member of forms and schedule. A submitted within 30 days marital property statement, the Community who is at least when Social Security, be completed. 18 years of age. Applicant SSI, or pension benefits The applicant shall be such document that may must be employed or have are a source of income. notified of the loan review be needed. Loan funds allowable income for a Additional information that panel's decision within five will then be disbursed to minimum of one year and the loan department may days of the loan department the borrower following the verification of income. deem necessary. Once receiving the loan review loan closing.

Thomas Kazik – Applicants debt ratio must be 40% or less. Applicant the of 640 or more. Applicant loan must demonstrate the ability to repay the loan. Applicant must not have an existing account in arrears with the department.

The loan process is as follows: complete the loan application and pay the the loan department has panel's decision. Closing application fee (25 dollars). Copies of two most recent and all material to, it will prepare the documents pay stubs indication year will be forwarded to the and coordinate with the to date earnings. If self- Loan Review Panel for legal department to make Some of the eligibility employed, submit a copy consideration in a timely sure the following are in Stockbridge-Munsee copy of benefit statements or a new application must a

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Bruce M. Tousey

Bruce M. Tousey, age 59, of Bowler, passed away on Tuesday October 24, 2023, in Appleton, Wisconsin. Bruce was born on March 24, 1964, in Tigerton to Dewey and Bette (Rudesill) Tousey. He lived all of his life on the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation. In 1990. Bruce started working for North Star Casino as a security guard until medical retirement. On January 1, 2009, he received the gift of a kidney that allowed him to enjoy life again. Bruce liked watching movies, listening to music, traveling the states and most of all, he enjoyed talking with people.

Bruce is survived by his three brothers, Paul (Joan) Tousey of Cary, Illinois,

received the application the loan, the loan manager

Dewey (Jennifer) Tousey of Birnamwood, Wisconsin and Steven (Deanna Mead) Tousey of Wittenberg Wisconsin. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Bette; sister, Janet in infancy, paternal grandparents, Mason and Dulcie Tousey; maternal grandparents, Thomas Rudesill Imelda and Summers; and numerous aunts and uncles.

A memorial service for Bruce was held on Saturday November 4, 2023, at Church of the Wilderness with Rev. Paul Johnson officiating. Visitation was held on Saturday at the church from 9:30 am until the time of service. Inurnment will be held at the Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Burial Ground.

The family would like to thank all the medical personnel that have been a part of Bruce's life. A special thank you goes out to Darlene Heins and Lester Rickert for all their help.

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payroll deduction agreement, and any other

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The Women's Operational Environmental Exposures Military Exposure Network

The War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center in Palo Alto, CA, formed the Women's Operational to evaluate Veterans with Military Exposure Network military (WOMEN) with a mission to combine a comprehensive clinical care program with cutting-edge research to assess and study the effects of military exposure on women who served. WOMEN's vision is to enhance, educate and promote women Veterans' health by continually asking questions, studying possibilities with proven research techniques, and findings disseminating to scientific and Veteran and conducting military communities.

Although WOMEN has a strong interest in post-9/11 women Veterans as well as Gulf War era Veterans, it serves women Veterans from all eras. The WOMEN team acknowledges that with an overview of the although women were not authorized to serve in combat during the Vietnam War, most women were exposed to the same trauma and combat environment as their male peers. As it related to Vietnam-era women, WOMEN is conducting research on menopause Environmental Exposures and its effect on cognition, Level especially in the setting of and obtain an Individual previous traumatic brain Longitudinal injury, and an examination of military exposures and the potential effect on their children's health.

VA holds Military Exposures Conference

VA's Health Outcomes lectures, Military Exposures (HOME) is committed to educating scientific poster displays, health care providers about and militarv exposures and impact on health. As a knowledge of attendees. part of this effort, HOME held its annual Military

Training Conference July 11-13th, 2023, in St. Louis, MO. This conference provided essential training for VA staff to develop and sustain skills needed environmental exposure concerns. Attendees included VA health care providers and staff who care for Veterans with exposure concerns, including environmental clinicians health and coordinators, primary care physicians and other health care providers.

