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End of an Era



By Susan Savetwith
Mohican News Reporter

The Headquarters General Store will close its doors on December 23, 2017 after more than 25 years of service to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

"Dick and Pat's has been the close by place to go for breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for many tribal employees, the place to pick up a meal or a missing ingredient, or just to grab some milk, eggs, and bread. They also have been the go to place to purchase Native craft supplies and gifts. Their store will be sorely missed by many."



We recently asked our readers for fall pictures because the fall color came and went so fast this year we could not catch it! Fortunately, an avid reader sent in this beautiful picture -thanks Fancy Vele.

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Stockbridge-Munsee Community to Appeal Order Dismissing Ho-Chunk Nation from Lawsuit

Judge's decision condones ongoing illegal gaming activity, opens door for reshaping national Indian gaming policy

(BOWLER, WI) The Stockbridge-Munsee today announced that it will appeal the recent ruling dismissing the Ho-Chunk Nation from the lawsuit filed to stop the expansion of illegal gaming at the Ho-Chunk's Wittenberg, Wisconsin, ancillary facility.

"Apparently our mistake was believing the multiple assurances from both the State of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk that the Wittenberg facility would be no more than 'mini-mart' gaming," said Shannon Holsey, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council. "Yet when we learned in 2016 that the Ho-Chunk were shifting from simply pushing the limits of their purported ancillary facility to

completely violating their State compact to build a \$41 million full blown casino resort, we took timely and proper action. Our lawsuit merits and timing are just, and fully permitted under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. We intend to vigorously continue pursuing the avenues for justice that are afforded to us."

According to the order delivered on October 25th, the ruling judge determined that despite it being reasonable for the Stockbridge-Munsee to pursue its claims, they were time barred from having the merits of the case litigated due to a misapplied six-year Wisconsin statute of limitations, which would

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Dr. Bowman Attends NCAI Meeting

By Susan Savetwith
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Stockbridge-Munsee Vice President, Dr. Jolene Bowman, recently attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in her capacity as National Indian Education Association (NIEA) President.



As President of the NIEA Bowman co-chaired the Human Resource Committee which includes the Education, Health, Indian Child Welfare, Elders, and Disability Sub-Committees and chaired the Education Sub-Committee meetings. These meetings are forums where resolutions are presented, discussed, and action is taken for the NCAI Board of Directors' consideration. It is also the forum for organization updates and committee reports.

During the Fourth General Assembly she provided a report to attendees as the President of NIEA as a partner of NCAI. Her report provided three updates on NIEA's work. The context of what was covered were; the political

landscape and funding levels, fighting for Native students in the new world we face, and building the future and engaging our partners to serve better.

While in Milwaukee, Bowman took the time to visit the Indian Community School (ICS) of Milwaukee in Franklin Wisconsin. The ICS is a private school with 367 students from 4-year-old Pre-K to Eighth grades. She stopped into Mrs. Beth (Davids) Stawski first

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have required the Tribe to sue by 2014. The Court's order applied a Wisconsin contracts law six-year statute of limitations to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which contains no statute of limitations for such enforcement action by a state or a tribe. If left unchallenged, this order could limit that State's ability to enforce compacts and possibly the National Indian Gaming Commission's ability as well.

Notably, it wasn't until 2014 (the same year as the statute of limitations bar adopted by the Court) that the Ho-Chunk announced its intentions of expanding its ancillary facility in Wittenberg into something far more than intended and originally constructed as part of its Ho-Chunk Forward Campaign.

It wasn't until 2016 when the Ho-Chunk fully disclosed its plans to turn this ancillary gaming facility into a full-blown casino resort, investing over \$41 million to change what was "mini-mart" gaming to over 750 slot machines, a new high-limit gaming area, 10 table games, an 86-room hotel and conference center facility, and an 84-seat restaurant/bar.

"In this ruling, the judge has essentially said that it is perfectly fine to violate your gaming compact so long as you fly under the radar for six years. After that point, you

can do whatever you want, even if it's in blatant violation of the law," continued Holsey. "This is outrageous, and should concern every single tribal nation. This ruling, if allowed to stand, has dramatically reshaped the letter and intention of IGRA, permitting illegal gaming so long as you're patient enough to wait out some arbitrary clock." Ho-Chunk's own actions only accentuate that it was their intent to exploit the system all along.

Moments after the October 25 ruling, Ho-Chunk brazenly went on the record saying it intends to expand the number of slot machines at its Wittenberg facility, even though that will mean its non-gaming business is less than half of the size of the gaming floor (12,000 sf of non-gaming space compared to over 25,000 sf of gaming floor space).

Even according to the State's own interpretation, an ancillary gaming facility is restricted in size. The non-gaming portion of the building(s) must be physically larger than the gaming portion of the building(s). If Ho-Chunk carries out its plans to expand its gaming floor to 822 machines on November 1, 2017, it will not be in compliance with the State's and Ho-Chunk's own interpretation of the ancillary facility definition in the Compact. And they proactively acknowledged as such in their court filings.

