Experience Pine Hills Golf Course

What Pine Hills Golf Course offers is unmatched by any area golf course. Since North Star Casino took over Pine Hills has invested money to make the course standout from the rest. The first investment was into the golf carts, brand new 2019 Yamaha gas powered with club and ball washers attached. Hard plastic roofs with windshields and even a sand compartment to fill divots in the ground. Set up on these golf carts are 12-inch monitor screens that give you the yardage to the greens and any obstacle you may face on the course. Other investments went into the clubhouse and banquet hall like new carpet and roofing to improve the buildings inside and out.

Jeremy Pennewell has been with Pine Hills over 20 years. He heads the grounds and greens operation. Jeremy and his crews are responsible for the countless compliments and praises the course receives. What Pine Hills Golf Course offers is unmatched by any area golf course.

Mandatory Employee COVID-19 Testing Has Excellent Results

By Jeff Vele - Editor

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community recently tested all employees for COVID-19. 665 tests were completed and all but one test was negative. According to a letter from Human Resources Executive Director Todd Van Den Heuvel the Stockbridge-Munsee Community held a mandatory employee COVID-19 testing during the period of June 17th-26th. This was being coordinated as another effort in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and provided further efforts to keep the COVID virus out of the community to the extent possible.

Weekly Food Baskets Through USDA

By Thomas Kazik II – News Reporter

As the Corona Virus, more commonly known as COVID-19, has swept across the country, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and programs such as Farmers to Families, Feeding America and the Hunger Taskforce stepped up their efforts to not only aid families but also help the farmers and the products they may have otherwise discarded. The Assistant Director of Human Services, Crystal Malone, along with Jill Duffek, the Food Distribution Supervisor, have worked each week to coordinate the delivery of milk, cheese, produce and protein boxes. These boxes, along with the milk and cheese have been distributed to families on a weekly basis since May 29, 2020. With the help of the

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To reduce the potential of spreading COVID-19, the clinic will change our operation hours to Monday – Thursday from 7:00am – 5:30pm effective July 6, 2020. If you scheduled for a Friday appointment, the clinic will call you to reschedule the appointment. If you have any questions about your appointment or medical needs, please call:

715-793-5000 for Medical or Chiropractor
715-793-5019 for Dental
715-793-3000 for Behavior Health
715-793-5027 for Pharmacy

(Editors Note: This change in hours applies to all Tribal Departments (with the exception of the casino) until at least September 3, 2020).
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TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2020
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT
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AG Kaul Announces Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul today announces the launch of a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force to help fight the abduction, homicide, violence and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin.

“Effectively addressing the problem of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Wisconsin will require law enforcement, tribal leaders, victim advocates, and others to work collaboratively to collect data and identify solutions,” said Attorney General Kaul. “The creation of this task force is an important step in the effort to combat this complex and serious problem.”

In partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Indigenous communities, the task force plans to examine the factors that contribute to missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW), focusing on understanding the roles federal, state and tribal jurisdictions play, and how to improve and implement robust data collection and reporting methods.

“While there is so much that needs to be done to stop the violence perpetrated on Native women and girls, I applaud the Wisconsin Department of Justice for taking an important first step in establishing this task force,” notes Shannon Holsey, president of both the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

“Addressing the MMIW crisis requires acknowledging that the crisis exists, understanding the deep and intricate roots underlying the crisis, providing justice to the missing and murdered and to protecting Native women and girls. As a tribal leader, I look forward to our continued bipartisan engagement to identify meaningful actions that Attorney General Kaul, tribes and task force can take to turn the tide on this tragic situation.”

Violence against Native women and girls is an under-reported problem throughout the U.S., and cases are often misclassified or there is confusion about jurisdiction. Accurate data protocols are needed to improve data collection and tracking information.

“The problem of violence against women and children and the disproportionate impact on Native women and communities is the responsibility of all of society to address. For meaningful long-term reform, we must look to solutions that are Indigenous-led while addressing both historical acts of violence against Indigenous women as well as those that still exist today within modern institutions,” said Kristin Welch, Menikanaehkem Women’s Leadership Cohort-MMIW Coordinator.