At the conference, attendees received up-todate information on the requirements and best practices for implementing environmental exposure assessments and environmental health registry exams, such as the exam for the Agent Orange Registry. Additionally, attendees were provided PACT Act, the toxic exposure screen, and the roles and responsibilities of environmental health coordinators and clinicians. This year, all attendees were required to complete the VA/American College of Preventive Medicine's Military 1 Certification Exposure Record account prior to attending the conference. The certification provided foundational knowledge to effectively identify and **annual** treat military environmental Environmental exposures that are of **Training** concern to Veterans.

The conference included case studies, breakout sessions, a comprehensive environmental question-and-answer their session to test the

Veterans Corner

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Gregg W. Duffek, Tribal Veterans Service Officer Office: 715-793-4036 <u>gregg.duffek@mohican-</u> nsn.gov

Obtaining a Veterans ID in Wisconsin

Being a veteran can bring perks such as exclusive discounts and special services from businesses, but very often obtaining these perks requires showing proof of service. One way to prove veteran status is to present a discharge paper (form DD214), which all veterans receive when separating from the mili-However, carrying tary. this document around is both impractical and an identity-theft risk. Luckily, in Wisconsin there are several options to obtain an identification card that provides proof of military service.

These options are:

1) Requesting the State of Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), put a veteran identifier (the word Veteran) on driver's license/state ID card.

2) Applying online at vets. gov for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issued Veterans Identification Card (VIC).

3) Enrolling in the VA Health Care System.

For Wisconsin residents. option one is probably the quickest and easiest option with few eligibility requirements (requirements are: two years active duty during peacetime or 90 davs during wartime, and an honorable discharge). It also has the added ben-



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efit of eliminating the need to carry a second/separate ID. Before a veteran goes to the DVM to get the veteran identifier on their driver license or state ID card they need to verify eligibility with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. They can do this by contacting the Veterans Benefits Resource Center at: 1-800-WIS-VETS or by contacting the local County or Tribal Veteran Service Officer.

In the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Community this is Gregg W. Duffek at: 715-793-4036, located at 203 W. Main St Bowler, WI. 54416.

After establishing VA eligibility, veterans can go to the Wisconsin DMV to get the identifier put on their license. If renewing a license there is no extra charge but there is a fee if requesting a replacement outside of the renewal dates. Remember to take a certified birth certificate with you to the DMV.

"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."



Photo: Courtesy of Powerlands

The Smithsonian's Nation- L'Inhumain al Museum of the Ameri- 2021, can Indian Indian Heri- For American tage Month with its <u>online</u> Contains violence. Native Cinema Showcase Nov. 17–24. This year's showcase highlights films of Indigenous perseverance that inspire, uplift and triumph against Wakka adversity-stories prevail against the judicial generational system, cultural trauma and appropriation through love Powerlands and complex relationships, 2022, self-worth and humor.

The showcase provides a nybeads unique forum for engagement with Native filmmakers from Indigenous communities throughout the Western Hemisphere and Rosie Arctic. This year's program includes a total of Director: 35 films (six features and 29 shorts), representing 22 nations in six countries: U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and Colombia.

All films are free to watch (Samoan), Danielle Maavailable for cLean and are streaming, worldwide and on demand, with the exception of The Legend of Molly Johnson, Powerlands and Magasiva (Samoan), Re-We Are Still Here, which nae Maihi (Ngāti Whakaue/ are limited to viewing in the Ngāpuhi), Richard Cur-United States. This pro- tis (Ngāti Rongomai/Ngāti gram is funded in part by Pikiao), Tim Worrall (Ngāi the <u>San Manuel Band of</u> Mission Indians.

Feature Films

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(Canada, 85 min.) celebrates Director: Jason Brennan mature audiences:

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> (USA, 75 min.) Director: Ivey-Camille Ma-Tso (Navajo) Viewing of this film is restricted to the United States. Open captioning provided.