The State of Wisconsin did not

seek dismissal based on statute of limitations as a defense, as the Ho-Chunk did. The Stockbridge-Munsee is calling upon the State to refrain from doing so now, and instead see through its commitment to allow this dispute to be determined on the merits of the case, not ill-applied procedural standards. "The sanctity of tribal gaming in Wisconsin, and arguably the entire country, demands

that the State of Wisconsin do the right thing and allow this dispute to be fully litigated," concluded Holsey. "Time and again, the Ho-Chunk have flaunted their total disregard for the rules that govern tribal gaming in Wisconsin. Allowing this to continue will render State gaming compacts useless, completely destabilize the gaming market and open the door for future gaming violations."

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NOVEMBER FRUIT & VEGETABLE OF THE MONTH:
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Quick Tip: Use avocado instead of mayonnaise in chicken or egg salad or as a spread on a sandwich!

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Avocados are a nutrient dense food with many possible health benefits. Here are a few:

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AVOCADO TOAST

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Stories, Songs, and History



By Susan Saretwith
Mohican News Reporter

Folk singers, Sparky and Rhonda Rucker performed on Halloween at the Mohican Family Center singing folk and gospel songs and telling spooky and humorous stories.

The Ruckers are accomplished musicians able to play a number of instruments, including fingerstyle picking and bottleneck blues guitar, banjo, spoons, harmonica, piano, old-time banjo, and bones. Both are wonderful storytellers and Rhonda is a published writer.

This night with some frightful tales of spirits reaching out for help from the grave to escaped prisoners hiding under the bed to ghosts that couldn't be prayed away. The fantastic tales were sometimes accompanied by song or music.

One outrageous story told by Sparky Rucker was of a slave named "Big 16" he was called that due to his size 16 foot. The story told of how his master tried to trick him by promising him freedom if he completed three seemingly impossible tasks within fifteen minutes. The first task was to clear a plot of trees for a field, the second to bring some balky mules back in from pasture and the third was to bring the devil up from Hell. Big 16 achieved all tasks and was set free. He

went his way around the world and when he died, he looked back at his life and decided he was more good than bad and headed for heaven. Heaven didn't want him, so they sent him to Hell. Once in Hell, the Devil's wife threw him a hot coal and told him to go and make his own hell. "So, if you're out in the woods and you see something glowing off in the distance that's just Big 16 wandering around looking for a place to make his own Hell," Sparky concluded.

Mohican Family Center provided a nice assortment of cookies, cakes, nuts, and apples. The evening appeared to be enjoyed by all, even the children in attendance were tapping their toes along with the music.



On the Trail Home



Erwin R. White

Erwin "Erv" R. White, age 83 of Bass Lake on the Menominee Indian Reservation, started his journey on Monday, October 30, 2017 surrounded by family.

Erv was born August 22, 1934 in Keshena to Joseph "Happy" White and Zelda "Bobbie" (Quish) Hill. He grew up on the Menominee and Stockbridge Indian Reservation. He spent most of his childhood in Neopit working odd jobs in the woods at the logging camps, working as a farm hand, and harvesting produce in Shawano County as young as twelve years old. In Erv's young adulthood he was a stock car driver, and spent time fishing and hunting.

On February 7, 1951, Erv was united in marriage to Beverly Putnam on the Stockbridge Reservation. They moved to Milwaukee and Oshkosh to work and raise their family. Erv completed an apprenticeship for heating and cooling and was employed with the Union for over 30 years. In 1974 he and his wife built a home at the lake lot and moved back to the reservation. Erv opened his own business, The Heating Shop, which served the local area. He and Beverly traveled across the country in their RV. The couple enjoyed 64 years together before Beverly's death in 2013.

Many knew Erv for his hard work and for his creative engineering gadgets. He was known as a good person who shared his knowledge. He spent many summers hosting camping parties at the lake that included all night

card games, fish fries, jarts, and bonfires. Erv loved the outdoors, riding in the woods on his four-wheeler or snowmobile. When he wasn't working or in the woods, he could be found in his shop creating gizmos, entertaining friends and family, and having some cold ones.

Erv is survived by his daughter, Sherry White of Bass Lake; his grandchildren, Jamie (Gerald) Wayka and Angela (Anthony) Waupochick, Jr., both of Keshena; his great-grandchildren, David Waupoose, Kayshia Wayka, Leander Loud Bear, Senihseah Wayka, Sasan and Saswaen Shawanokasic; and great-great grandchildren, Chase Waupoose, Serenity Robinson, and Alayla Chevalier. He is further survived by his brother, Allen (Karen) Washinawatok of South Branch; his sisters, Cally (Mike) King of Oneida, and Georgia (Robert) Burr of Green Bay; sisters-in-law, Dar White of Appleton, Betty Schiel and Pauline McCarthy, both of the Stockbridge Reservation, Judy (Butch) Hartley of Indiana, and Marie (Jack) Demjem of Arkansas; and brother-in-law, Joseph (Rosie) Putnam of the Stockbridge Reservation. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Beverly; two sons, Robert and Arlyn; and one brother, Dan White.

