Bowler, WI – North Star Mohican Casino Resort announces steps of reopening amid COVID-19 shutdown.

For the first time in 28 years, North Star Mohican Casino Resort temporarily shut down its operation on March 21st, 2020. After weeks of careful planning, hard work, and consideration for employees’ and customers’ health and safety, North Star is now preparing to open its doors back to the public on May 26th, 2020, at 8am.

“Our Tribal Council and executives have been working tirelessly for the past 60 days to safely reopen and welcome our valued employees and customers back to our property and community,” said Shannon Holsey, President of Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. “Our team did an amazing job developing a comprehensive reopening plan and should be commended for their attention to detail for everyone’s overall safety and wellbeing.”

North Star Mohican Casino Resort has provided a great experience for the past 28 years to their customers and is now ready to do the same for the future.

By Thomas Kazik – Reporter
COVID-19 Testing

Testing took place at the Menominee Transportation Department in Keshena. Photo courtesy of Chris Anderson - Menominee Nation News

By Thomas Kazik

Over the four-day span from May 15th to the 19th the Wisconsin National Guard had helped facilitate a COVID-19 testing site on the Menominee Reservation. The testing site was set up at the Menominee Department of Transit Services Building. The testing station was an open invitation for anyone residing on either the Stockbridge or Menominee Reservations. Stockbridge Munsee Health and Wellness Center Doctors Dalve and Lundin both made referrals for anyone that showed one or more symptoms of COVID-19 to get tested during that time. The results of the National Guard testing were that there were 1,061 people tested over the four days in Menominee. As of the morning of May 22, 2020 there were 623 results in WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Disease Survey System). All of the tests that were done came back as negative. As of June 1st, The Wisconsin National Guard has tested 88,654 people across the state for COVID-19 in support of local health departments and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The teams, comprised of nearly 600 Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen, established mobile testing sites at correctional facilities, health clinics, businesses and community-based testing sites. After testing people at each site, Wisconsin National Guard troops send the test kits to a lab for analysis. In addition to the Nearly 600 National Guard members at mobile testing sites approximately 30 troops are working at a call center to informs people of their COVID-19 test results.

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- Keep a 30, 60, or 90-day journal
- Format can be written, recorded audio, video, photographs, drawings, or artwork
- How ever you want to document your journal is up to you

Please Contact us for more information:

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Jody Hartwig December 2019 BA in Accounting with a concentration in Hospitality Management earned.
Clifton Pecore May 2020 BS in Business Administration earned.
Elizabeth A. Kelley May 2020 BS in Psychology with an emphasis in Mental Health and a minor in Human Development

Noah Bestul

Noah Bestul is the Summer Agriculture Intern for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. He will be helping with the From the Earth Garden as well as the rest of the community gardens. Noah is the son of James Bestul Jr. and Cheryl Bestul. Two older brothers Matt and Aaron and younger brother Isaiah are Noah’s Siblings. As a local boy from the Tilleda, WI he graduated from Bowler High School in 2019. He is continuing his education at the University of Wisconsin River Falls working towards a degree in Agricultural Education. Fun facts about Noah he played football, basketball and ran track and field in high school. During his school year in River Falls he works for the falcon center. During his breaks from school Noah works at the Shawano Pizza Hut. One interest Noah has is that he loves country swing dancing. He first learned to swing dance in Washington D.C. while attending a leadership conference. Noah spent many hours in high school as part of the Bowler Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter.

Burn Ban Has been Lifted

Below is from the DNR Website

In our area we do not have a Fire warden, since Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller retired.

If you need a burning permit you call cab or stop by the Bowler DNR station to fill out an application for a burning permit. You may also stop by office and I will help you fill out an application also.

Or you can go the DNR website and find the following information.

Every day after 11:00 you can go on the DNR website listed above and find the information to you.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation is under the DNR protection area.

Burning restrictions, wildfire and prescribed burn activity.

