

# MOHICAN NEWS

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## 2018 Mohican News Special Election Issue

### For the Office of Vice President



**Jolene Bowman**

Koolamalsi (Greetings), my name is Jolene Bowman and I am respectfully asking for your support on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. I am the daughter of Nathalee Kristiansen and granddaughter of the late Leona and Clarence "Gobe" Bowman. I am running for Vice President in this year's first tribal primary because I know and love this community and because I know that together, we can put our shared values into practice and expand opportunity for the members of Mohican Nation.

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**Matthew Putnam**

Good day to you all. I have been nominated and am running for the position of Vice Chairman of Stockbridge Munsee Community. Let's just get right to the point. We are in need of some serious change around here. We, as a people, talk all the time about what we could do, should do, and need to do. That is where it all seems to stop. Our council meetings, for the most part, are just business meetings. Everything is actually cut and dried before the meeting. All that has to be done is to vote.

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**Martin Welch**

### Next Steps:

**A Primary Election will be held on September 15, 2018 from 8 am until 8 pm at the Tribal Office to narrow the field of Vice President to two candidates and narrow the field of Tribal Council Member to eight candidates.**

**A General Election will then be held on October 13, 2018 from 8 am until 8 pm at the Tribal Office to elect one Vice President and four Tribal Council Members.**



**Craig Kroening Jr**

Koolamalsii,

Nii Ndushiinzi Walks straight/ Standing Bear (Mato-Na-zhii), Nii Noonjiyayii Muhheconneck wak [onlyote'a·ká](#) and member of the turtle clan.

First of all, Anushiik to all who voted and supported me. Having the opportunity to sit in a council seat was nothing short of challenging, exciting and busy. It has been a year full of learning and with many decisions (some more difficult than the next) being made. So, a little about myself, I am happily married to Joleen (Mohawk) and we have three

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### For the Office of Tribal Council Member (cont on page Three)



**Seralee Azzolina**

Hello my name is Seralee Azzolina, I'm a tribal member and an employee of our tribe. I'm running for a spot on our tribal council to not just work for our community but for all of our tribal members.

There are so many things that need to be addressed and haven't

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**Samuel Dommer**

I would, once again, like to start out by thanking the men and women, past and present that have served on our Tribal Council through the years. There are many things that we do well, but oh so often we only hear about what is not going right. I am very proud of the leadership

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**Gregg W. Duffek**

My name is Gregg W. Duffek and I am very interested in obtaining your vote for a Tribal Council position this fall. My wife Jill and I raised 5 children here in the Community and now we have 5 granddaughters to enjoy.

I have a Master of Science Degree in Business Management and Organizational Behavior. My Emphasis has always been Healthcare and Human Services. I worked, went to school at nights and volunteered in many areas here over the last 32 years. I am a present member of the Tribal Investment Committee.

I believe we help each other out better when we stop counting who has what individually and who does not and focus on how strong our entire Tribe is. We should all

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**Marv Malone**

Hello, my name is Marv "Buttons" Malone. I am asking for your vote in this years 2018 Tribal Council election. First, I would like to introduce you to my family. I am the son of Eva Evon Lasher and step-father Robert "Dick" Lasher. My grandparents are Arthur and Cleo Malone. My wife is Charleen Malone (Creapeau). I have four daughters, Melodi, Crystal, Evon and Tanya, along with several grandchildren.

I have lived on the reservation most of my life. I have worked in many different departments throughout the Stockbridge Munsee Community for the past 20 years. I have also volunteered as a tribal Fire Fighter, E.M.S. and Ambulance paramedic. I have coached little league and youth

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have a responsibility to maintain the strength of our Tribe. We should all have a voice in the direction of our Tribe.