(Canada, 2022, 92 min.) Mau-Gail (Cree/Métis) rice Open captioning provided. We Are Still Here (Australia/ NewZealand, 2022, 90min.) Directors: Beck Cole (Luritja), Chantelle Burgoyne (Warumungu/Luritja), Dena Curtis (Warumungu/Warlpiri/Arrernte), Mario Gaoa (Samoan), Miki Tūhoe), Tracey Rigney (Wotjobaluk/Ngarrindjeri) For mature audiences. Aitamaako'tamisskapi Contains violence, historithe cal trauma, and coarse language. Viewing of this film States. Open captioning

provided. Shorts Programs

gram (Program time: ning 92 min.) A collection of short films the National Museum of that explore the unique the American Indian foscomplexities of the rela- ters a richer shared human tionships we form within experience through a more ourselves and with other informed understanding of people.

Future-Focused Program (Program running time: 52 min.) Family-friendly short films that are fun for kids of all education, inspiration and ages.

Inside Out Shorts Pro- two locations, it features (Program gram runtime: 81 Unique short stories that National Mall in Washingdefy the norms through ton, D.C. For additional in-Tur- true crime, supernatural formation, including hours elements and humorous and directions, visit Ameritwists on cultural appropriation.

Pacifika Shorts gram (Program runtime: 57 min.) ning

Shorts from the Pacific Islands.

Connections Shorts Pro- About the Museum

run- In partnership with Native peoples and their allies, Native peoples. The mu-Shorts seum strives toward equity and social justice for the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere through empowerment. Through exhibitions and programs min.) in New York City and the Follow canIndian.si.edu. the museum via social Pro- media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



"November is Diabetes Awareness Month!"

-What to Know about Diabetes-Finding out you have prediabetes or diabetes is the first step to controlling it

What is Diabetes?

Your body takes sugar from the food we eat (carbohydrates) and turns it into energy using a hormone called insulin. With type 2 diabetes, your body doesn't produce enough insulin and/or isn't able to effectively use the insulin. This causes the sugar to build up in the blood, causing type 2 diabetes.

Risk Factors

Being overweight	High cholesterol	
Family history of diabetes	Physical inactivity	
Being of American Indian, African Ameri- can, Asian American, or Hispanic descent	 History of gestational diabetes or having baby larger than 9 lbs 	
High blood pressure	Being over age 45	
Signs and Symptoms of Diabete	es	
Increased thirst	Increased hunger	
Fatigue	Increased urination	

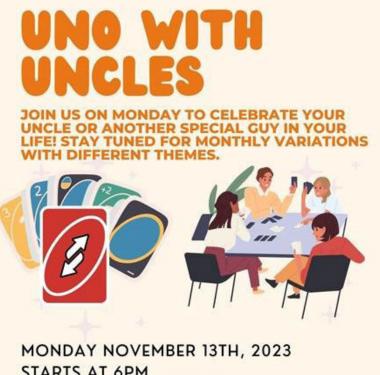
- Unexplained weight loss
- Sores that don't heal

Blurred vision

- Ways to Prevent or Delay Diabetes
 - BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE CHOOSE HEALTHY SNACKS Aim for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week Eats fruits, veggies, low-fat cheese, nuts
 - Pick activities you enjoy CHOOSE HEALTHY FOODS Eat well-balanced meals, including vegetables, whole grains, and fruits
- GET ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY Park farther away from the entrance, take the stairs, walk in place during commercials EAT SMALLER PORTIONS

"If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Diabetes Educator, AnnMarie Spice RN at the SMHWC at (715) 793-3008."

SMC FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS



STARTS AT 6PM MOHICAN FAMILY CENTER

> **MORE INFORMATION & SIGN UP:** Events Coordinator | LaKeisha Williams

715-793-4906 | lakeisha.williams@mohican-nsn.com Please be aware that all events are subject to change or cancellation in unforeseen circumstances. We reserve the right to modify the date or cancel any events if needed.