Burning Restrictions, permits & COVID-19 DNR is cautiously lifting burning restrictions as spring green up progresses south and north across the state. Township Fire Wardens may issue burning permits again. Not all Township Fire Wardens may choose to issue permits at this time. Contact your local township Fire Warden or DNR Area Forestry office to verify they are issuing permits at this time.

Every day after 11:00 you can go on the DNR website listed above and find the following information. If you do not have access to a computer you can call 1-888-947-2876, they will ask you for the county you live in and they will read the information to you.

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For more than a decade, 2.4 million men and women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan while millions of families have stood behind them at home. The military community knows well the challenges of multiple deployments, combat-injuries, and long-awaited homecomings. Yet few civilians truly understand the complex realities of our troops’ service and sacrifice.

Late this summer Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) is partnering with the StoryCorps’ Military Voices Initiative (MVI) to provide a platform for Wisconsin veterans, service members, and military families to share their stories. These recorded stories will be archived in the Library of Congress for future generations to learn from. Typically, recording sessions are between two people who know each other. Participants are free to talk about anything they’d like, military service or not. After the 40-minute recording session, participants can choose to share the interview with WPR, and it will be archived at the Library of Congress. We are reaching out to military and veterans organizations across the state. Please help us spread the word among your veterans networks and ask them to consider sharing their stories. They are not obligated to share their interview. Recordings that are shared with WPR may be edited and used on air.

We are especially interested in recording the experiences of veterans and service members from underrepresented and marginalized populations in our state, including women, African American, Latinx, Native American, Hmong/Lao and LGBTQ veterans among others. A virtual event, where the public can learn more about StoryCorps and the project, is being planned for July 23. Details will be available soon.

StoryCorps MVI will be recording in Green Bay from August 24-28 at the Neville Public Museum and in La Crosse from August 31-September 4 at the main branch of the La Crosse Public Library. To schedule a session, please sign up at Green Bay MVI or La Crosse MVI. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. We would love your help recruiting veterans to participate in these interviews. Scheduling pages for Green Bay and La Crosse are up and ready for your members to set their appointments. Note that in the event of public safety concerns, the interviews may be conducted virtually instead of in person.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Rick Reyer, Wisconsin Public Radio Central Regional Manager
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University of Wisconsin River Falls

Editor’s Note:

Thanks for bearing with us as we work through the COVID-19 issue. Unfortunately, the Mohican News missed two issues, May 15, 2020 and June 1, 2020, so please note that for those who miss them. We will be out and about gathering news again but we are practicing safe distancing for your safety and ours!

Sincerely, Jeff Vele - Mohican News Editor
COVID-19 pandemic. The new policy went into effect on June 1 statewide and will affect all pantries from the first day they open this month, since some pantries are only open once or twice a month. Households affected by job losses may be eligible if their income drops below specific levels in any given week.

Enrollment at a participating pantry is confidential and requires only proof of address and identification. Individuals participating in the FoodShare, School Nutrition, WIC, and Senior Meals programs may participate in TEFAP without impacting their ability to qualify for those programs.

Each Wisconsin county has at least one TEFAP food pantry. Households should call 2-1-1, the statewide helpline, to get the address, service hours, and phone number of the nearest food pantry that participates in the TEFAP program.

Wisconsin’s pantry volunteers are providing “no contact” food distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic by enrolling households and distributing groceries outdoors to minimize health risks. In many locations, TEFAP applicants and participants remain in their cars for service.

In 2019, volunteers staffing Wisconsin’s 265 charitable TEFAP pantries provided more than 800,000 monthly food distributions to households in need of food.

Households with incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL) are now eligible to receive a monthly share of locally grown, Grade-A foods that include meat, vegetables, fruit, juice, and more from a TEFAP food pantry. For a household of one, that income threshold is $38,280. The larger the household, the higher the income threshold. Previously TEFAP’s qualifying income threshold was 185% FPL, or $23,606 for a household of one.

“Good nutrition is foundational, and we want to help ensure families in need of assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic have access,” said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. “By increasing the income limit for TEFAP, more Wisconsinites can receive or supplement their food supplies without risk of losing the benefits they receive from other programs.”