Funeral services for Erwin "Erv" R. White were held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church in Morgan Siding. Interment is in the Red Springs Cemetery. Visitation was on Wednesday at the church, and again on Thursday until the hour of service.

Domestic Violence Awareness

By Susan Savetwith
Mohican News Reporter

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Stockbridge-Munsee Family Services brought awareness by having special drawings for finding people wearing purple on Tuesdays and Thursdays and having a luncheon where domestic violence was the topic of discussion.

After Client Services Advocate, Jan RedCloud (pictured) greeted luncheon participants, she explained that the reason everyone was wearing purple on Tuesdays and Thursdays was to bring awareness of Domestic Violence whenever someone would notice the purple color choice. Each Tuesday and Thursday, RedCloud would visit the various office buildings to enter anyone wearing purple into a drawing for the day. "Yesterday [October 26] was the highest count of 124 people found wearing purple," RedCloud said. "I've seen a lot of purple lately, including some undergarments," RedCloud joked.

According to RedCloud, years ago, on Unity Day, advocates got together to talk about helping people and came up with some ideas on how to bring about awareness of domestic violence. October 1987 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. She said the coalition **Awareness cont on page Five:** brought it together helping to get women educated on how to help others in their communities. "I remember when I was young, a man could beat up his wife and nothing would be done; and the police could be standing right there," RedCloud recalled. "Things have come a long way since then," she concluded.

Next the audience participation was held. As participants signed in for lunch, each person was given an answer to a domestic violence awareness question. The questions were read at random and audience members were to read their answers. Here are the questions and answers from that session:

- What are forms of Domestic Violence? Answer: Domestic violence takes many forms, physical, psychological, economic, sexual and emotional and can often be a combination of several of these.
- Using Power and Control against women is not? Answer: Traditional in any tribe in North America.
- Why do victims stay with an abuser or return after they have

left? Answer: There are numerous reasons why victims maintain contact with abusers or feel they cannot leave an abusive relationship. Victims of abuse often love or care about the people who harm them. Keeping the family together may be very important to the victim for many reasons, including for the sake of children or religious and cultural beliefs.

- What is Verbal Abuse? Answer: will generally be insults or critical comments regarding the victim's dress or behavior.
- Can men experience domestic violence? Answer: While it is recognized and documented in research and statistics that the majority of domestic violence is perpetrated by men against women, it is also acknowledged and becoming increasingly recognized that men can experience violence from their female partners and in male gay relationships.
- What are the effects on children? Answer: Domestic violence can have adverse effects on children and young people and can be traumatic. It can impact upon all areas of life, including, health, education and the development of relationships.
- What is Physical Abuse? Answer: hitting, biting, slapping, pushing.
- What is the National Domestic Violence Hotline? Answer: 1-800-799-7233
- Is domestic Violence a learned Behavior? Answer: Abusers have often witnessed domestic violence as children. However not all children who grow up with domestic violence will go on to become abusers themselves. Likewise, not all perpetrators of domestic violence grew up in violent homes. Violence is a choice.
- When is Domestic Violence Awareness Month? Answer: October
- What color is the awareness Ribbon for Domestic Violence? Answer: Purple
- What Department provides Domestic Violence Services within the Community? Answer: S/M Family Services.
- Who provides one on one counseling, and other client services for DV within our Community? Answer: Jan RedCloud
- What is Domestic Violence? Answer: Domestic violence is intentional and persistent abusive behavior which is based on an unequal position of power and control.
- How common is domestic Violence? Answer: Research has shown that approximately one in four women have or currently experience domestic violence.
- What are the effects of domestic violence? Answer: The obvious physical effects of domestic violence can include, physical injury such as cuts, bruising, broken bones etc. What is often not so obvious is the emotional suffering which can occur as a direct result of domestic violence. Such emotional suffering can have devastating effects on a victim which are prevalent in both the short and long term.
- What causes domestic violence? Answer: Domestic violence is deeply rooted in issues of power, control and inequality. There are many myths and realities about domestic violence surrounding domestic violence, including that is caused by, alcohol or drug misuse, mental illness, earlier experiences of violence or abuse.
- Why don't they leave? Answer: they may feel frightened and uncertain about what the future will hold, or feel frightened for the children, or feel it is in the children's best interests to stay in the family home, or feel ashamed and reluctant to tell or seek help, or have such low confidence and self-esteem that making decisions is a confusing and difficult task, or be isolated from family and friends and feel they have no one to turn to, or be worried about financial security if they leave.
- Do children experience domestic violence? Answer: Children and young people will experience domestic violence in many ways and every experience will be different. A study by Hughes (1992) of families, who had experienced domestic violence, showed that 90% of children were in the same or next room when the violence was occurring.
- How can I support a friend or family member who is experiencing domestic violence? Answer: If your friend has trusted in you and disclosed the violence they are experiencing, this is a very positive step. It can be difficult to know how to respond, especially if you are concerned your friend might be in danger. However, there are ways you can support your friend. Be there – let them know you are there for them no matter what. Keep lines of communication open and ensure they can contact you at any time. Don't judge – don't get frustrated with your friend if they are not ready to leave the abusive situation. The decision to leave has to come from them. Be there to support them with their choices. Reassure – your friend may feel they are to blame for the violence. Reassure your friend that it is not their fault and they do not deserve to be treated like this.
- He hasn't actually hit me. Does that mean it's not domestic violence? Answer: Verbal abuse