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DATE: NOVEMBER 16TH, 2023 **TIME:** 12:00PM **LOCATION: MOHICAN FAMILY CENTER** N8605 OAK ST. BOWLER WI, 54416 SPEAKER: LINDSEY JANOWSKI, PharmD STOCKBRIDGE-**MUNSEE PHARMACIST**

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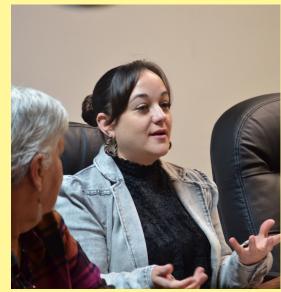






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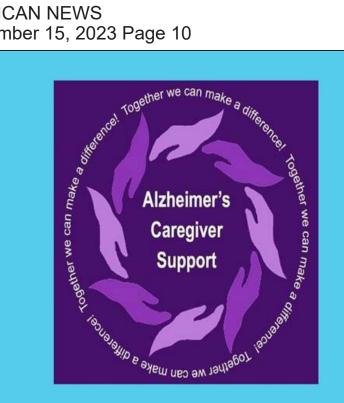
Ella Kazik



Shawn Moede



Willy Miller



Are you Caring for someone who is living with Alzheimer's/Memory Loss or other types of Dementia? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed and alone when caring for that person? Are you a close family member to someone living with Alzheimer's/Memory Loss or other types of Dementia and you are looking for answers, support and education on how to help that loved one?

If you answered yes to any of the questions then this Caregiver Support group will help you. We will be meeting at the Konkapot Lodge Wednesday November 8th 5pm-6pm and Wednesday November 22nd 5pm-6pm. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided as well as our new Dementia Library section that will have books on dementia. For more information please contact Briana Terrio at 715-793-3035 or Briana.terrio@mohican-nsn.gov

Help Reduce Chloride in Tribal Waters

Most road salt and household deicers are comprised of chloride salts. These have been for decades with great results at keeping roads and sidewalks ice free and safe for travel. The ions found in these salt molecules separate and disrupt bonds in the water molecules, effectively lowering the freezing temperature. The problem comes when the resulting chloride ions run off target and eventually make their way to waterbodies and wetlands. Chloride contamination can be toxic to many types of aquatic organisms including fish, amphibians, mollusks, insects, and plants. Runoff of deicers have also been shown to increase the risk of oxygen depletions and harmful algae blooms in surface waters. Chloride can negatively affect the fish and insect community structure, diversity, and productivity, even at low levels.

The SMC Ecology Department is encouraging Stockbridge-Munsee Community members to checkout hand sprayers and chloride-free deicer for the winter season...for FREE! There are 20 sprayers available for checkout on a first come first serve basis at the SMC Environmental Building (N7689 Koan Tuk Drive, Bowler, WI 54416). These units can be used for the winter season and returned the following spring. A short training on the use of the product will be given at the time of checkout. Any garden-type sprayer can be used, so feel free to contact the SMC Ecology Department for chloride-free deicer and product training. Please contact Alex Brauer (Hydrologist) or Josh Jensen (Water Resource Technician) at the SMC Ecology Department for more information. They can be reach at water@mohican-nsn.gov or 715-793-4818. Please call or email prior to coming out to the SMC Environmental Building.





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Memory Cafés are held for those who are living with memory loss and any type of Dementia. These cafés are to help those people interact in a social setting as well as helping with brain stimulation. People who attend these memory cafés are able to bring a caregiver or family members along with them. If you would like to learn more about the Memory Café or would like to refer someone to the Memory Program please call Briana Terrio at 715-793-3035

Stockbridge Munsee Community Ella Besaw Center **Program Statement**

This Program Statement is intended to provide a brief description of our facility and operations as well as comply with the requirements for such program statements under Section DHS 83.06, Wis. Admin. Code.

Who We Are

- The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is a federally recognized Indian tribe that owns and operates the Ella Besaw Center as part of its healthcare operations in conjunction with its Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center facility.
- The Licensee, the Ella Besaw Center, is a Wisconsin licensed community based residential facility.
- The Administrator is Megan Moede. The assistant manager, who is in charge when the administrator is away, is Elisa Curry. When both the administrator and assistant manager are off-site, the senior qualified resident care staff member will be in charge at the facility and a member of management will be available by telephone.
- We are a culturally Native American facility. With traditions. Elders our come first and we are dedicated to the dignity of human life. Respecting and recognizing the cultural, physical, emotional, and spiritual parts making up an individual is central • We provide personal care to the delivery of service. We believe that through promoting cultural values our spirits are valued.

<u>Staffing</u>

• Trained resident care staff will be present 24-hours a day, 7-days per week.

There will be at least 4 awake staff from 6am-10pm and 2 awake staff overnight from 10pm-6am while residents are present.