The new income threshold was proposed by Wisconsin’s TEFAP Advisory Council and approved by DHS and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist families during the

CMN Scores Mid-Range Ranking In National Recycling Competition

Every year, the College of Menominee Nation joins dozens of other colleges and universities in a national challenge to gauge their campuses’ commitments to recycling. While COVID-19 made the competition shorter than usual this year, CMN’s dedicated volunteers and a helpful worm farm won a respectable 93rd place among the 189 competing institutions across the U.S.

Known as RecycleMania, the multi-week event is led locally by CMN’s Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) as an opportunity for the College’s community to focus on what’s wasted and how some waste is recycled.

Rebecca Edler of the SDI staff reports that CMN collected 1,676 pounds of recyclable materials and 1,259 pounds of waste in the Feb. 2 to March 28 tournament period. She adds, “In addition this year, thanks to volunteer Manih Boyd and a big team of worms, we are also reporting 128 pounds of compost.”

Tournament results are based on a pounds recycled per capital basis, so the competition has a level playing field for participant institutions ranging in size from major universities such as Purdue and Michigan State to mid-size institutions and small colleges. CMN’s rank this year was 93rd among the 189 taking part. Other Wisconsin participants and their rankings were the University of Wisconsin-Platteville (66th), UW-Whitewater (81st), UW-River Falls (105th), and UW-Stout (142nd).

Edler says that special congratulations go to CMN staff members Guy Reiter and Manih Boyd, AmericCorps VISTA worker Emma Ardington, and faculty member Dr. Frank Kutka. Each earned a Sustainability Patch for exceptional volunteer efforts with RecycleMania.

The competition is sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation.
Archiving the “Rick Wilcox Collection” at the Library Museum

By Bonney Hartley

In the course of the Tribe’s history of dispossession in the original homelands, there are painfully few Euro-American historical figures that emerge as allies in confronting the injustices and to speak up for Tribe’s interests. True friends are hard to find.

In contemporary times, we are lucky to have such a friend in Rick Wilcox. Rick, a veteran and the former Chief of Police in the Town of Stockbridge, Mass., is an outstanding and humble warrior for our cultural heritage interests. He recognizes the historical injustices in Mohican homelands in Stockbridge, and works to correct miseducation about Mohican history through his research.

Cultural Affairs is embarking on archiving the entire trove of documents related to Mohican history in the Berkshires that Rick has transcribed to date and gathering them into “The Rick Wilcox Collection” of the Arvid E. Miller Library Museum. Over the coming months, we will be working to formally archive this collection as well as to better publicize with our community some of the most interesting excerpts and insights that the documentation reveals.

The range of documents that will be permanently archived in the Rick Wilcox Collection are vast, including: Transcriptions of more than 250 Stockbridge Indian deeds from the Berkshire Middle Registry of Deeds, 100 transcriptions of 1700s Stockbridge Mohican petitions and resolves with the Massachusetts General Court, transcriptions of the entire Indian Proprietorship Book from the Town of Stockbridge Records, numerous articles he has authored, as well as a range of other correspondence, maps, and local resources. Rick’s efforts have had numerous practical applications already within Historic Preservation—such as for protecting local sites, recovering place names, developing a Main Street Walking Tour, and mapping historic sites to guide archaeological projects.

Archiving the resources will only ensure that more such community uses will continue. His painstaking transcriptions from original documents make the information much more accessible to our community. Importantly, he does not conduct research to only keep to himself or as a purely academic exercise. He is committed to reconnecting our people with our own history. He freely shares his findings and knowledge and is known locally in the Stockbridge area as the go-to for resolving questions having to do with Mohican history. He is mindful, though, to center the Stockbridge-Munsee people today as the appropriate interpreters of that research: He will often advise people that they should be speaking with our Tribe, and he truly values the role that our community members possess in making the historical research meaningful and of value today.