“We are incredibly proud of the partnerships between Women’s Leadership Cohort MMIW, Wisconsin DOJ, tribal nations, grassroots leaders, and survivors of violence not only because of the bravery displayed in order to discuss such deeply painful issues of MMIW; but for their continued diligence to dismantle oppressive systems that are the root cause of such violence.”

This year, 2019 Wisconsin Assembly Bill 548/Senate Bill 493 (https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/rerelated/proposals/ab548.pdf) did not pass the legislature before the end of regular floor period. Authored by Representatives Amanda Stuck and Jeffrey Mursau, and Senators Janet Bewley and Jeff Smith, the bill would have supported the creation of an MMIW task force to probe the core causes of missing and murdered indigenous women. Now that the legislative session has ended, AG Kaul agreed with tribal leaders that this issue is too important to wait until the next legislative session to take action.
Food cont from page One:

Mohican Family Center, Family Services, Property and Equipment staff hundreds of boxes have been distributed to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and surrounding areas. The first round of the food boxes ended June 25th and the second round of boxes will start July 9th and will run through August.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community serves as a hub and has served as a supplier to other Tribal Communities, including Mole Lake, Lac du Flambeau and Menominee. Excess boxes have been donated to the Wittenberg Food Pantry with the assistance of Leonard and Molly Welch.

Produce and Protein boxes are prepared and packaged by Gourmet Gorilla out of Chicago, IL, who generally distribute food for schools and other institutions. Gourmet Gorilla obtains 70% of its ingredients from local, sustainable, and organic farms. Their meats are free range, grass fed all natural, and have not been subjected to artificial growth hormones and antibiotics, or artificial preservatives.

Produce boxes have included broccoli, sweet corn, cherry tomatoes, romaine lettuce, potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, apples, oranges, pears, peaches and nectarines. Protein boxes have included shredded chicken, chicken loaf, chicken breakfast patties, chicken hotdogs and chicken leg quarters. Box distribution is announced on the Stockbridge-Munsee Community’s Official Facebook Page, mohican.com, and Mohican’s Let’s Talk About Its Facebook page.

May 4th The Hunger Taskforce started providing the milk, cheese and yogurt to our community, a partnership with Kemps, Sassy Cow, Odyssey and Sargento makes the distribution of these products possible. If any changes are made, they will be posted on the Mohican website and on Facebook.

How to Help Friends Anywhere in the World

(StatePoint) For military members and their families stationed away and U.S. citizens living abroad, family and friends are vital connections to life back home. For the 2020 general election, those friends can be an important source of voting information, especially for young people voting for the first time. And this year it’s even more important to register and request an absentee ballot early to avoid potential mail delays or other disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

An easy way to help loved ones in the military or abroad vote absentee is by referring them to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), which provides tools and resources to ensure that American citizens can vote from anywhere in the world.

Voters can visit FVAP.gov to find state-by-state official registration and ballot request deadlines, as well as information on completing a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which is the registration and ballot request form, and the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), the backup ballot. Both forms are available at FVAP.gov and can be filled out with the online assistant or by hand. For additional information, visit FVAP.gov, email Vote@FVAP.gov or call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683).

Important things to remember:
1. Submitting your FPCA early is the best way to help ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible.
2. Using the FPCA provides our Service members, their families and overseas citizens with an option to receive balloting materials electronically.
3. Using the FPCA early grants voters the ability to use the FWAB as a backup ballot, if needed.

We will be closed on Fridays. An alternate frozen meal will be delivered with Thursdays meal for your Friday meal enjoyment.

Elderly hours will be 7am – 5:30pm, Monday thru Thursday. Doors will remain locked, but staff can be reached by telephone & seen by appointment.

This also means there will be NO medication pickups on Fridays so please plan accordingly.

We also provide a grab & go carryout meal daily to be picked up at the Elderly Center at lunchtime if you’re interested. Please call us 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal. (715)793-4236

We miss you. Please stay safe & take care of yourself.