and emotional abuse are the most common forms of abuse and are present in the majority of abusive relationships whether there is physical violence or not. Abusers use words and other behaviors to control, to intimidate and to cause fear in their victim.

- Everyone fights sometimes. How can I tell a fight from abuse? Answer: Disagreements occur in most relationships. Sometimes those arguments are loud and people say things that hurt each other's feelings. However, in most relationships, adults say they are sorry and make up. No one gets physically hurt. When there is abuse, one person uses power and control to get what they want out of the relationship.
- Is abuse caused by stress? Answer: While stress is a commonly used rationale for abuse, stress does not cause abuse. Everyone experiences stress. Most stressed people do not hurt others. Most abusers under stress do not hit their bosses or law enforcement officers. They choose victims (such as family members) who have less power.
- Does elder abuse occur because a victim of child abuse grows up and then abusers his/her parent(s)? Answer: Abusive parents can unknowingly teach children that abuse is an effective way to control another individual. Abusive behavior is a choice.
- Which ethnicity group has the highest rate of domestic violence? Answer: Native American
- What is economic abuse? Answer: Abusers makes or tries to make the victim financially reliant. Abusers seeks to maintain total control of all finances.
- What is psychological abuse? Answer: psychological abuse involves the abuser invoking fear through intimidation.
- When was the month and year that congress passed Public law 101-112 designating the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month? Answer: October 1987
- Mending the Sacred Hoop is? Answer: Mending the Sacred Hoop works from a social change perspective to end violence against Native women and children while restoring the safety, sovereignty, and sacredness of Native women.
- Native American women experience domestic violence "more than _____ as often as any other ethnic group? Answer: Twice as often.
- What is spiritual abuse? Spiritual abuse can involve denigrating the victim's beliefs, preventing the victim from attending religious/spiritual events, criticizing victim's behaviors in context of victim's higher power, and/or using religious doctrine to justify abuse.



Mrs. Beth (Davids) Stawski reading "Mama's Little One"

Bowman cont from page One: grade classroom where she was reading "Mama's Little One" authored by Kristina Health. Bowman, said "It is great seeing Language and Culture in action with children who are gaining the foundation to be great future leaders. The use of the Medicine Wheel in the classroom and on display as a means for classroom management is a traditional means that Native children can relate to," Bowman said. She encouraged the children to go to bed early, eat well, read as much as they can, complete their homework, and to

study hard because soon they will be leaders. She said, "just as I am adding the work that was done before me; you too someday will add to the work that I am doing right now".

While at the ICS Dr. Bowman also complimented last year's fourth grade class who worked diligently to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Milwaukee. She added how these student leaders inspired her to write and present a Proclamation to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council last year



changing "This Land is Our Land" holiday to "Indigenous Peoples Day" which passed unanimously.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community already celebrated the second Monday in October since 1968 as "This Land is our Land Day", to commemorate the transfer of the Farm Security Act (FSA) lands to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe in 1972. She said, "children inspiring adults is what it is about". Brian Bowman, (upper right picture) the son of Cathleen "Cackle" Bowman was one of the Fourth Graders from ICS who presented their work in February at the Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) Legislative Breakfast in Madison.

As Dr. Bowman reflected on the

Analyst: Trump Tax Plan Would Hurt Wisconsinites

Tim Morrissey

MADISON, Wis. - The top 1 percent of Wisconsinites would do best under a tax plan being advanced by President Trump and Republican leaders such as Wisconsin's Paul Ryan, according to an analysis just released by the nonpartisan Wisconsin Budget Project.

The plan is being touted as a "middle-class miracle," but the analysis says that's not true, either. Budget Project director Jon Peacock called the plan "a windfall for millionaires."

"A recent analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy shows that millionaires, the top 1 percent of Wisconsinites, would get a little over three-fifths of the tax benefit from this plan," Peacock said.