On a personal level, Rick also has taken it upon himself to keep an eye on the Tribe’s Indian Burying Ground and keep it beautified and ensure it is respected. This is in part an ancestral commitment as his ancestry dates back to colonial Stockbridge Mohican times. Rick’s collateral ancestor Dr. Oliver Partridge was asked by our Tribe in 1809 to protect the Burying Ground from disturbance, and so he honors that promise. His grandmother Grace Bidwell Wilcox, former curator of the Stockbridge Library Historical Room (1938-68) was also a major influence on his interest and respect for the Mohican history of Stockbridge and for establishing ties with our contemporary Nation through visits and correspondence with members.

Rick has deepened these family ties into bridging a true and lasting friendship with our Nation. In 2012 a Tribal Proclamation was issued for his immeasurable contributions and in 2018 was recognized as Nimat, “our brother.” We look forward to conducting the archiving and sharing excerpts in future news issues and the Library Museum’s social media.

About his research motivations, Rick says: “It gives me a sense of purpose and I hope gives back to my larger community. I realize my own insignificance, but hope that I have left the world a little better off than if I had not been here.”

At the Church of the Wilderness, 1968.

Photo courtesy Rick Wilcox
Casino cont from page One: visitors and has supported numerous families and the community being the largest employer in Shawano County.

“The health and safety of our guests, employees, and the community is our top priority,” said Michael Bonakdar, General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort and Pine Hills Golf Course. “As part of our commitment, we want to reassure the public that the North Star Mohican Casino Resort team has been diligently planning and implementing processes to ensure we are doing our absolute best to mitigate any potential spread of COVID-19 upon reopening of the casino, resort and its amenities.”

Bonakdar is working closely with the executive leadership team, Tribal Council, and strategic partners to ensure they are fully prepared to reopen the casino and resort on May 26th at 8am. The casino and resort will open completely non-smoking and very limited capacity for many of its gaming and non-gaming operations to implement social distancing.

Upon reopening, the casino will close daily from 3am to 7am for deep cleaning. Bingo, table games operations, RV park, and all bars and self-service drink stations will remain closed until further evaluation. All shows, entertainment, conventions, and events have been cancelled in May and June. Entertainment beyond July is being evaluated and scheduling will be based on lifting social distancing restrictions.

All revised operational hours and FAQs have been provided on the North Star Mohican Casino Resort website. Numerous preventative measures have been put into place with five key protocols as part of North Star’s comprehensive Star Safety Plan, listed below:

Health and Safety Protocol: Implementation of increased health and safety practices, including: the use of face masks and other personal protection equipment (PPE), plexiglass windows, sanitization and cleaning supplies, and additional safety measures and precautions, training, and enhanced policies. Proper cleaning and disinfectant practices by all team members will be strictly enforced throughout the property. Non-invasive and no-contact temperature check screening at all entrances for employees, guests and visitors. Face masks will be required for all to enter the building and to remain on property.

Social Distancing Protocol: Implementation of management of casino and resort space and distance control to avoid any potential exposure. All spaces throughout the casino resort have been configured to allow for social distancing with regards to building and maximum occupancy numbers. This would include: entrances, casino floor, gaming devices, food and beverage outlets, employee breakrooms, office environment, and all other appropriate areas. Technology, policies, procedures, and training have been initiated to monitor, analyze, and control casino and resort occupancy levels. Some amenities and services will not be available due to limited capacity.

Safety signs and reminders will be posted throughout the resort.

Cleaning and Sanitization Protocol: Implementation of enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures and increased frequency to occur throughout the day. Increased number of employees cleaning all surfaces, increased hand sanitizer stations, and designated cleaning stations throughout the casino and resort, including all team member areas. Handwashing and use of sanitizer is expected for all. In addition, an industrial strength atomizer, air purification and UV equipment will be utilized as part of the daily sanitization process for appropriate areas.

Engineering Protocol: Implementation of automation, technology and manual processes to eliminate potential exposure. While maintaining building, fire, and health codes, we have eliminated as many “touch points” for both employees and guests. In addition, propping open non-security or fire rated doors, motion sensor activated lighting controls, routing staff and patron movements to help minimize individuals in the same area at any one time.