S/M Elderly Services Staff

Language Classes to Resume

Heather Bruegl - Director of Cultural Affairs

As we are trying to get back to a new sense of normal, we are finding ways to bring back some activities and continue to practice social distancing guidelines. We are excited to announce that we will be bringing back our Mohican and Munsee language classes and they will be taking place entirely online.

Mohican classes will take place on Monday’s at 5:30 pm CST. They will be taught by Nikole Webster. Nikole originally started out with us earlier this year teaching Mohican, but after an instructor change, she will be taken over the Munsee classes.

Mohican classes will take place on Wednesday’s at 5:30 pm CST. These classes will be taught by Brock Schreiber. Brock is taking over the Mohican classes that were first taught by Nikole earlier this year.

So how do you join the classes? It’s super easy! Simply follow these steps:

1. Provide your email address to Language Manager Molly Miller or Director of Cultural Affairs Heather Bruegl
   a. Molly.miller@mohican-nsn.gov
   b. Heather.bruegl@mohican-nsn.gov

2. Download the Google Meet App to whatever device you are using

3. Log into your email at least 5 minutes before class starts

4. Open the Google Meet Email and then click Join Meeting

That’s it! Super easy! Each class will be recorded and then later uploaded to the Arvid E. Miller Library Museum and Cultural Affairs Department Facebook page as well as our website. We are really excited to be able to bring the classes back to you in a safe and socially distance way!
In Our Ancestors' Own Words: Highlights from the Rick Wilcox Collection

By Bonney Hartley

In a previous article (June 12, 2020), we described the work taking place for archiving the Rick Wilcox Collection at the Avid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum, a collection which primarily pertains to our Tribe's history in western Massachusetts in the 1700s.

As promised, we would like to share excerpts from some of the most interesting contents from the collection, especially those that are first-person by our ancestors.

What follows is an excerpt from a 1776 petition the Massachusetts General Court that is found in the Massachusetts Archives in Boston.

Harvard University is conducting a Native American Petitions Project to scan digital versions of petitions such as these and upload them to a web portal to make them more accessible to researchers.

Rick transcribed for us the petitions that are regarding Stockbridge-Munsee, to make the handwritten versions more easily read.

This petition excerpt is by several sachems, our direct ancestors: Solomon Uhhaunnauwaunmut ("King Solomon"), Johannis Mhuttauwaumpeh, Johannis Mohksin, David Naununauwahoeh, James Kusk, and Peter Waununauwohhos and eloquently and painfully speaks to the issues of the dispossession of land in the Stockbridge mission arising from exploiting small debts incurred by Tribal members.

It also references the sachems’ concerns with the English sales of alcohol further exacerbating the problem:

"To The Honourable Council and House of Representatives sitting in Boston: The Petition of the Indian Inhabitants of the Town of Stockbridge in the County of Berkshire humbly Sheweth; that heretofore when civil Law was in force

We greatly suffered in being sued by almost every one to whom we owed so much as a few shillings. By this we were put to very great cost in Law suits, some of us flung into goal [jail], where we must lie or our lands must go to pay, not being allowed time in our hunting way to pay our debts, which have been the case with some. By this means some of us have been nearly ruined.

To prevent these troubles for the future, with open eyes Seeing all the consequences that may follow, so earnestly desire that a Law might be made, to prevent our being sued in the law for debts by the White people in any case whatever, for debts hereafter contracted.

We desire also you would stop the Tavern keepers and Retailers of spirituous Liquors who live round about us under some strict restraint in regard to the freedom they take in selling us spirituous liquors, which ever has been ruinous to our souls and Bodies, and always will be..."
Testing cont from page One:

possible. Employee COVID-19 testing was one of several modifications adopted by Tribal Council on May 12, 2020 as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tribe has modified its safety program to establish new safety practices for the workplace in order to reduce opportunities for virus transmission including a workplace related medical surveill-

Danielle Ewald

Why our proactive safety and sanitation measures exceed the recommendations from the CDC and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Per the CDC, it typically requires 15 minutes of close contact between an infected and uninfected person for the virus to spread. It is unlikely this person spent that amount of time in close contact with any guest or employee. That said, this case illustrates precisely why we decided to proactively test our employees, even though doing so was not required. We will continue our proactive testing for any new employees, as well.