- Additional staff will be added as dictated by resident needs to accomplish individualized program goals and safety.
- Licensed nursing staff are available during normal business hours. As the Ella Besaw Center is operated in conjunction with the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center, medical staff from that facility are also available to provide needed on-site support during business hours.

Our Facility

- Ella Besaw Center is a one-story facility with zero entry walk-outs that was constructed in 2023-2024. It has communal spaces for dining and gathering, a designated smoking area, two rooms designated as tornado shelters, and an outdoor space with raised garden beds, a patio area, and beautiful woods with tall trees and various wildlife.
- The Ella Besaw Center is adjacent to the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center.
- The Ella Besaw Center has capacity for 28 residents with 24 single rooms, 2 double occupancy rooms, and 2 hospice rooms.
- The Ella Besaw Center is classified as a large (CS) facility.

Our Residents

to assist persons who are age 55 or older with the activities of daily living. We are capable of providing limited nursing care for our residents (generally less than 3 hours/ week). Residents should be ambulatory or semiambulatory and mentally capable of responding to a fire alarm by exiting the facility without help or verbal or physical prompting.

- The primary client group served by our facility are persons with functional impairments that commonly accompany advanced age.
- In addition, we can serve persons who are diagnosed as terminally ill so long as they are otherwise appropriate for the level of care that we provide and their care will not have a negative impact on other residents.

Our Program Goals and <u>Services</u>

- Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive home atmosphere for our residents so they can thrive as they continue their life's journey while maintaining their dignity, independence, and cultural values.
- Our Program Goals are as follows.
- *Quality Care*: To provide exceptional care that enhances the overall wellbeing of our residents, ensuring their safety, health, and comfort.
- ○Person-Centered Approach: To balance our services to the preferences and needs of each resident, fostering a sense of purpose and sovereignty. Develop and implement personalized care plans for each resident, detailing their preferences, needs, and goals.
- Class C semi-ambulatory o Safety and Security: To maintain a secure and hazard-free environment, adhering to all safety regulations and guidelines.
 - Professional Development and Qualified Staff: Employ trained and compassionate staff members who provide the highest standard of care. To continuously train and educate our staff members, equipping them with

the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver highquality care.

- *Effective Communication*: To establish open lines of communication with residents, families, and healthcare professionals, promoting transparency and collaboration in care planning.
- oResident Dignity: To uphold residents' dignity, privacy, and rights in all aspects of their care and daily living.
- Documentation and Com*pliance*: Keep accurate records of care provided, incidents, and resident progress, adhering to all regulatory documentation requirements.
- o*Resident Rights:* Uphold residents' rights to autonomy, privacy, and decision-making, fostering a sense of empowerment.
 - We endeavor to provide services consistent with the needs of our residents including the following:
- o General services for residents, including meals, supervision, information and referral services, leisure time activities, and arranging medical transportation.
- ○**Resident-specific** services, including personal care, health monitoring, assistance with independent living skills, behavior management, and communication skills.
- oIndividualized service planning.
- o Limited nursing care.
- Medication assistance and administration.
- Enrichment activities that cater to resident interests and promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
- oCommunity engagement activities through partnerships, events, and outreach activities that enrich resident lives.
- These services are Ella B cont on page 12:

- Ella B cont from page 7: provided to support successful community inclusion, maximum independence, promote individual choices, and enhance the quality of life for residents.
- While we generally do not directly provide hospice services, we have rooms designated for these services to be provided through a licensed hospice provider.

Limitations

- We use individualized assessments both prior to admission and periodically throughout residency to ensure that residents are appropriate for the level of care that we can provide and that they will not have a negative impact on other residents.
- As a general matter, the following persons are not eligible for services through The Ella Besaw Center.
- •Persons who have an ambulatory or cognitive status that is incompatible with our license. This includes persons who are not mentally or physically capable of performing activities of daily living and persons who are not ambulatory or semi-ambulatory.
- •Persons who are less than 55 years of age.
- Persons who are destructive of property or self or who are physically or mentally abusive to others.
- Persons who have physical, mental, psychiatric or social needs that are not compatible our client group(s).
- •Persons who need more than 3 hours of nursing care per week; except, residents who have a temporary condition needing more than 3 hours of no more than 30 days.
- Persons needing 24-hour