Some areas I will work on to help advance our Tribe:

- Vacant Business Space in Shawano.
- Council representation at Tribal Consultation meetings at the State and Federal level to keep our interests on the clip board of State and Federal policy makers. If we don't show up prepared they don't give us a thought. Create new opportunities to reduce the disparities we face.
- Develop a process for our Businesses, Social Programs and Schools to work together to meet the needs of families and organizations. We need leaders. We need our members educated. We need our businesses to succeed.
- Consider alternate businesses which operate for profit and not as a program. Create employment opportunities outside of gaming or programs.
- We need affordable housing/apartments for our younger workers to encourage them to work, live and enjoy our Community independently. So many households have multiple generations living together to help young workers make ends meet. Self-sufficiency and self-determination are strong personal traits to be proud of.
- Let Human Resources determine a Wage Scale to retain good staff and allow a standard of living to create and maintain a strong workforce and Community.
- Stop the transfer of staff to other departments to avoid resolving leadership issues. Policy applies to all.
- Develop an action plan for our Tribal Nation to create reliable, sustainable career – not just job – opportunities for tribal members that directly advance the long-term goals of the Nation to which our members belong? Review the Tribal Strategic plan and see.
- Fund Preventive Health including efforts in Patient Centered Primary Care, Pharmacy and Wellness as the name of the building states. This will save lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars down the road. This will also lead to patient satisfaction.
- Encourage Spiritual Healers as an option to help Primary care and Behavioral Care.
- Encourage the Health Center to focus on revenue already available to bill and monitor billing so only the Tribe is allowed to write off any amounts by policy. Use additional revenue to add needed services and profes-

**Bowman cont from pg One:**

Running concurrent to my service as the Vice-President this past year I also served as President of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) along with being a member of the Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) and member of the Wisconsin Tribal Education Association (WTEDA) Boards.

These roles afforded me the opportunity to strengthen my strategic leadership skills while gaining a stronger presence on the State and National level in Native Education while representing the Mohican Nation. The highlighted events under the umbrella of this cohesive opportunity included taking part in leadership roles at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Convention, the NIEA Hill Day, the WIEA Annual Conference, and the joint National Tribal Organization strategy discussion working towards creating a diverse and varied, but cohesive response to the current Political State of Affairs.

We are facing a tough race to bring progressive values to the Tribal Council and not backing down from the challenge. I believe we must stand for policies and actions that better our community.

We had to make some difficult decisions in this budget with respect to program services to maintain optimal operation of our essential programs. I'm committed to investing wisely, being fiscally sound, and keeping Mohican Nations steadfast commitment to its tribal citizens.

Collectively I will utilize my education, 26 (+) years of tribal work experience, skills/abilities, and prior tribal leadership experience to make sound decisions.

If you find this all fitting to serve and represent you, support me in the Stockbridge-Munsee primary on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

ANUSHIIK! (Thank You)

- sional staff.
- Review spending and Tribal financials to recommend stronger practices.
- Encourage leadership not followers within program and Tribal policies. Too often anyone who raises a concern gets crushed if not in good with some decision makers.
- Again, make all be accountable by policy including leadership.

Respectfully,

Gregg W. Duffek

**Putnam cont from page One:**

In a sense we are big business. These things need to be addressed, but at the same time our people are left wanting and waiting.

When it comes to we the people, we voice our concerns at open agenda. We talk about it privately and/or in a councilman's office. Most of the time it's a yes and a nod of the head. The typical response is that we need a study, a survey or a retreat to go to. We are stuck in a continuous cycle of everything that did not work yesterday but could today. This all needs to come to a head. We will never fix everything. At the same time, we still must make our best effort. We don't need a "I have an open door as a council member policy", we need a "we as a council are here together to listen to individuals or group's concerns". We need to actually unite as one for the sole purpose to further our nation for each and every community member.

Getting back to business. We sit back and rely on our cash cow, the North Star Casino. The casino has been the major force in bringing jobs back to the reservation and allowing our people to return home. In the same breath we need to diversify, finding other sources of revenue and providing new types of employment. Gone are the days of farming in the warm months and logging in the winter. This is a new age and with the return of our people, there is an unlimited talent pool at our disposal. It is time we actually invest in all of our futures and diversify employment creating new businesses/job opportunities. Last, but not least. We need to address enrollment in the Stockbridge Munsee Community. We have a constitution, ordinances, and a referendum from 1940 (not positive on year). When it comes to this subject it is strictly taboo. The handling of enrollment is currently inconsistent. The council needs to fix this once and for all.

With this being said, I have touched on a few things. My platform has not waivered over the years. We need real change. What will it take to get that??

In closing, I would like to thank each person that has taken the time to read these words. Please think on them. If elected to serve the Community, any salary or stipend will be donated to better the community. It is a humble opportunity to serve one's people.

