

**COVID UPDATE**

**Positive Counts**

COVID-19 testing statistics completed at the SMHWC through 2/18/2022.

Total tested = 9,037 (+52 since last reporting period)

Total Negative Counts = 8,343

Total pending = 1

Total Positive Cases = 693 (+3 since last reporting period)

Total ever hospitalized = 24

Active cases = 6

Recovered Cases = 670

Deaths (tested at clinic) = 3

Total deaths = 4

**Vaccination Data**

6,907 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered by the Tribe as of 2/18/2022.

Count of fully vaccinated people: 2,861

Count of people who received both doses of vaccination (Pfizer or Moderna): 2,706

Count of people who received first dose of vaccination and are awaiting 2nd dose (Pfizer or Moderna): 209

Count of people who received a booster dose: 1,131

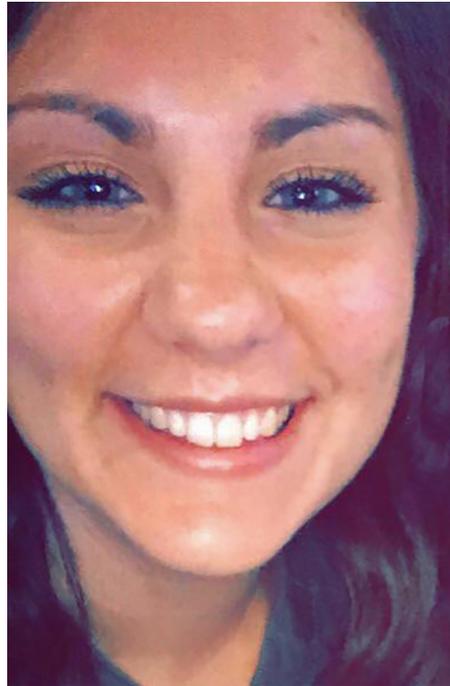
Count of people who received single dose (Johnson & Johnson): 155

**State and County Counts**

The number of new covid cases in Wisconsin is quickly declining as we beginning to recover from the Omicron variant. Wisconsin's 7 day average is 7.8% of all test coming back positive. The State's 7 day average is 1,371 new cases each day <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases.htm> The Clinic's 7 day positive rate is 6.6%. Shawano County had 62 new cases in the last 7 days (down from 113 new cases the week before) <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

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**Bree's Closet**



BriAnne Mae Ahwaapeesiit Goss, age 23, of Bowler, passed away unexpectedly on January 13, 2018.

In 2016 BriAnne Graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, with a Bachelor's in Social Work and Sociology. She worked for the Menominee Tribe as an Indian Child Welfare Social Worker. An Honorarium was received by the Tribe and it was used for Bree's Closet.

The following information comes from BriAnne's mother Janet.

When Bree worked at Menominee Family Services as Social Worker, she had taken some gently used clothing from her cousins as she had some clients that could use them.

She slowly started bringing more and more items including shoes from her Aunties (probably because it saved them a trip to Goodwill). Her coworkers started teasing her about the pile she was accumulating in the corner of her office and one of the housekeepers

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**Chief Pophnehonnuhwoh's wampum pouch and moccasins, Mohican cultural items to come home**



Photo's courtesy STEPHANIE ZOLLSHAN — THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE  
 By Isaac Rivera  
 Repatriation Intern

Especially significant in honor of Sachem's Day, the Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in Williamstown, Mass. would like to provide a community update on the condition of these sacred cultural items attributed to Sachem Konkapot. I am a student at Williams College, indigenous to the Chinantec people of Mexico,

conducting an internship with the Tribe's THPO office.

Our records indicate that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community had first inquired about these items as far back as spring of 2004. There was a renewed focus on them due to the Tribe's Muhheaconneok: People of the Waters that are Never Still exhibit at the Berkshire Museum in 2021.

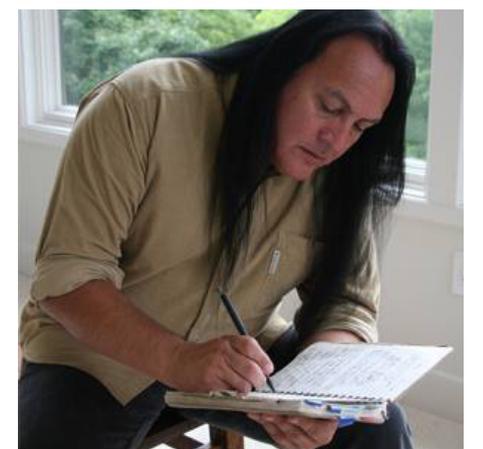
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**Still Bill**

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

Bill Miller is an award-winning Native American recording artist, performer, songwriter, activist, painter, and world-class native flute player. Over the entirety, Miller has produced over a dozen albums, received three GRAMMY® Awards, numerous Native American Music Awards & Association (NAMA) awards (including a "Lifetime Achievement" Award) and led Wisconsin's La Crosse Symphony Orchestra.