- supervision.
- Persons needing a skilled nursing facility or care above intermediate level nursing care.
- oPersons who require a chemical or physical restraint except as authorized for an emergency under Wisconsin law (See, Section 50.09 (1) (k), Wis. Stats).
- oPersons who are incapacitated, as defined under Section 50.06 (1), Wis. Stats., unless the person has a health care agent under a valid and properly activated power of attorney for health care or a court appointed quardian.
- oPersons who have been found incompetent under applicable law and do not have a court-ordered protective placement.
- oPersons with the following communicable diseases: Tuberculosis (TB) and an active bed bug infestation.
- Persons with open/active criminal cases or recent history of violent crime(s). • Persons with chronic per-
- sonal care needs that cannot be met by our staff.
- Persons with a substance use disorder will be required to sign a contract stating that they will refrain from alcohol and substance use while a resident.

Respite Care Services

- Respite care services are when a person needs a temporary placement for care, treatment, or services as established by their primary care provider.
- Persons who are otherwise appropriate for the level of care that we provide may be eligible for respite care for a period of up to 14 consecutive days.
- nursing care per week for A screening process is used to verify that persons accepted for respite

Honor cont from pg One: (retired) with the Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award.

Judge David D. Raasch has dedicated over five decades of his life to the legal system in Wisconsin.

Judge Raasch, an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, has played a vital role in developing and growing the expertise of Wisconsin's tribal judges through his involvement in the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Tribal Law and Order Act Advisory Committee, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and more.

His extensive career includes serving as a sheriff's deputy, clerk of municipal court, chief judge of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court, and peacemaking advisor and trainer.

Judge Raasch currently serves as the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Tribal Law and Policy Institute in West Hollywood, CA, and holds the esteemed position of Board Chairman for Judicare Legal Aid in Wisconsin. He has been an unwavering advocate for and board member of Judicare for over a decade and has served as Chairperson since 2017.

"We are excited to be able to shed some light on wonderful members of Judicare's driving force - our Board of Director. "Judge Raasch has been instrumental on driving our board to ensure quality services for all of our clients, in-

are programmaticare cally compatible with the covered client group(s).

 Respite care services are only be available if there is capacity to accommodate the person at the facility and the care will not have a negative impact on permanent residents.

cluding Wisconsin's Native populations. He has been a tireless advocate for increasing Judicare's reach to increase access to justice across our service area," says Richlen.

Since 1966, Judicare Legal Aid (JLA) has been to pursuing committed equal justice for all. JLA is a nonprofit organization providing free civil legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford it across Wisconsin's northern 33 counties and Native Americans statewide. Our mission encompasses educating clients about their rights, advocating on their behalf, and offering essential services based on individual needs. Established in 1966 as Wisconsin Judicare, we have a rich history of active participation in significant Wisconsin cases involving tribal sovereignty and treaty rights issues, extending legal services to Wisconsin's tribal courts.

About Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund: The Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund (WEJF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Madison that raises funds to support three of the largest pro bono civil legal aid organizations in the state: Legal Action of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Judicare, and Disability Rights Wisconsin.

WEJF's Board of Directors consists of 29 attorneys from private law firms and in-house legal departments across Wisconsin.

Since its inception in 1997, WEJF has raised over \$/ million to help these organizations address civil legal problems such as domestic violence, housing and homelessness, and barriers to employment for Wisconsin's poorest citizens.

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Electa cont from pg One: first public school the teacher in Wisconsin. She taught in a school that was open to Native Americans as well as children of nearby European settlers and missionaries. This school was the first public school in Wisconsin as it was open to students of all backgrounds and did not charge students an enrollment fee. Electa

"Wuhwehweeheemeew" 1802-1885, Quinney, was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and educated boarding in

schools in New York and Connecticut. When the Stockbridge-Munsee Community was removed to a reservation in Wisconsin, she left a teaching position in New York to move with the Tribe. In 1828, shortly after she arrived in Wisconsin, she began teaching in Wisconsin. She taught in a one-room school located by what is now Kaukauna teaching 40-50 students at a time.