Peacock said the top 1 percent in Wisconsin would get an average tax cut of \$76,000, compared with a tax cut of \$260 for the bottom three-fifths of income earners in the state. Challenging the way Republicans are presenting the plan as a boon for middle-income Americans, Peacock said, "this tax plan would funnel more money into the pockets



work and experience at NCAI she referred to the coined phrase "Team Work Makes the Dream Work", and this is what was done at NCAI, which included taking time to take pictures with Tribal Members, Jacob Schellinger who is the Staff Attorney and Legislative Counsel at NCAI (lower right picture) and Jeff Bowman, who is the President and CEO of Bay Bank in Green Bay (upper left picture). While taking time to have some fun, she came across the Hilton Concierge Dog Millie, who was up for taking a picture too (left center picture). Bowman closed by saying, "When Natives gather you know they are working because of you and for you. Without you we would not be where we are and doing what we do."

of those who need it the least."

Republican leadership has defended the plan, saying it will pave the way for massive tax cuts that will benefit the middle class. According to Peacock, however, the plan would widen the gap between haves and have-nots.

"Well, we've seen that divide grow quite substantially over the last two, three decades, and this would just accelerate that trend," he said. "We ought to be adopting policies that go in the opposite direction."

The Wisconsin Budget Project's analysis showed both short-term and long-term bad effects for middle-income Wisconsinites.

"This plan would actually boost the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion," Peacock said, "and at some point that's going to have to be paid for, and once it's paid for, the vast majority of Wisconsinites are going to be worse off because of this plan."

Peacock said the plan will be paid for with either substantial spending cuts or by raising tax rates again.

The ITP report is online at itep.org and the WBP analysis is at wisconsinbudgetproject.org.



Halloween Festival Family Night held recently at Bowler Elementary.



Third-graders, from left, Cheyenne Welch, Audrina Klose and Shannon Estes showcase their Halloween costumes at Bowler Elementary's first family night of the school year. More than 150 people attended the event.



Kayliahna Bruette, a third-grader at Bowler Elementary, tries bobbing for a doughnut at a recent family night



Blake Brunner, a second-grader dressed as a shark, tries to devour his doughnut at family night.

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Casino Costume Contest Winners!







Community

Menominee Tribe Takes Action to Protect Its Namesake River

Lawsuit Aims to Ensure Clean Water Act Protections for Regionally and Nationally Important Waters

Keshena, Wis. — Today, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin ("Tribe"), represented by Earthjustice, gave legal notice of intent to pursue federal litigation, to ensure that the health of the Menominee River and portions of the Tribe's ancestral homeland and sacred sites won't be jeopardized by a large mine on the banks of the Menominee River on the Wisconsin-Michigan border. The 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue under the Clean Water Act outlines violations of federal agency duties under the Act that will affect water quality of the Menominee River and adjacent wetlands, and downstream to Green Bay, as a result of the Back Forty Mine Project.

The Back Forty project is an open-pit mine and minerals-processing facility proposed by Aquila Resources, Inc. The site borders the Menominee River and is located within a Menominee cultural landscape that includes tribal burial grounds, ancient agricultural sites and ceremonial sites of cultural significance to the Menominee Tribe.

The Tribe continues to share its concerns in a variety of forums, starting in 2015 with a formal resolution in opposition to the Back Forty Mine; and most recently, in a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") demanding that the Corps and EPA exercise federal authority over Clean Water Act permitting decisions involving the river and adjacent wetlands.

"The Tribe has made our opposition known to the company, the investors, the state and federal governments—yet our concerns have been ignored thus far," said Menominee Tribal Chairman Gary Besaw. "This 60-Day Notice puts the federal government on notice that we expect meaningful consultation and federal regulatory agency action on this important issue. If we continue to be ignored and the agencies fail in their duties, we are prepared to pursue federal litigation."

What's at stake? The proposed mine pit is no more than 50 yards from the Menominee River, which flows into Green Bay in Lake Michigan. The pit would span 84 acres and be 750 feet deep under current plans, stretching far beneath the river's

natural waterline and affecting hydrology throughout the area. In addition, the complex includes a huge processing plant, two large holding ponds for hazardous mine waste and substantial slag piles of overburden from the mining process.

This massive undertaking is an unacceptable risk to the region's wetlands and waters. The Great Lakes represent more than 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water, and 95 percent of the fresh surface water in the United States, with millions of people relying on these waters—commercially, and for drinking water, from tiny towns to cities like Chicago. At least seven counties in the region—including the host county of the Back Forty project—have passed resolutions opposing the mine development.

Further, the proposed mine site has invaluable historic and cultural significance to the Menominee Tribe, which has deep ties to the river that bears the Tribe's name. "Our Tribe's creation story began at the mouth of the Menominee River thousands of years ago," said Besaw. "Our ancestors' history and indeed, their very remains are enshrined in the landscape that the Back Forty project will destroy. But this is about more than just our Tribe. A project of this magnitude will affect other tribes, multiple states, local fishermen, downstream communities, wildlife—and ultimately, the health of the Great Lakes. The risks for all are simply too great."

Why take this action? Aquila Resources, Inc., requires four permits to proceed with the Back Forty project. The Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") granted two permits in December 2016, and a third in April 2017. The Tribe and a local landowner have challenged the MDEQ Mining Permit through the Michigan administrative appeal process.