Emily Miller

Health Center staff: Brenda Beyers, Danielle Ewald, Emily Miller, Jason Lange, Lychelle Miller, Montana Smith, Myla Pleshek, and Sabrina Miller all participated as front-line staff to test all employees. These employees wore heavy, non-breathable personal protective equipment for three long, twelve-hour, days. Health Center Staff were supported by the Fire Department and EMS to direct traffic and coordinate additional needs. Fire department and EMS staff that helped were: Craig Kroening Jr, Daryl Erickson, Mandi Messer, Michael Penass, Molly Welch, and Steven Duffek.

According to a release from the Tribe, the health and safety of our employees, guests and community is our highest priority. That is

Myla Pleshek

- Employee standards:
  - Participating in regular health screenings, including testing, temperature taking and the completion of a questionnaire before entering the workplace.
  - Wearing mandatory face masks when on work premises (including in the restroom);
  - Using enhanced hygiene practices, including regular and vigorous handwashing and use of hand sanitizer;
  - Staying home when not feeling well, and not returning to work for a minimum of two weeks until all symptoms have gone;
  - Maintaining appropriate social distancing of six feet between individuals, including not gathering in break rooms.

- Operational standards:
  - Using enhanced daily sanitation procedures, including shutting down the Casino for deep cleaning from 3 a.m. – 7 a.m. daily;
  - Requiring guests to wear a face mask and have their temperature taken before entering the Casino. Face mask and social distancing procedures are reinforced at all times.
  - Placing and increasing hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes stations and safety plexiglass shields throughout the casino.
  - Using various engineering and building control system to improve air quality, ventilation, and contactless door controls where applicable.
  - Limiting and tracking the casino resort capacity to manage number of guests allowed in all areas.
  - Placing signage and directions throughout the casino resort to assist with safety protocols and social distancing;
  - Limiting hours of service, and closing bingo, table games, self-service beverage stations, buffet, and live entertainment.
  - Food and resort services are handled using the highest sanitation practices.
  - We are operating as a non-smoking facility until further notice.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is the first tribe in the Bemidji region (Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) to test all employees for COVID-19. The testing event was able to identify one employee who did not know they had COVID-19. The employee, who is asymptomatic, has been notified and is beginning a 14-day quarantine. Contact tracing has begun, as well. By catching this positive case, the community was able to stop an additional source of potential spread of COVID-19 to others. Employees that are out due to FMLA or other reasons, will be required to test prior to returning to work. The Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center reminds all community members to practice social distancing (stay six feet or more away from others), wear a mask when you need to be away from your home, and wash your hands frequently. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and do all you can to stop the spread of COVID-19.

(Thomas Kazik, II contributed to this article)

Library Summer 2020 Reading Program

Make the Library and reading a fun part of your summer!

Win prizes when you Read Across the Rez by completing reading challenges! Track reading on the Read Across the Rez map sheet or track your reading online. Program runs June 17 – July 29. Join in on one of the Read book circles – see website for more details.

July Events:
- Read a Book Workshop – July 14, 15, & 17
- Art of Summer series – 4 p.m. Thursdays
- Maker Mondays – 4 p.m. on Live on Facebook
- Teeny Tuesday and Fly By Tuesday
- D.A.R. Cedar – Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- Breath and Blends – 1 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wed.

Check the Library’s website for more details.

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Is my water safe?
We are pleased to present this year’s Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year’s water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water advisories through their health care providers.

EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?
In a typical community water supply system, water is transported under pressure through a distribution network of buried pipes. Smaller pipes called house service lines, are attached to the main water lines to bring water from the distribution network to your house. In our community water supply system, water pressure is provided by pumping water into the storage tanks that store water at higher elevations than the houses they serve. The force of gravity then "pushes" the water into your home when you open your tap. After the water is pumped it is treated with chlorine.

The drinking water distributed through the community water system originates as rainwater that percolates through the ground and is naturally filtered as it travels through the soil and rock. The water is most susceptible to becoming contaminated at the earth’s surface. As the water travels through both the earth’s surface and from areas of greater pressure to least pressure, water collects in what is known as aquifers. Our wells are drilled into ground water aquifers and we pump water to the surface to use as drinking water.