PBS story can be found https:// at: pbswisconsineducation. org/bio/electa-quinney/

CALL FOR INDIGENOUS ARTISTS AND DE-SIGNERS

Jacob's Pillow is seeking Indigenous artists based in Turtle Island to collaborate on specific project areas as part of the creation of a new Doris Duke Theatre on our campus in what is now known as Becket, Massachusetts. The original Doris Duke Theatre was destroyed by fire in November of 2020 and the Pillow is now building a reimagined theater working with Mecanoo Architects, Marvel Designs, Charcoalblue, and Jeffrey Gibson. Engagement with Indigenous people is an important part of the Pillow's efforts to decolonize the organization and to connect with the land on which we dance.

Working with the collaborative design team and Jacob's Pillow program staff, selected artists will act as consultants for the development and creation of the following three areas:

The garden is part of the user's entry experience to the reimagined Doris Duke Theatre as you approach the building from the east. The area welcomes proposals that take into consideration planting design, maintenance, and user ex-

perience.

Fire Pit – An area for gatherings and celebrations centered around fire, located on the east of the building adjacent to the medicinal garden. The area welcomes proposals that take into consideration utilization of materials local to the site, seating, tables and a central area for fire.

Commissioned work ٠ of Visual Art – An artwork which seeks to bring a contemporary Indigenous voice to the entrance lobby, as installed or affixed to a wall. The area welcomes proposals that take into consideration the importance of Indigenous artists and community members.

Application **Deadline:** November 30, 2023 at midnight EST. Join us for an Application Webinar on November 15, 2023 at 6pm EST!

This online webinar, offered via Zoom, will review Medicinal Garden – the application process and provide contextual information about the reimagined Doris Duke Theatre. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask | know that a request may questions about the process and project. This session will be recorded and made available afterwards.



Sacred cont from pg One: shows your good-hearted plant spirits. Three other cedar plants, sage, and sweetgrass, tobacco, and together they are referred to as the four medicines. sacred The four sacred medicines are used in everyday life and in ceremonies.

Traditional people say that tobacco each day when the tobacco is always first. It is used as an offering for everything and in every ceremony. "Always through tobacco," the saying goes. Traditional tobacco was given to us so that we can communicate with the spirit world. It opens up the door to allow that communication of various to take place.

Whenwemakeanofferingof tobacco, we communicate our thoughts and feelings through the tobacco as we pray for ourselves, our family, relatives and others. Tobacco has a special relationship to other plants: it is said to be the main activator of all the plant spirits. It is like the key to the ignition of a car. When you use it, all things begin to happen.

Tobacco is always offered from before picking medicines, hunting, or fishing. When you offer tobacco to a plant and explain why you are there, that plant will let all the plants in the area know why you are coming to pick them. When you seek the help and advice of an Elder, Leader, or Community Member and give your offering of tobacco, they made be as tobacco

intention and commitment. We express our gratitude follow for the help the spirits give us through our offering of tobacco. It is put down as an offering of thanks to the ancestors and the natural world. Traditional people make an offering of sun comes up. Traditional tobacco is still grown in some communities. For example, traditional Native and Lenape Tobacco varieties are planted and grown in the Library/ Museum's Medicine Garden with the help Stockbridge-Munsee Community Members who donate seedlings. The Library/ Museum ensures that only one variety of tobacco is planted during a single growing season to prevent cross-pollination and save the seeds for future plantings or gifting. Every year at the Mohican Pow Wow, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Members donate dried tobacco for the community and visitors neighboring tribal nations to take home so that they will also have chemical-free tobacco to use for their prayers and gifting. Library/ Resources:

Museum Four Sacred Medicines Exhibit & Medicine Wheel Garden, Mishomis The Book, Braiding Sweetgrass, **Ontario Aboriginal Healing** and Wellness Strategy.

For more information go to: https://www.jacobspillow.

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ect therefore they can assist their peers in preventing overdoses and

suicides. Participants will be aged

13-18. focusing primarily on 15-18

to receive the training so they can

Building Menominee Teen Resilience is expected to provide services in spring. If you are interested in participating, please contact Matilda Peters at mpeters@ menominee.edu.



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