Air Quality Protocol: Implementation of practices to ensure the highest possible level of casino and resort air quality. No smoking will be permitted in the casino, resort, or employee areas during reopening of the casino. Outdoor areas will be designated for smoking.

Systems are in place to improve air circulation and ventilation, replenishing the casino with fresh outside air. Air temperature and CO levels will be monitored in real-time to make proper adjustments. In addition, all hotel guest rooms have their own heating and cooling units.

The North Star management team will continue to monitor the situation and all CDC and WHO guidelines to continuously improve processes, training, and operational practices.

“Upon reopening, many of our services and casino capacity levels will be monitored very closely to ensure all protocols are followed appropriately and adjusted as needed,” said Bonakdar. “Our team will be ready and committed to welcoming our customers back while providing the friendliest and safest service our guests deserve and expect from us.”

The Tribal Council and the North Star team would like to take this opportunity to thank all essential staff and everyone aligning efforts to take care of the sick and risk their health daily to help and save those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without your commitment and bravery, we would not be able to reopen. Your efforts will not be forgotten and are very appreciated!

For more information regarding North Star Mohican Casino Resort and its health and safety efforts, please visit NorthStarCasinoResort.com, or download the North Star Casino app.

Golf cont from page One:

be equipped with a portable bar to host small events. Back upstairs in the pro-shop you can see the new layout and new apparel Pine Hills has to offer.

The start to the 2020 season is here with some added safety guidelines. To start they are requiring masks inside the building. Looking for a drink and some food? The bar and a grill menu with select items are offering to-go items during this time. The supper club aims to open around the end of June. When open the supper club will practice social distancing with limited seating. The Skyview deck area will be scheduled to open with the restaurant. On the course golfers will be limited to one person per golf cart. In the case of couples or any people living together, they will be able to share carts. All golf carts are cleaned when the golfers return form their round. The carts are then rotated into the fleet so all other carts will be used before one gets a second usage. The holes have been equipped with a ball stopper at the bottom to keep the ball from dropping to the bottom of the cup. The ball stopper limits the risk of touching an area where someone may have touched by leaving a portion of your golf ball above ground.

Pine Hills is making changes to address the COVID-19 pandemic and with the added safety measures for you and its employees Pine Hills hopes to continue providing fun and great service to every customer. Your next trip to Pine Hills for food or golf will give you a sense of new beginnings in a familiar place.
COVID-19 Tornado and Hazard Weather Shelter Plan 2020

These plans are only activated during the COVID-19 2020 Pandemic Crisis

Definitions:
Shelter - something that covers or affords protection; which a person is protected from storms.
Tornado Watch - Be Prepared!
-Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area

Tornado Warning - Take Action!
-A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar

Healthy - no cold or flu-like symptoms
Sick - showing signs of cold or flu-like symptoms
Infected - Confirmed as having COVID-19

Infected Community Members must be isolated/quarantined from those who are not infected.
Health screening questions and temperatures will need to be taken before allowing community members to enter a shelter.
(see questions listed below).

We have three shelters available to the public during Hazardous Weather Emergencies:
1. Moshubee Apartments Basement
2. Mohican Family Center
3. Tornado Shelter- located north of the Family Center will be used by only confirmed COVID-19 Shelters will be opened once a Severe Weather/Tornado watch is activated.
This will allow Elderly and Community members without basements to safely go to the shelters before a storm turns into a warning.

Manning the Shelters
Family Center staff member Cher-yl Hill will man the Family Center. Quarterly staff will be added to Fire Department's SOP's once a severe storm/tornado watch is activated, (if needed will open the Tornado Shelter-nights and weekend), the Fire Fighter will also drop off a portable radio to shelters needing a portable radio.

Healthy Community Members, after putting on their mask will enter the east doors to the Family Center and go directly to their assigned Bathrooms/locker rooms.

Healthy Community Members will report to the Family Center's MENS bathrooms/locker room and maintain the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council.

Sick Community Members will report to the Family Center's WOMEN'S bathroom/locker room and maintain the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council.