Matthew J Putnam

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been by past council.

- We need to address transparency-All tribal members should know what the council is preparing to do before it's started. Closed sessions should be used for personal reasons and not to hide information from tribal members.
- The bottom line is our tribe needs to go green. We waste so much money on electricity and LP gas and we as a tribe need to decrease our carbon footprint, not just for us but for future generations.
- All new construction that our tribe does going forward should be carbon neutral.
- We could at some point have our whole reservation on solar/geothermal/ windmill energy and that should be our goal as a whole.
- There is no way, unfortunately, to get away from nepotism because we are all related in one way or another, but, we need to go by qualifications and education and not who someone is related to.
- We need to help our tribal artisans and provide them with the help they need. With their success is the success of our community.
- I would like our tribal employees to have a voice and have a place to go to when they feel that they are not being listened to and not being heard instead of just leaving because that doesn't solve anything and it will keep happening, unfortunately. That goes for tribal members and non-tribal members.
- Before our council makes anymore decisions that make it necessary to take out a loan on behalf of our tribal community like the strip mall fiasco, we need to have a referendum so all the tribe members have a vote on whether they feel it's something we should venture in to and put us more in debt. We need to have a structured survey done to see the need first; which all tribal members should have access to before the project is started.

The way things are going, they are not working and we need to make changes for the community and all tribal members. I'm just one person but I will do everything I can to help our tribal members and community because that is the job of our council. They are appointed to serve the people not the other way around.

**Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

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wonderful gifts from the creator named Kyla, Tia, and Tully. I am the Fire Chief for our community fire department, both my wife and I are EMT's on Stockbridge EMS, and currently I work at the Mohican Family Center.

With that being said, I encourage all to run for council and have that opportunity to sit in a chair and experience it for at least one year. The challenges that you're presented and the ongoing movement forward of the tribe is something special. The road may get tough, but the word Community comes into play. To me, community is represented by each one of our community members, ideas, thoughts and skills with each member having something new, exciting and different to bring to the table. When that is put to use, as it has been done in the past, the tribe moves forward in a good direction. We have many challenges in front of us today and will in the future, and us, as a community can overcome those challenging hurdles and times. There are many disagreements as to what direction and ideas to go forth with, but at the end of the day, we are all human and can agree to disagree while still being neighbors, colleagues and community.

So, I am asking for your support in the upcoming election for tribal council to help keep the "People of the waters that are never still" moving in a good direction. To press our sovereign rights and show we are a nation of Hope, Strength, and Endurance. To continue down the path the past leaders/people have laid for us and to do the same for our future leaders/people.

Again, Anushiik for the time given and look forward to the future!  
Craig Kroening Jr "Tully"



**Yvette L. Malone**  
Nominee for Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Council Member

This is a brief background of myself and lists some reasons for running.

*Change is needed, and voices need to be heard.*

Hello, my name is Yvette Malone I am the daughter of Eva Evon

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basketball. I also spend a lot of time with the elders at the Ella Besaw Center and the Eunice Stick Elderly Center.

I feel that I am a good candidate for a chair on the Tribal Council with my experience volunteering, working and living in the community. I will not only work for, but with the community members. Being involved with community activities is one of the best ways to hear the voices of other community members.

If elected there are some things that I believe need to be addressed. I believe we should go back to referendum, so all tribal members have the opportunity to vote for what they feel is right for the community. I feel that we should be able to vote as a whole membership and have all of our voices heard on important matters within our community.

Thank you for taking the time and consideration. If elected to serve on Tribal Council I promise to do what is right for our community members.

Marv "Buttons" Malone

(Malone) Lasher, granddaughter of Arthur and Cleo (Welch) Malone. I have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

I have lived on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation off and on all my life.

I am currently a member of the Historical Committee and the Language and Culture Committee. I work as The Library Museum Specialist/Library Museum Interim Manager.

I want to let you all know right off the bat that I am not a politician. I thought very hard if I would be worthy or insightful enough to run.

I decided that I don't need to be a politician I need to be a good leader, honest, fair, open, and able to listen. I want to help all of us make good decisions that will benefit our community, our people. My viewpoint on some of the discussions of the community are: Open communication between Tribal Council and the Community, let our people vote on some of the decisions made for our tribe.