The Stockbridge Munsee Environmental and Legal Departments created the Groundwater Protection Ordinance to ensure that rainwater is not contaminated at the earth’s surface before the water reaches the community’s drinking water system’s groundwater aquifer. The drinking water system’s groundwater aquifer lacks confining layers, which could stop the movement of pollutants. Instead, the groundwater aquifer is composed of sand and gravel, which allows contaminants to move downward and rapidly. The Groundwater Protection Ordinance can be found on the Internet at: www.mohican.com/tribalordinance.html

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

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?
If you have any questions, concerns or would like to provide input on the review or renewal of the asbestos exemption please feel free to contact the Public Works Department (715) 793-3028.

For more information contact: Stockbridge-Munsee Community South Central Community Water System PWS ID # 055295003

Attn. 
Kelly LaMere, 
Utility Supervisor 
(715) 889-0298

Address: 
Stockbridge-Munsee Public Works 
W13817 Cty. Hwy. A 
Bowler, WI 54416

Description of Water Treatment Process
Your water is treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill harmful bacteria and microorganisms that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

Water Conservation Tips
Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference! Try one today and soon it will become second nature.

• Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
• Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
• Use a water-efficient showerhead. They’re inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
• Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
• Water sprinklers only when necessary.
• Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faulty washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
• Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
• Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month’s water bill!
• Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Source Water Protection Tips
Protection of drinking water is everyone’s responsibility. You can help protect your community’s drinking water source in several ways:

• Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
• Pick up after your pets.
• If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to your sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
• Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.

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All Photos Courtesy of Corey King. Corey is the husband to Heather Bruegl.
The Mohican News thanks Corey King for the submission of the amazing photos.
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- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.

- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people “Dump No Waste - Drains to River” or “Protect Your Water.” Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

The system had two minor reporting violations for 2019. 1. Tier #3 Nitrate violation. We mistakenly did not submit sample results by the due date. Samples were all taken at the correct time and results were negative. 2. Tier #3 IOC’s Violation. The lab mistakenly excluded the Thallium test results, and the staff overlooked that during submission. We have since communicated with the lab and the results were located and submitted. The results did not violate any health standards. Even though these are minor violations the staff will work to improve its records and reporting, by utilizing calendars and increasing analytical reviews.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. South Central Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

For more information:

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Isolation/Quarantine Plan For Stockbridge-Munsee Community

June 12, 2020
This Plan outlines the Stockbridge-Munsee Community’s overall approach of how quarantine and isolation status is applied during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Tribe has authorized the issuance of isolation and quarantine orders for communicable diseases, like COVID-19, under Chapter 26A of tribal law.

The Tribe reserves the right to modify this plan or actions taken under it at any time based on developing guidance and best practices for COVID-19.

Additionally, while this Plan outlines the overall approach, specific directions may differ as appropriate based on medical conditions.

DEFINITIONS
- Direct Contact: A person is considered to be a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 if they met any one of the following scenarios:
  1) Did you have direct physical contact with the person (e.g. hug, kiss, handshake)?
  2) Were you within 6 feet of the person for more than 15 minutes?
  3) Could the person have had contact with any of your respiratory secretions (e.g. coughed/sneezed on, contact with dirty tissue, sharing a drinking glass, food or towels or other personal items).

- Household contact: Any person who lives in or spent at least one night in the house of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 during the infectious period.

- Indirect Contact: A person is considered to be an indirect contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 if they met any one of the following scenarios:
  1) Less) contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Persons who tested positive will be contacted by contact tracers to identify who else may have been exposed to COVID-19.
  2) Persons who tested positive will provide the contact tracer with all information to the close contact to include past travel, symptoms, and who they were in contact with. The person will be contacted to confirm the contact. If the contact is confirmed, those with close contact will be contacted for COVID-19. If the results are negative, the person will require to isolate themselves in their home for 14 days from the date of close contact with the person who tested positive.