NOTE: If more than 27 Healthy Community Members come to the Family Center for shelter, this number may need to be increased in order to keep them separated from the sick.

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Tornado Shelter - The Tornado shelter is 1071 square feet. The Tornado Shelter has the capacity for 89 people and will maintain the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council.

All Infected Community Members will use the Tornado Shelter located north of the Family Center.

COVONDA Joint Operations Center - The Moshubee Apartment Basement is 858 square feet. Moshubee Apartment Basement is able to sustain 241 Elders with the 6 feet isolation rule set by Tribal Council.

Elders will report to the Moshubee apartment basement.

Key Holders:
Elderly-Elderly Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Property and Equipment Staff.

Family Center-Family Center Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Property and Equipment Staff.

Tornado Shelter-Property and Equipment Staff, Law Enforcement Staff, and Emergency Management.

Health Screening Questions
1. Have you had a fever above 100 degrees in the last 24 hours?
2. Can you have any flu-like symptoms?
3. Have you been with someone who has had the flu? (If so when?)
4. Any difficulty breathing, cough, or other respiratory symptoms?
5. Have you traveled outside of a 60-mile radius in the last 14 days?

Wisconsin State Park Campgrounds Opened riding or in-line skating on certain trails. A state trail pass is NOT required for walking or hiking. The annual trail passes are valid through Dec. 31 of the year they are issued.

CAPACITY LIMITATIONS
Due to high demand, many properties will likely reach their pre-determined capacity limits. When this happens, properties will close until entering visitors leave, and capacity limits will be reduced.

Visitors are encouraged to explore other DNR recreation areas or visit during non-peak hours before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

The following Wisconsin State Natural Areas remain closed: Pewit's Nest, Parfrey's Glen, Dells of the Wisconsin River, Gibraltar Rock.

Popular attractions within state parks, including beaches, where social distancing cannot be achieved may close as needed.

EVENTS
Volunteer activities will also follow the Bounce Back Plan and be permitted on a case-by-case basis depending on group size and whether the activity can be done maintaining 6 feet of space between volunteers.

The DNR urges state park visitors to do their part when visiting DNR properties. Visitors are encouraged to explore other DNR recreation areas or visit during non-peak hours before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

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(Pictured left)
Gresham High School
Soccer, Baseball, FFA
Basketball,
Student Council

Aiyana J. Davids
(Pictured Right)
Honor Roll,
Dollars for Scholars

Maquaw T. Brisk (Above)
Bowler High School Graduate

Natalee (Nat) E. Gardner (Below)
Bowler High School Graduate
Honor Roll, Basketball, Writing

Tatum (TJ/Tay-Dawg) J. Kallies
Bowler High School
Volleyball, Chorus
Yearbook, Culture Club
(Pictured Above)

Cassandra (Missy/Toes/Sandra) J Komanekin
Flandreau Indian High School
Honor Roll, Culture Club
(Pictured Left)

LeeAllen D. Malone
Rural Virtual Academy
(Pictured Left)

Kyla R. Kroening
Bowler High School
Honor Roll
VolleyBall
Culture Club
(Pictured Right)

Aiyah (Winonah/Queen) W. King
Gresham High School
High honor Roll, Student Council
Board Game Club, Quiz Bowl
(Pictures Above)

Nakota Koseb
Menominee Indian High School
(Pictured Right)

Advice from Mohican Elders to the Class of 2020

Mohegan Elder
My name is: Margaret
Age: 93
Class of: 1945
My advice to students today:
Keep going!

Mohegan Elder
My name is: Eva
Age: 75
Class of: 1963
My advice to students today:
Take some time
and get it together. Then
You will do better when
ready.

Mohegan Elder
My name is: Wayne
Age: 81
Class of: 1956
My advice to students today:
Keep looking until
You find something You
Like to do! Your First job
didn’t have to be your
Future.
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  - Age: 81
  - Class of: 1951
  - My advice to students today: The more education you get, the better off you will be.