Improving enrollment, find ways to increase our tribal member numbers.

Prioritize Language and Culture, learn our languages and traditions. Employment, we need to hire more of our own tribal members and descendants to run our own businesses.

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**AJ Miller**

Dear Tribal Members Citizens,

My name is AJ Miller and I would like your vote for Tribal Council. I am a highly educated, well-spoken citizen of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

I have worked tirelessly over the past several years to bring awareness regarding a number of issues to our community and I would love the opportunity to serve you.

Currently, I am the Player Development Manager at the Mohican North Star Casino Resort. I am a proud father and husband. My wife Kathleen and I have been married for six wonderful years. We have the most beautiful daughters, Maggie and Moxie. They have been nothing short of a blessing in our lives. My family and this loving, nurturing community mean more to me than anything in the world. I do my absolute best every day to make our community a better, safer place.

I feel strongly that we need to further emphasize education. We have come a long way as a community and having a formal education and/or technical training will be of paramount importance in becoming employable in the future. Every year, we pay local school districts substantial amounts of money to assist in providing our youth with a quality education. We need to ensure that our youth are receiving a proper education. We, as a community, need to ensure that every opportunity is afforded to our youth to continue their education at the university level. Our youth will be the next generation to take care of our tribe. It is our duty to make sure they are well equipped to lead us to new heights and a brighter future.

I also believe we need to reinvest in ourselves. In times of trial we must rediscover who we are through culture. Our ancestors have suffered greatly to give us the opportunities that we have now. We should honor their spirit by educating ourselves and carrying their legacy forward with reverence. I promise to dedicate myself to promoting our culture. I plan to ensure that Stockbridge-Munsee history is incorporated into our local school's curriculums (Gresham and Bowler School

Districts) and that it is taught accurately and appropriately. In addition to this, I will push for an "Indigenous Arts and Culture" style course as well, of course overseeing that it is taught respectfully and suitably.

Our economy needs growth. I have many lower risk, high reward business ideas that would really help our tribe prosper and create more jobs and programs for us to utilize. I will see that our many assets are being properly used. I believe myself to be very well qualified to head business decisions and operations within our community. Since becoming the Player Development Manager, income for the casino has increased abroad. I have helped bring in more valuable clients than seen previously. I believe that this success can be duplicated throughout our tribal businesses with me at the helm.

We can use and grow our assets to bring wealth to our nation. The best way to grow our economy is invest in new and current, local and statewide businesses. We must keep our own money within our community and find new and creative ways to bring in outside revenue.

If we, as a community, never change, we can never grow. I am asking the community for the opportunity to serve, demonstrating how much our tribe could benefit from having a fresh mind on the Tribal Council. I have dreams for myself and this community and believe 100-percent that together we can be the change our Tribe needs.

I promise to be what a Tribal Council Member was intended to be: a voice for our People. I promise to implement an open-door policy at all times and do away with "executive sessions."

The Community should feel comfortable and safe bringing any ideas, thoughts, concerns, and criticisms to the Tribal Council. There should be no fear of retribution.

With me as your Tribal Council Member you can feel safe. I will always have your best interests in heart and mind.

It is our duty, as members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community to get out and vote for change. Be the difference for our community. Give our people a voice. Lead our Tribe in a new direction towards positivity, unity, and prosperity.

Anushiik,

AJ Miller

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and guidance our past Councils have provided. Our health care, our land and housing, our roads and our first-rate gaming facility are just a few of the things we do well! I have read how the promise of gaming revenue has torn tribes apart by clans and families. Again, I will say how proud I am of our Councils working to benefit the entire tribe. Our first responders (EMT, Fire and Police Departments), Family Center, Elder Center and the beautification of the Many Trails Park have benefited the entire community.

For those that don't know me, I would like to introduce myself as the Grandson of Mary and Louis Burr, from Morgan Siding. I was raised in Morgan Siding and on River Road by my Mother, Jermain Burr-Davids and my step-Father, the late Roland "Buddy" Davids. My biological Father, Gerald Clyde Dommer was killed on a motorcycle when I was nine years old, after serving four years in Viet Nam.