All Close Contacts - While in the 14-day isolation, all persons shall isolate themselves at home and monitor themselves for symptoms. The person shall limit travel outside of the household. Protective masks shall be absolutely necessary for food and supplies. The person shall wash a mask when making those trips and limit exposure to others in the household. The person shall continue to monitor themselves for symptoms as of the date of last contact with the person who tested positive.

NOTE: For people who do not continue to live in the same house, such as if they were a visitor for one night or the infected person is isolated within an entirely separate area such as self-contained basement, camper, or cabin), the isolation period is begins as of the last date of close contact.

All employees who had close contact to SMHWC at 715-793-5087). The SMHWC will relay the information to medical providers for further guidance as to a need for testing and isolation/return to work. Employees will require medical authorization clearing them to return to work.

Household Contacts of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 will isolate themselves at home for 14 days from the date of last contact with the infected person. Household contacts are under tribal jurisdiction, they will be isolated per Chapter 26A of tribal law. If the household contacts are not under tribal jurisdiction, an isolation recommendation will be issued. Their local public health authority may issue additional isolation/quarantine requirements.

Persons who tested positive for COVID-19 will be offered a COVID-19 test. If the results are positive the person will follow the guidance for Persons who tested positive for COVID-19. If the results are negative, the person will require to isolate themselves in their home for 14 days from the date of close contact with the person who tested positive. Employees will require a negative COVID19 test at the end of the 14-day period and a medical authorization clearing them to return to work.

Non-employees who had close contact with a person who was known to have COVID-19 will notify the SMHWC (715-793-5087) of the close contact and isolate themselves in their home. Contact tracers will interview those with close contact to confirm the contact. If the contact is confirmed, those with close contact will be contacted for COVID-19. If the results are positive, the person will require to isolate themselves in their home for 14 days from the date of close contact with the person who tested positive.

Non-Employees who had indirect contact with a person who was known to have COVID-19 shall notify Occupational Health of the close contact to confirm the contact. If the results are positive the person will follow the guidance for Persons who tested positive for COVID-19.

If the results are negative, the person will require to isolate themselves in their home for 14 days from the date of close contact with the person who tested positive.

MONITOR HEALTH CONDITION
Persons who have Indirect Contact with a person identified as having COVID-19 or those who had Indirect Contact (2 days prior or less) shall be cleared for work, but shall monitor themselves for symptoms and notify Occupational Health if symptoms appear.

Non-Employees who had indirect contact with a person known to have COVID-19 shall notify Occupational Health of the close contact to confirm the contact. If the results are positive the person will follow the guidance for Persons who tested positive for COVID-19. If the results are negative, the person will require to isolate themselves in their home for 14 days from the date of close contact with the person who tested positive.
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Boating safety education course before getting on the water. Be ready for the unexpected – Always wear your life jacket.

Important Reminders

- All vessels (including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have at least one USCG-approved wearable life jacket for each person on board.
- All vessels 16 feet or more in length must have one USCG-approved throwable personal flotation device on board that is immediately accessible.
- Every person on board a personal watercraft must wear a USCG-approved life jacket.
- Sailboarders and windsurfers are exempt from the life jacket requirement but are highly encouraged to wear one.
- Federal law requires children under the age of 13 to wear a USCG-approved life jacket while underway in an open vessel on federally controlled waters.

All Life Jackets Must Be:

- In good and serviceable condition, which means no tears, rips, broken straps or snaps;
- Readily accessible, which means you can put the life jacket on quickly in an emergency; and of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing for life jackets is based on body weight and chest size.

Leaders Address the Facing Challenges of Systemic Racism

KESHENA – In a posting to employees and students of the College of Menominee Nation’s, the CMN Board of Directors and President’s Office has addressed support of and response to the Black Lives Matter movement. The communiqué, drafted by Interim President Christopher Caldwell and Board Chairman Gary Frechette, reads:

“IThe College of Menominee Nation (CMN), our vision and mission are built upon an American Indian value system. It is a system that includes ethical behavior and the recognition of diversity underpinned by Native American cultural understanding and perspective. We also recognize the broader world around us and the diversity of the communities we are part of and serve. As such, our focus is to prepare our students to be professionals who think critically, serve ethically, and respect the diversity and dignity of their fellow humans.