- Leroy Zills
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  - Class of: 1951
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and to commit to transforming our nation’s systems, institutions, and relationships. Our Indigenous teachings show us that we are all related. We have the choice to walk on the good road, the red road. This choice requires discipline, courage, accountability, and generosity. Our teachings remind us that each of us has gifts we can contribute for a better society—some of us by working to change systems, others by sharing their art and their words, and some by marching in the streets.

We must move forward with even greater resolve and an even greater commitment to using our Indigenous values as the guide for our daily work and for our vision. Recent events remind us of the vision the founders of tribally controlled education had; reminders that we must gather up our weapons of intelligence, resolve, cultural teachings, and resilience, to fight for a better future. For the American Indian College Fund, our weapon is education.

We join other justice organizations, advocates, communities, and especially our youth to move forward using our values of respect, responsibility, relationships, reasoning, and resilience. We call upon our brothers and sisters nationwide to raise a unified voice to demand a healing, just, and equitable nation for people of color for the next seven generations. No one will grant us this vision—it is one we will only achieve through hard conversations, hard work, and dedication. I call upon us to work together to make our voices heard, our communities visible, with the goal of creating a home where all of our children can thrive in peace.

We reiterate our declarations of purpose for educational equity to reform education systems at all levels from early childhood education through college and adult education to eliminate racism. Racism is one of the greatest public health risks faced by brown and black people, and education is the shared space where good health and quality of life can be restored.

This is a time when people are broken hearted. As human beings, we know that we can carry love, joy, grief, and anger at the same time. We, at the American Indian College Fund, promise to listen and to be present with the sorrow and anger that we and others feel. We promise to work on solutions, with each other, and with our allies.

Cheryl Crazy Bull
Wacinyanpi Win (They Depend on Her)
President and CEO, American Indian College Fund

This is a Call to Action for the Wellbriety Community to collectively make or purchase 2,000 masks for The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; 1,000 masks for adults and 1,000 masks for children, as well as hand sanitizers, cleaning wipes, and disinfectant sprays.

Any donations will help save lives!
The rates keep climbing every day! They are in extreme need of fabric masks and supplies.

Please mail all masks to:
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Warm Springs, OR 97761

If you could please send her an email if you plan on helping and let her know how many you are sending, that would help with planning. If you are not able to donate masks at this time, we humbly ask that you help by offering prayers in your own way to those that are being impacted by COVID-19.

On the flyer, the red thermometer shows how many masks have been distributed and the yellow thermometer shows how many masks have been promised.

We will provide updates on Tuesdays and Thursdays on how many masks have been received.

Thank you all so much for the support and prayers! Please pass this on to your networks and share widely!
Health

The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center will be open to provide services.

The clinic wants to keep you updated about what we are doing to respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We have four major goals as we respond to the spread of the virus and threats to the Mohican Nation:

1. To do everything possible to stop the spread of the virus.
2. To test those at greatest risk of getting very sick from the virus.
3. To continue to provide other medical needs safely.
4. To provide accurate information about the virus.

To accomplish these goals, we are changing many of the ways the clinic operates. The most important way to stop the virus is for people not to be together in close contact. The clinic changed how services are provided to lower the chances of spread through close contact with others.

Please help us better serve you and keep everyone safe by doing the following:

• If you are NOT sick, don’t come to the clinic.
• If you have concerns, call the triage line at 715-793-5087 or 715-793-5088. Do not come to the clinic without calling. If calls become overwhelming, we will need to take steps to create special phone numbers.
• Patients with other acute medical problems such as injuries, heart problems, or breathing problems will continue to be evaluated. Call the triage line at 715-793-5087 or 715-793-5088.
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Medical

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Pharmacy

Pharmacy is open and continues to provide medications to our community. Medical staff and pharmacy are coordinating to have 90-days of medication provided if appropriate. This cannot apply to controlled substances.

Patients who only need to pick up medications should call pharmacy at 715-793-5027. Call ahead of time, prescriptions will be delivered to your car in our parking lot so you do not have to come into the clinic.