My platform is simple..." Do not mess up what is going well". What is most important to me, when it comes to representing our tribe is our Sovereignty, our health care and of course gaming. I believe also that there should be monies to ensure that the tribe is heard in local, state, national and frankly world politics when it comes to these very vital interests.

Our tribe does many things well but what our tribe does not do is produce a whole lot.

I hear about tribal members wanting to have something to leave future generations but are unsure of what gaming will look like down the road. In this world of great technology, I propose we go back to basics. I loved the idea of reforestation and the benefits when it comes down to producing a product and assets, however it doesn't necessarily put food on our tables. I would like to return Red Springs to an agricultural oasis. I would like to go back to planting vegetables and orchards and raising animals for food as a cooperative and as a vocation for the young. When I say oasis, I want it to be a place of renewal for mind, body and soul. I would love to have a butcher shop that teaches the youth how to process a deer. A cannery, with the guidance of elders, would teach the youth how to preserve food. It could be an area that grows medicines with an apothecary to show generations the benefits of what is growing under their feet. Developing a fish hatchery could also be a source of food and revenue generation.

I propose that we also move toward renewable resources by implementing solar panels on all trib-

al buildings. I believe this could be a great money saving venture with added benefit of saving the planet.

Other ideas include looking into franchise businesses to begin filling sites at our Shawano strip mall. Franchises that I believe would be good in the Shawano area are Popeye's Chicken and Mail Boxes Plus. Another idea for our strip mall would be a gift store specializing in Native art and literature with items that would also cater and supply Native people interested in creating regalia for our local traditional ceremonies.

Locally, I am interested in sponsoring a grocery store and a garage that initially changes oil and tires but also caters to RV parts and supplies. Creating a vocational broadcast radio station with a production studio for audio and video pod casts could give our students and adults the opportunity to express Native points of view and provide work experience.

More controversial, I suggest we open our roads and a limited restricted access for non-tribal members with four wheelers to go from the Camp 14 Road to North Star Casino. The latest trend is to open more roads to four wheelers. Our tribe would have the unique opportunity, locally, to have this emerging demographic visit the casino by recreational vehicles. Revenue could be garnered by selling ATV licenses with the added benefit of increased casino traffic by this subculture. Roads now exist that would allow travelers from Bowler and Mattoon to visit our casino. Gresham is currently considering opening access. Access to our roads could be seasonal, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This should remain on an experimental basis.

I understand that not all would like to become farmers again in Red Springs or have a novice on Tribal Council, but I am asking for your vote and consideration of a cooperative farm to feed our people.

God Bless the Mohican Tribe,  
Samuel Dommer

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### Chad Miller

Hello, my name is Chad Miller, I am pleased to have served the community on Tribal Council the past two years. I am humbly seeking your support in the upcoming primary and regular election.

The experience has been positive and enlightening but not without challenges. Enrollment issues still seem to be at the forefront of a lot of discussions, as well as the Tribes litigation, and future developments projects. We as a community face challenges with respect to less federal dollars for Health Care, Housing, and Utilities. The current administration has not bolstered Tribal to Federal relationships and more and more authority is being granted to the states. These difficulties create an environment of uncertainty and rattle the confidence for many Native Communities, there's a lingering feeling that in the eyes of this nation we are not a priority.

The drug epidemic is REAL and our community is no different than many others, young and old are being impacted. We must face this dilemma head on; our future depends on it. My belief, my message is despite the struggle, with leadership and perseverance we can overcome these challenges. Historically, we are a resilient people that find a way as survival is in our nature.

If re-elected I will continue to represent the community with integrity, respect, and impartiality. The community deserves commitment and consistency, I will continue both.

Open communication is the key to building strength within the community and I hope my time on Council has shown my desire to build stronger relationships through a positive exchange of ideas.