The outcome of a final permit application is the focus of today's notice and potential legal challenge. It is a Section 404 wetlands permit, which is necessary under the Clean Water Act because the Back Forty Mining Project would authorize dredging or filling wetlands.

The Tribe contends the Corps has the responsibility for overseeing this process. Instead, the Corps

and EPA have stepped back, allowing the State of Michigan to exercise regulatory control over the Section 404 permit application—in violation of the Clean Water Act, according to Earthjustice attorney Janette Brimmer.

"The Clean Water Act makes it very clear that the authority to dig up and potentially pollute the Menominee River and its wetlands cannot be delegated down to a single state," Brimmer explained. "The Menominee River is a commercially-navigable interstate waterway and a significant tributary to our nation's Great Lakes. That makes the Clean Water Act permitting process at issue here a federal responsibility—the waters and wetlands that will be affected by this huge, potentially very damaging industrial project do not 'belong' only to the State of

Michigan. They must be protected for everyone, and it's the EPA and the Corps' mandatory duty to assume jurisdiction over the permit application."

The Tribe's concerns include the federal agencies ignoring their federal trust and treaty responsibilities to the Tribe and, in effect, allowing the project to skirt key cultural and environmental-protection steps in the permitting process, when they should be providing critical oversight for a project this large with such great potential risks to public health and the environment.

What happens now? The Corps and EPA have 60 days to respond to the notice. The Tribe remains willing to listen and share information, and expects its concerns to be taken seriously.



Tribal Council Directives

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Council Meeting and at the time the following motion were made:

Tribal Council Members present: Shannon Holsey, Jolene Bowman, Terrie K. Terrie, Chad Miller, Jeremy Mohawk, Craig Kroening, Jr., and Sterling Schreiber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Permission to Welcome at American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Land Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the rescheduled Tribal Council Meeting with the additions of appoints a direct descendant to give a welcome, special land meeting minutes and the meeting minutes from August 17th and September 21st. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrie. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Chad Miller to accept the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Roll Call: Chad yes, Jolene abstain, Terrie abstain, Jeremy abstain and Craig abstain.

Vice President Bowman and Council Member Mohawk abstain as they were on travel status and Treasurer Terrie and Council Member Kroening abstain as they were not on the Council yet. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY-

Motion by Terrie K. Terrie to appoint Jerilyn Johnson as Tribal Secretary. Seconded by Chad Miller.

Roll call: Chad yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Jeremy abstain and

Craig yes.

Council Member Mohawk abstained due to the family relationship. Motion carried.

SIGNATORY RESOLUTION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution number 003-18, now therefore be it resolved, that effective immediately until further notice the following named persons have signatory powers for disbursement of funds for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community; President Shannon Holsey, Vice President Jolene Bowman and Tribal Treasurer Terrie K. Terrio. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

ROYALTY BUDGET RAP RESOLUTION-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 2018 Royalty Budget and Resolution 004-18, outlining the Revenue Allocation percentages from 2018 budgets. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Motion maker amends motion reading in; therefore, it be resolved, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council consistent with Section 27.3 (A)(1) deems it necessary to revise and increase the percentage of gaming revenues allocated to funding Tribal Government Operations and programs from 35% to 76.40%; be it further resolved, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council consistent with Section 27.4 Section (A)(1) deems it necessary to revise and decrease the percentage of net gaming revenues allocated to funding Tribal Economic Development from 35% to 7.39%; be it finally resolved, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council consistent with Section 27.5(a)(1)

Directives cont on pg Thirteen:

PreventT2 helps Native Americans Prevent Type 2 Diabetes

One in three American adults has prediabetes. Without weight loss or moderate physical activity, many of them can develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years.

If you have prediabetes, the PreventT2 lifestyle change program, offered by Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center (SMHWC) Community Health Department, can help you make lasting changes to prevent type 2 diabetes. You will work in a group with a trained lifestyle coach to learn how to eat healthy, add physical activity to your life, manage stress, stay motivated, and solve problems that can get in the way of healthy changes.

"So many people in our community have prediabetes," said the diabetes team at the clinic. "The PreventT2 program offers a real chance to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes by adopting a healthier lifestyle."

PreventT2 is part of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

The local program meets at the SMHWC lower level conference room on Wednesday's from 12:00-1:00 pm starting on January 3rd, 2018. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. The SMHWC is working on signing participant up for this program and you can contact Casey Rosenberg to sign up or for more info, 793.5006.

PreventT2 groups meet for a year ; weekly for the first 16 weeks, then once or twice a month for the remainder of the year to maintain healthy lifestyle changes. The program is based on research that found people with prediabetes can cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes in half by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight. That is about 10 to 14 pounds for a person weighing 200 pounds.

One participant said, "I've tried

so many things before, but without the program I would never have done this on my own."

To learn more about PreventT2 and find a program near you, call Casey Rosenberg, RD at 793.5006. For more information, please go to www.cdc.gov/PreventT2.