The recent national protests and the Black Lives Matter movement are current responses in a long struggle to address systemic racial injustices and disparities. The murder of George Floyd is one example of many regarding systematic racism that expose the gap between the articulated values in the United States Constitution and what has been implemented over time through actions taken against Indigenous peoples, Black peoples, and other minority groups. Sadly, these gaps become visible in the mainstream only in times of heightened tension and crisis.

“We stand in solidarity and express our support for the Black Lives Matter movement. From our vantage point as a Tribal college, we have an inherent understanding of the systemic nature of the issues being highlighted by the movement. We affirm that our work as a Tribal college needs to be and become more visible in the mainstream and address the present and prepare for the future.

“CMN is a baccalaureate-level institution chartered by the Menominee People and serving students from several dozen of tribes and other heritage communities across the country. Through this endeavor we also welcome and educate students from other backgrounds who become important allies and partners in addressing social, ecological, and economic issues across all communities.

“In the coming year, CMN will begin a dialogue within its campus community (faculty, staff, and students) so that we may better educate ourselves and others about historical and contemporary racial injustices and disparities, and their impacts. More importantly, we will collectively address the challenges we see institutionally and individually. To advance this work, the President’s office will create a committee of faculty, staff, and students to develop our approach and to provide guidance for actions as we move forward. By understanding our past we can address the present and prepare for the future.”

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular 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: Absent
Martin Welch: Present

Camping Request
ANA Grant Application
Strike:
Enrollment Meeting Minutes
Capital Expenditure Request

Directives cont page Thirteen:

Marv Malone: Present
Craig Kroening Jr.: Present
Glen Preve
OPEN AGENDA- MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Martin Welch to approve the meeting minutes of June 2, 2020. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS: December 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020 (for approval)-Amanda Stevens, CFO
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the December 2019 and January 2020 financial reports. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

FY2019 AUDIT-Amanda Stevens, CFO
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve and accept the 2019 audit. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Training Coordinator and Accountant-Todd VanDen Heuel, Executive Director of HR
Motion by Jolene Bowman that job descriptions no longer need to come to Tribal Council for approval unless the job description is new. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF NEW DETECTIVE SQUAD TRUCK-Jim Hoffmann, Chief of Police and Allen Quinney, Executive Director
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the purchase of the new detective squad truck. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried. Vote: Marv Malone, Jolene Bowman, Terrie yes, Martin opposed and Craig yes. Motion carried.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST-Ray S. Bowman, Surveillance Manager
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to require an RFP for the request of the Surveillance Camera Upgrade project. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology Dept. Manager
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to grant permission to post an RFP. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

WDNR SUMMER TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM-Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology Dept. Manager
Committee notes that Randall is to use the suggestions he provided and the guidelines to come up with a plan.

INVASIVE SPECIES TECHNICIAN JOB POSTING-
Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology Dept. Manager
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the posting of the Invasive Species Technician. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

CARES ACT GRANT AWARD-Kristy Malone, Elderly Services Manager
Motion by Jolene Bowman to approve the grant award in the amount of $23,648.00, budget mod #9 with a Fiscal Year of 04/01/2020-12/31/2020. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

HEATING/COOLING DESIGN CONTRACT-Andrew Miller, Clinic Director
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the expanded HGA system as identified by the Director. Seconded by Jolene Bowman. Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT OFFICE-Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Tribal Registrar
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the extended closure of the Enrollment Offices until August 28, 2020. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carries.

FOLLOW UP REQUEST ON EIGHT ORDINANCES-Jolene Bowman, Vice President
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the 477-plan striking final authority on page 17 and from the grievance process. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

Vice President Bowman wanted it noted that this motion does not change the handbook at this time the motion is seconded.