I am optimistic that any obstacles or challenges we face as a community can be overcome by that positive exchange. I am humbled by your support and honored to serve this community. As I've said in the past, I hope my voice is your voice.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely, Chad Miller



### Jeremy Mohawk

Koolamalsi,  
My name is Jeremy Mohawk, the Grandson of Riley and Liza Mohawk and the son of Donna and Mike Bucholtz. I am asking for your continued support in seeking my sixth consecutive term for Tribal Council. I am always looking for new ways to improve our community for the future and will continue to do so if elected. This office holds an amazing amount of responsibility and a lot of hard decisions, but I always keep our community in my heart when trying to come up with solutions or voicing the vote. I am so proud to serve our great Nation in the capacity of a Tribal Councilman for the last five terms. We know not everybody will agree with each other all of the time, but it is always good to have multiple angles to tackle a problem. It is this type of team mentality that makes our system work. Working together for betterment of our Nation is always at the forefront of my mind and heart no matter who our teammates are. I hope that you will give me your permission/support to keep pushing our Nation into a future that we can all be proud of, and a place that we are all proud to call HOME.



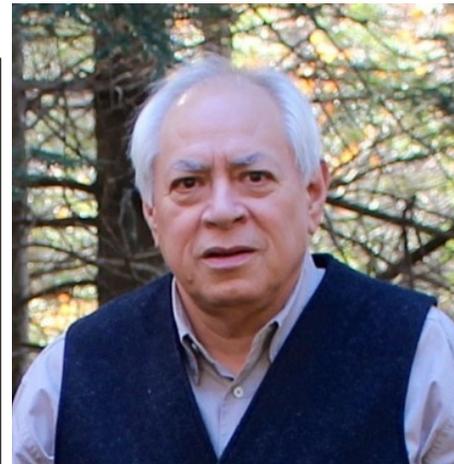
### Clifton Pecore

Dear Community,  
I am asking for your consideration to run for tribal council. I believe in working and building our community for the betterment of all. I would work diligently to improve our communities wellbeing now and in the future. I will put our people first and foremost. I will do whatever I can to help and grow our community. I will put our children first for they are the reason we are here and the reason our people will remain here. Please accept my apologies for using the word I, in my belief it is we and us. Anushiik for your time and consideration.  
Clifton Pecore



### Sterling Schreiber

My name is Sterling Schreiber and I am again running for a seat on the Tribal Council. I am the son of Ellen Schreiber and the late Duane Schreiber. I have two sons Sterling Jr. and Brock. I am grandfather to Sterling III, Derek, Brett, Brynn, Savanna and Eli. I am employed by the Tribe full-time as a Game Warden and have been in that position for ten years. I have worked for the Tribe in various positions for over twenty-five years. I am again going to keep my article short this year. If you have been to any of the Tribal Council meetings you will see that I take my responsibility as a member of the Tribal Council very seriously. I always have input on items on the agenda. Everyone sees the Tribal Council minutes in the Mohican News. The motions don't reflect what discussion went into those decisions. Those who have worked with me know that I am never short on opinions or ideas. And if asked, I always have an explanation as to why I voted a certain way. The last point I will make is that I wish there was a debate for the candidates running for Tribal Council. There was a candidate's debate around the year 2000 and



### Gregory I Miller

My name is Gregory I Miller, son of Corlyss and Lucille Miller, father of Trace, Beau and Tara. I am retired from the US Postal Service and have served on the Council in the past for over 20 years. I know the history of our Tribe and what is has taken to get us where we are today. I cannot promise that I can do this or that because our government works by a consensus of seven. However, I will do my best to look at healthcare, financial accountability and the fair treatment of our employees! I would appreciate your vote on Election Day in the primary vote and this October.

Thanks, Greg Miller

I thought it was a good idea. It would be helpful to all who vote to be able to hear the candidate's opinions on issues and see how they view things pertaining to our Tribe and its future. I am asking for your support to be one of your Tribal Council members.

Thank You  
Sterling L. Schreiber



### Blake Smith

Hello,  
My name is Blake Smith and I am asking for your vote for Tribal Council. I am the son of Nathan and the late Sandra Smith, and father of Thunder Smith. I have lived here on the reservation since I was 9 years old. I've worked at our casino since 1992 managing our Table Games department. I believe I can bring a valuable perspective from 26 years of operations in our gaming facility. I've seen our growth and challenges as a Tribe and feel I can positively contribute to our future success serving as a tribal representative.

I feel it is time for Tribal Council to readdress our Revenue Allocation Plan for our gaming revenue. Your per capita "If a majority of the

Tribal Council votes to permit a per capita payment," is no longer set as a percentage of the casino revenues. It is arbitrarily decided yearly, regardless of how well the casino does, with an equal amount going into savings. This means the current per capita amount could easily be increased by 50-100% without any loss of services or programs. We have many millions in savings (unless we empty it to build a parking ramp again). We are no longer at operational risk.