Week 1: Types of Diabetes and What to Eat with Diabetes

There are three main types of diabetes, all result in an increase in blood sugar:

- Type 1 Diabetes typically occurs in childhood and comes on very suddenly. People with type 1 diabetes require insulin to survive because their bodies are no longer making insulin.
- Type 2 diabetes is most common and happens when your body does not use insulin properly. At first your pancreas will make up for the resistance by producing extra insulin, but eventually it isn't able to keep up. This results in high blood sugar.
- Gestational Diabetes occurs in pregnant women when their bodies are not able to make as much insulin as what is needed for pregnancy. Glucose builds up in the blood, which is harmful to mom and baby. Babies born to mothers who had gestational diabetes tend to be large. Other problems for the baby can be: low blood glucose levels at birth, breathing problems, shoulder injury during birth, and increased risk for obesity and type 2 diabetes themselves as adults.

Are you constantly asking yourself, "What can I eat?" It's time to stop worrying! Living with diabetes doesn't have to mean feeling deprived, it is simply following a healthy diet including all food groups for balanced meals and making the healthiest food choices. Once you get the hang of eating a healthy diet, you can relax and dig in to a wide variety of delicious meals and snacks.

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Education

Bowler School News



Fifth-grade students at Bowler Elementary visited the UW-Green Bay campus on Oct. 19th as part of the Phuture Phoenix program where students learn about post-secondary options by talking with current UW-Green Bay students, getting a tour of the campus and listening to presentations from faculty members.

Red Ribbon Week held recently at Bowler Elementary, which emphasizes a drug-free society. Each day had its own unique theme including wacky hair day.



Becky Liethen, a 5th- and 6th-grade math teacher at Bowler Elementary, poses with 5th-grader Quinn Olson in the cafeteria.



Second-grade teacher Brandi Dove shows some Bowler Panther attitude.



(Varsity Senior volleyball girls with Regional plaque)..Mackenzie Hoffman, Kristen Fischer, Dani Huntington, Kamille Davids, Hailey Hoffman, Kaci Wendorff.

The Gresham Community School's sophomores, juniors, and seniors took a college field trip to St.Norbert on Wednesday, October 18th, to learn more about different opportunities to do after high school.

The varsity volleyball team had their first round regional last Tuesday the 17th against Phelps, the girls won 3-0. The team advanced onto second round regional on Thursday the 19th against Niagara, the girls won 3-0. Winning that game advanced the team to the regional championship

on Saturday the 21st. The girls played Three Lakes and made a huge comeback. They lost the first two games and came back to win the next three. This was the first time Gresham Volleyball has won regionals since 1990.

The varsity soccer team had their first round regional last Thursday against Kewaunee and lost 4-1.

Middle school boys basketball started practices this week. WildC.A.T.S. sponsored a fall fest on Tuesday, October 24th. There were many different games and good food.



Bryce Malone, a 4th-grader, shows his neatly styled Mohawk hairstyle as he enjoys his school lunch.

Directives cont from page Ten: deems it necessary to revise and decrease the percentage of net gaming revenues allocated to funding the General Welfare of the Community and its members from 30% to 4.90%, from General Welfare funding , the Tribal Council allocated 0.27% for donations as provided for under Section 27.6 and allocated 7.73% for individual per capita payments in accordance with Section 27.7. Second concurs. Motion carried.

INVENTORY DISPOSALS-

Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to dispose the items listed on the October 16, 2017, Disposal List provided to the Council today. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

CHILDREN'S TRUST AND INVESTMENT POLICY-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Chad Miller to approve the Children's Trust and Investment Policy Statement including the recommended changes, as presented by Amanda Stevens. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Roll Call: Chad yes, Jolene yes, Terrie abstain, Jeremy yes and Craig yes.

Treasurer Terrio abstained as she was on the Investment Committee that recommended the changes to the Children's Trust and Investment Policy.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUDGET MODIFICATION-Linda Katchenago

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve budget modification #1, for the Historic Preservation Department fiscal year 2018 budget, which decreases contracts and increases salaries & wages, fringe benefits and indirect costs as outlined, due to the laws regarding internships in NY State. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

LAND/ENROLLMENT POLICIES-Linda Katchenago

No action taken at this time, a working meeting will be scheduled with the Enrollment Committee.

BID AWARDS-V-Plow-Les Slater, Fleet Mechanic

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go along with the recommendation of the Fleet Mechanic to award the bid to Olsen Trailer and Body, LLC. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

Admin Parking Lot-Stacey Schreiber, Public Works Director

Motion by Chad Miller to award the bid to American Asphalt. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

Roll Call: Chad yes, Jolene yes, Terrie no, Jeremy yes and Craig yes. Motion carried.

Emergency Generators-Stacey Schreiber, Public Works Director

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go along with the recommendation to award the bid to Krueger Sign and

Electric Inc. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATION BOARD TEACHER/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES-Roberta Carrington, Board Member

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Education Board Members for a one-year term Jeff DePerry, as a Teacher Representative from Bowler, SoHappy Davids, as Teacher Representative from Gresham, Landon Kroening, Student Representation from Bowler, Aurora Arce, Student Representative from Gresham. Seconded by Chad Miller.