FOLLOW UP REQUEST ON EIGHT ORDINANCES-Jolene Bowman, Vice President
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Vice President’s motion for Legal to draft a letter for the President’s signature asking the status of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the eight ordinances that we are waiting a response from and they include: Chapters; 57-Tax from 3/6/18; 56-Food from 4/17/18; 13-Truancy from 6/8/18; 70-Flag from 8/20/19; 5-Civil Procedure from 11/5/19; 5-Appeal Procedure from 11/5/19, 12-Membership from 1/12/20; 12-Member of the IHS Board of Directors from 12/3/19, and 54-Employment Preference from 12/1/20. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried.

CAMPING REQUEST-Walking Eagle Burn
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Walking Eagle Burn’s request to camp in the park. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT APPLICATION-Heather Bruegl, Cultural Affairs Director
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adopt resolution 052-20. Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council does approve this amendment to the Tribal Administration of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans to support the proposed Stockbridge-Munsee Community Mohican Language Revitalization Project. Seconded by Marv Malone.

Motion maker amends motion to add: Be It Further Resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council commits, moves over the three-year project period in kind match pursuant to the award by the Administration for Native Americans for the three-year project period spanning from 2020-2023. Second concurs. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 6:12 PM.

On Friday, June 26, 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 Bowman; Present
Marv Malone; Present
Martin Welch; Present

Shannon Holsey and Terrie Bowman concurs. Motion carried.

The President Bowman wanted to note that the motion has been amended.

ADJOURNMENT-
Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 3:36 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-
Motion by Martin Welch to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening, Jr. Motion carried at 2:57 PM.
Motion by Martin Welch to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 3:14 PM.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA-
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Agenda. Be it further resolved, that the President declared a COVID-19 Sick Leave Policy Reporting Change for North Star IT Department.
Motion carried.

Health Plan Amendment Temporary Telework policy, Remote Access and VPN policies Alternative Work Schedule Policy Fireworks

Remove: RFP Award
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda for June 26, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

Motion maker amends motion to remove the RFP Award. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

AMENDED EMERGENCY COVID-19 SICK LEAVE POLICY-Todd VanDen Heuel, HR Executive Director and Rene Montez, Benefits Coordinator
Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the modified Emergency COVID-19 Sick Leave policy as presented. Seconded by Martin Welch. Motion carried.

DIRECTIVES cont from pg Twelve: approve the agenda for Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Seconded by Marv Malone. Motion carried.

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SUMMER YOUTH- Motion by Terrie K Terrio to allocate what has been identified in the proposal, an additional amount needed to take care of the remaining applicants for the Summer Youth Program. Seconded by Marv Malone.

Call: Marv yes, Jolene yes, Terrie yes, Martin Martin and Craig yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Jolene Bowman to adjourn. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 2:57 PM.

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Plan cont from page Eleven: SELF-ISOLATION REQUIRED PENDING FURTHER DIRECTION

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who may have been exposed. Contact tracers will not confirm, deny, or disclose the identity of someone who tested positive to those they are contacting. The individual who tested positive may self-disclose their status.

Contact tracers may through the interview process, identify someone as having contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracers will identify the person as being a household contact or having close contact or indirect contact. If a person (both employee or non-employee) is identified as having a contact with person who tested positive for COVID-19, they must follow the guidance in this Plan that matches their level of contact. If the contact level is not clear to the contact tracers, but contact exists, the person will be considered as having close contact.

The Tribe, as part of its workplace-related medical surveillance plan for COVID-19, refers all employees for testing if they are identified as a household or close contact through contact tracing. Based on this referral, Community Health will inform the Tribe’s HR and/or Occupational Health Departments of test and quarantine/isolation status of employees. The following are the normal types of questions that contact tracers ask people as part of the contact tracing process. Both the Primary person (person who tested positive for COVID-19) and other people identified as potential contacts area contacted.

1) Name
2) Date of birth
3) Sex
4) What is your occupation and name of workplace?
5) Are you in close contact with other people while you are at work?
6) Do you work in a health-care, long-term care facility, or a setting that serves elderly?
7) Where do you live?
8) Who else lives with you?
9) Where do the others in your household work?
10) What date did symptoms first occur?
11) What symptoms have you experienced?
12) Did you have a COVID-19 test? If so, when? Where were you tested, what were the results?
13) Have you had close contact with other community members who are not in your household over the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms? If so, who?
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