The Ordinance was also amended to set the distribution day as Nov. 30. I believe this was done so the per capita amount "wouldn't influence the election"?. The per capita amount is decided in August, so couldn't it already be  
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used for influence? I say change the ordinance to distribute it in October again.

The Oneida's have different levels of per capita payments, with elders receiving more. Is this of interest to our membership?

My profile picture is of the vacant strip mall by Shawano, how much was wasted on that project? Should that investment decision have been a binding referendum? Why do we continue to pursue the court case against the Ho Chunk? (we lost, but continue to appeal) to what remedy can we expect for

our cost? Surely, they will never be told to close the casino/hotel which has been completed and is now operational.

With your support, I commit to addressing and concluding these issues, with public updates on progress. As representatives of the membership, I feel Tribal Council should provide regular updates on key issues at Tribal Council meetings.

Thank you for your consideration,

Blake Smith  
batSmith316@yahoo.com

## Scott R. Vele

Greetings Mohican Voters; Strange set of voting requirements after all these years, come to the caucus make your nominations, then come to vote in the primary and then come to vote again in the final election. If we were to have a primary on pow wow weekend it would have been more cost effective for everyone. I don't know how it is supposed to make our election any more effective. Business development is a unique situation and I have heard the rumblings about our highway 29 & 22 mini mall, just like the triple net business we have in the City of Shawano, these are investments and very safe investments. So with time and energy the Mall will become a true money maker and earn interest off the money this Nation has invested. Our long term investments are earning under the same perspective the market goes up and the market goes down. We should invest in more multi-unit housing projects for future employee's and as an investment. The tribal council created the business development position and then added supervision duties to that position which now takes up quite a bit of that positions daily activities. At one point it was simply supposed to create opportunities for the tribal council to review and make investment decisions on. Create businesses that create jobs and revenues.

I wish we could get some form of committee and work out a long range per capita payment system from all of our resources that we build every year! There is no reason ever that we can't afford to pay a bigger per capita, our enrollment keeps going down and our budgets are starting to be cut, but there is always more room to cut these tribal programs and budgets. Our programs, businesses and investments are for the People of this Nation that are enrolled first and foremost and for to many years we haven't placed the enrolled members number one in our Nations books, because we are always worried about others

in our community. Well read the Tribes Constitutions and that will inform the elected body what their jobs are and give us guidance as we move forward. We continue to purchase land and not make it fully available to tribal members because they say it will affect the manner in which it goes into trust and the Feds may take longer with their decisions to place it into trust. Well with our enrollment numbers being stagnant and dropping, we will have more land available for a few, as a family grows and wants to branch out into different areas of this reservation they should be allowed to select an area that they can enjoy far beyond any trust status! It's a unified purchase, the tribe should be paying the taxes on all tribally owned lands and allotting larger selections to our members. How do we do this, change our land use codes and change our laws.

I see there is plans to add another hotel tower and swimming pool at the North Star Casino Resort, I am in favor of that expansion. We need more rooms and short long term planning, we have to spend money to make money and we have to get behind a long range plan with regards to our gaming property and then fully fund that plan and put it into action!

I enjoyed this year off and I also enjoy working for you, each and every one of you, whether you vote for me or you don't-if you are a enrolled member I vote on issues that affect each and every one of you to create equality!!!! If one enrolled member gets it than we should all have access to the same process and result! What a beautiful place to live and work right here on the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation and to assist in creating a stronger vision for our enrolled members and employees. I respectfully ask for your vote in this year's primary election held on September 15, 2018. Have a good season.

Thank you,  
Scott R. Vele



## William (Bill) Terrio

My name is William (Bill) Terrio I've lived most of my life here on the reservation and have seen it grow to what we now call home.

I have received reassurances from our tribal council that issues will be addressed and that was a number of years ago. Nothing should go that long but promise is only as good as the person making them. So maybe it's time.