Roll Call: Chad yes, Jolene yes, Terrie abstain, Jeremy yes and Craig abstain.

Treasurer Terrio and Council Member Kroening abstained due family members being appointed as representatives. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

Police and Fire Commission-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to appoint Joe Miller and Tara Moderson to Police and Fire Commission. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

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

Council Member Kroening abstain due to his Fire Chief position on the Stockbridge-Munsee Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

CHAPTER 49, ELECTION ORDINANCE-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to post Chapter 49, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Law, Election Ordinance for 60-days. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: National Congress of American Indians-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution number 005-18, be it finally resolved, that pursuant to Article III – Members, Section B 1(b) of the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community designates the following persons

as Delegates and Alternate Delegates and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing with NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session and Mid-Year Conference, Delegate: Shannon Holsey, President, Jolene Bowman, Vice President and Terrie K. Terrio, Treasurer and Alternates: Tribal Council Members: Jeremy Mohawk, Chad Miller, Sterling Schreiber and Craig Kroening Jr, for NCAI representation. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: National Indian Gaming Association-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution number 006-18,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council authorizes payment of dues for the NIGA Membership; and be it further resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby designates President Shannon Holsey, as the Tribe's Delegate, with Vice President Jolene Bowman, Treasurer Terrie K. Terrio, Council Member's Jeremy Mohawk, Chad Miller, Sterling Schreiber and Craig Kroening, Jr., as Alternates, Be it finally resolved, that the above-named delegate and alternate appointments shall remain in effect until October 2018. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

PERMISSION: WELCOME AT NY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to support Brad Pecore, and to acknowledge his work and education, to do the welcoming, as he lives in New York, to welcome on our behalf a contingent of the Native Museum Professionals from the Northwest Coast as they begin to update their historic Northwest Coast Hall. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

LAND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-Stacey Schreiber, Committee Member

Motion by Jolene Bowman from the August 17, 2017, meeting minutes, to approve Shellie Samuel, approval of the application of assignment of tribal land, for the Taconic Subdivision Lot #2 of Section 27 T28N R13E Bartelme, Approximately 1 acre. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried. Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve all the relinquishments of land and applications for assignments of tribal land, and the individual request, except for Rhonona Vasquez, who has now changed her mind. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Land Relinquishment Request of: Lillian Beilke, in favor of: Laura Moede.

Land description: A portion of W 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 35 T.28N-R.13E. Bartelme. More particular: Starting at the SW corner of said description, then North 480 ft., East 330 ft., South 480 ft., West 330 ft., to place of beginning. Approx. 3.5 acres.

Land Relinquishment Request of: Maggie Bennett, in favor of: Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

Land description: Taconic Subdivision Lot 16 of Section 27 T.28N-R.13E. Bartelme. Approx. 1 acre.

All in favor, motion carried.

Application for Assignment of Tribal Land for: Penny Thomas.

Land description: Taconic Subdivision Lot 3 of Section 27 T.28N-R.13E. Bartelme. Approx. 1 acre.

Land description: A portion of W 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 35 T.28N-R.13E. Bartelme. More particular: Starting at the SW corner of said description, then North 480 ft., East 330 ft., South 480 ft., West 330 ft., to place of beginning. Approx. 3.5 acres.

Application for Assignment of Tribal Land for: Laura Moede.

Land description: A portion of W 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 35 T.28N-R.13E. Bartelme. More particular: Starting at the SW corner of said description, then North 480 ft., East 330 ft., South 480 ft., West 330 ft., to place of beginning. Approx. 3.5 acres.

Application for Assignment of Tribal Land for: Clyde Jacobs Jr.

Land description: W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 10 T.28N-R.13E. Bartelme. Approx. 5 acres.

Roll Call: Chad no, Jolene yes, Terrie abstain, Jeremy yes and Craig yes.

Council Member Miller votes no as the land applications in the minutes previously could have been approved. Treasurer Terrio abstained as she dealt with a few of the applicants while on the Investment Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to accept the September 12, 2017, Land Committee Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried at 5:38 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 6:22 PM. While in Executive Session discussion was held on an audit report, a home bid, enrollment meeting minutes and a settlement offer.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to recommend the home located at W10249 Townhall Road be awarded to Cheryl Rudesill Ellertson, contingent on financing. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

Motion by Chad Miller to approve the settlement offer and payment plan as discussed. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to go along with the Enrollment Committee to recommend approval of the relinquishment application of David D. Doxtator. Seconded by Sterling Schreiber. Motion carried.

Motion by Sterling Schreiber to go along with the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee to deny enrollment for James A. Shepard. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr.

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

-OPEN AGENDA- ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to adjourn. Seconded by Chad Miller. Motion carried at 6:38 PM.

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