Dental

Dental is only seeing patients who have a dental emergency such as severe tooth pain or swelling. Patients who need an urgent dental exam should call dental at 715-793-5019. We may use a separate entrance for the exam.

Behavior Health

Behavior health is conducting phone and telehealth appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call Behavior Health registration at 715-793-3000.

Purchase Referred Care - (PRC)

If you need to deliver paperwork for Purchase Referred Care, MAIL the paperwork, do not come in the clinic. Address the envelope to PRC SMHWC, PO BOX 86 Bowler WI, 54416.

For all referral visits or PRC questions, please call 715-793-5011. PRC can approve and fax referrals to outside vendors.

Every day the spread of the virus changes. The clinic is changing our processes as needed to continue to provide safe and reliable medical care. These changes may not seem to make sense at first. These changes may cause frustration. Please know that all the changes are to keep our community safe. Thank you for following guidance to keep our community safe.

World Health Organization named 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and Midwives. Let us Honor our Mohican Nurses and recognize all the nurses working for the Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community as we celebrate Nurses. According to WHO: https://www.who.int/news-room/campaigns/year-of-the-nurse-and-the-midwife-2020
On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION-MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the meeting minutes of Monday, April 27, 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

OPEN AGENDA-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the agenda for Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY 2020—Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report for February 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

GM’S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY 2020-Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report for February 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GM’S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2020-Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report for March 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

PHYSICIAN CONTRACT—Andrew Miller, Director of the Health and Wellness Center
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Physician Contract. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2020—Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report for March 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

BROADBAND FIBER ENGINEERING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT—Brian McDonald, CIO
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the self-funding initiative for the Broadband Fiber Engineering and Project Management. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

HEAD START 2020 SUMMER PROGRAM—Jolene Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services
Motion by Martin Welch to approve the Head Start 2020 Summer Program Grant Application. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

HEALTH HEAD START 2020 COLA AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION—Jolene Bowman, Director of Education and Career Services
Motion by Martin Welch to approve the Head Start 2020 COLA and Quality Improvement Grant Application. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT—Molly Welch, Administrative Assistant
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Supplemental (AFG-S) application, and approval to use a portion of the 2020 Fire Department budget for the required matching funds if we receive the grant. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

FY 2020 USDA HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT—Allen Quinney, Executive Director
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the FY 2020 USDA Housing Preservation Grant to be submitted by the May 7, 2020 deadline. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

GM’S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2020—Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report and casino and bingo financials for March 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GM’S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR APRIL 2020—Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report and casino and bingo financials for April 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GM’S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR MAY 2020—Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report and casino and bingo financials for May 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

GM’S MONTHLY REPORT AND CASINO AND BINGO FINANCIALS FOR JUNE 2020—Michael Bonakdar, GM
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the GM’s monthly report and casino and bingo financials for June 2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Special Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:
Shannon Holsey; Present
Jolene Bowman; Present
Terrie Terrio; Present
Jeremy Mohawk; Present
Martin Welch; Present
Marv Malone; Present
Craig Kroening Jr; Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the agenda. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

401K AMENDMENT RESOLUTION—
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve amendment 049-20, BE
MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 and the Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-
Add: Personnel Matters Policies Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the agenda of Tuesday, May 19, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

LAND MINUTES-
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were approved:
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EXECUTIVE SESSION-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 10:32 AM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Physician Contract.
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to authorize the President to sign a Physician Contract. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried. 10:36 AM.

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ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 10:39 AM.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 6:41 PM.

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JOB DESCRIPTION-Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive Director of HR
Contract Tracer Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to propose a contract position for Contact Tracer, for up to three positions as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY COVID-19 SICK LEAVE PAY POLICY-Dennis Puzz, Jr., General Counsel and Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive Director of HR
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Emergency COVID-19 Sick Leave Policy as presented. Seconded by Craig Kroening. Motion carried.

LAND MINUTES-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve all actions within in the meeting minutes of January 16, 2020 as recommended. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried at 5:24 PM.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening. Motion carried at 5:55 PM.

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