Let address the white elephant or should I say the "StripMall". How many have you heard that in 2 weeks it would be occupied? I think it was last year when I first heard it and still empty. I drove part of Shawano and counted 15 vacant Stores and that's not all of Shawano a decision like that should never have been made. If someone would have drove Shawano like I did maybe they would have arrived at the same conclusion, hey isn't that person called a business developer. And any business undertaking should have the opinion of the tribal membership. Well it's ours now let's move forward and make the best of it.

We need to take care and make opportunities for our tribal people and their families. We invest a lot of time and money in training people to do their job, I think we should make that investment in our own people.

Instead of battling a neighboring tribe why not try to negotiate something better for us? I've seen an opportunity that may have slipped away.

This is a great community to live in and those past and present councils have done a lot but must guarantee us the quality of life that any other member has. We have a lot of people calling the shot who have no vested interest in our lives. In other words, they want us to be like them and we are not.

I'm running as a candidate for the office of tribal Council and appreciate any support you can throw my way.

Thank you,

MR. Bill



## Robert "Bob" Vele

My name is Robert "Bob" Vele, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the nomination of a council seat. What a great honor it would be to represent our Tribal members and community in general.

I've worked for the Tribe for almost 20 years. Served with the fire department for 15 years. Been on the forestry committee, currently am the chairman of the Police and Fire Commission and served with the courts as a Lay Advocate.

Having contact with community members through my daily job duties helps me get an idea of the concerns of Tribal members. There are numerous issues that keep being mentioned, among the top is the current drug abuse, especially Methamphetamine. The community has no place for Meth, and as an elected council member, I would do everything possible to prevent the use of illegal drugs in our community. We need to educate our people on the horrible effects these drugs have on our families.

Another area of concern is becoming energy sovereign. Although I like the idea of becoming energy independent, the reality is it currently is not cost effective. Although reducing the energy consumption of the tribe, and our businesses can and should be addressed.

Income diversification, and the current issues with businesses is another area of concern for tribal members. I would do my best to educate myself as to why the strip mall has not yet been occupied, and what can be done to turn that around. Also exploring other viable businesses geared for our region.

I would make my decisions based on current policy without bias. If the policies need to be changed to meet our current needs, then the appropriate committees should make those changes. All tribal members should be treated equal. As a tribe, we need to stand united and have confidence in who is elected. We all need to support their decisions, and back them as they are there to serve us. As elected officials, they need to be accountable to the members.

I look forward to your support, and no matter whom you vote for, remember to get out and vote.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Robert M Vele

**14th Annual  
Fire Safety/Crime Prevention Parade & Open House  
W13455 Camp 14 Rd Public Safety Building**

**Saturday October 13, 2018 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Activities & Crime & Fire Safety Information  
*FOOD & DRINKS***

**10:00 am      “NEW” this year: Draw and Design; Supplies will be provided. First TEN (10) FAMILIES to register and pick up supplies at event, eligible for prizes. This activity is a timed activity. No late entry.**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$100                      2<sup>nd</sup> \$75                      3<sup>rd</sup> \$50**

**10:00 am      Guess the total number of items without going over/you win everything included in the package: one for Adults    one for Kids**

**10:15 am      Family Activity    Ro-Sham-Bo Tournament**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$50                      2<sup>nd</sup> \$40                      3<sup>rd</sup> \$30**

**10:30 am      Fire Department Activity**

**ONLY THE FIRST TEN TEAMS REGISTERED AND PRESENT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PRIZES:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> \$50                      2<sup>nd</sup> \$40                      3<sup>rd</sup> \$30**

**11:15 am      BINGO    10 games for everyone!    Gift Card prizes**

**12:00 Noon                      14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Safety/Crime Prevention Parade**

**Enter Your Department, Yourself, or Your Kids. You must have a “Wizard Of Oz”/Crime Prevention or Fire Safety Theme to win prizes. Everyone is welcome to enter all activities and the parade. You can ride a bike, ride a float, dress up and carry a banner or poster, pull a wagon.., then FOLLOW the Fire Trucks through the Housing area.**

**Best Wizard of Oz Float: \$80**

**Best Wizard Of Oz Bike: \$50**

**Other parade prizes:**

**Kids: 0-14                      \$40                      \$30**

**15 yrs +/Adults / Depts.                      \$60                      \$50**

**Family Door Prize Drawings “After” Parade is Over!**

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