A Mohican Indian from northern Wisconsin, Bill Miller has long been one of the most admired figures in the Native American music arena and beyond. As an award-winning recording artist,



<https://www.facebook.com/BillMillerArts/photos>  
 performer, songwriter, activist, and painter, he's been a voice for the voiceless, a link between two great and clashing civilizations (The two above paragraphs and photograph came from Bill Miller's  
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Dear Tribal Member:

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council has appointed a committee to work on constitutional revision. The Constitution Committee began meeting in September of 2021 and has met several times over the following month. Meeting have taken place on October 6, 2021, October 12, 2021, October 20, 2021, January 11, 2022, and February 8, 2022. The Constitution Committee is made up of Leah Miller, JoAnn Schedler, Alpha Creapeau, Larry Schultz, Linda Mohawk-Katchenago, Jill Gonzalez, Geraldine Sanapaw and Patrick Jacobs.

One of the initial goals identified by the Constitution Committee is to develop a method that will allow for all Tribal Members ages 17 and older to provide input, opinions, and guidance on what type of revisions they would like to see in the Tribal Constitution. The Constitution Committee agreed that providing a survey method for members to provide their input anonymously would be the best process. The survey will be collected by a third-party to ensure privacy of the tribal member and provide an unbiased collection of data and reporting. The date and findings will be reported back to the Constitution Committee, Tribal Council, and Tribal Membership.

received approval from the Tribal Council to post for professional surveying services that would develop survey questions, with input for the Constitution Committee, mail and receive the surveys and develop a final report to the Committee to use for constitution revision recommendations. A total of two surveys will be developed and processed by the UW Madison Survey Center.

After completing the posting and review process the Constitution Committee recommended awarding the contract to the UW Madison Survey Center. The Tribal Council supported the recommendation. The Constitution Committee met with the UW Madison on February 8, 2022, for the first time. Additionally, the Constitution Committee agreed that it is imperative to provide a historical account of how the current Tribal Constitution came into being. Beginning in March of 2022 the Constitution Committee will begin developing public messaging that will be posted on the Tribal website and in the Mohican News.

If you are interested in serving on the Constitution Committee, please contact the Tribal Secretary Jody Hartwig, at 715-793-4387 to get information on how you can join the Constitution Committee.

**Bree cont from page One:**

found a bookshelf in the Tribes garage, he cleaned it up and put it in her office for her items and the name Bree's closet started.

After she passed our families started provided donated items (clothing, hygiene products, and new/gently used dolls) to the department that Bree worked in, in her memory. We made small blankets to go with the dolls and sewed labels on them the said "In Memory of Bree", along with bags that were handmade also with the label for their belongings to into. It always bothered her that when "her kiddos" needed to be placed somewhere that they would have whatever belongings they took with them in a garbage bag.

Over the last 4 years, we have provided gently used clothing, new socks, new underwear, hygiene products for all ages, dolls, bags, baby layette sets, and new car seats to the Menominee Family Services, Menominee Tribal School, Bowler School and Stockbridge-Munsee Family Services. We also provided small stuffed animals with a blanket individually packaged to our Public Safety department for the Police department and Fire Department to use for children to comfort them in an emergency.

We have had family members and community members donate the items, we have had a few of our annual family rummage sales that all the proceeds went to purchasing the new items and have also applied for financial grants through Thrivent to purchase the car seats.

If someone is inquiring to make a monetary donation, they can just contact me (Janet), if they have a desire for it to go for a specific purpose or a specific place, I make sure to abide by their wishes.

I usually just get a call from someone that may have some items they would like to donate or ask what may be needed. I try to stay in contact with Menominee to see what their needs are, as we all have the problem of storage, and I don't want our donations to become a burden to them to have to manage. I typically graciously accept the donations and store them until we are able to sort and coordinate with the different areas for delivery.

I know how much this would mean to BriAnne and keeping what she started going is very important to our families. It helps us all keep her memory alive and honor her and the work that she loved to do.

The Constitution Committee

Express your thoughts and opinions. Let your voice be heard. We welcome your letters to the Editor and the Community.

**Community Voices**

Letters of opinion can be dropped of at Mohican News in the Tribal Offices or can be mailed to:

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### \*\*\*Senior Graduation Banquet\*\*\*

This year the banquet will be held in the Event Center at North Star Casino on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The deadline to submit the Participation Application is **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please submit the application along with a 5X7 picture to the SM Education office (Attention: Kim Taylor). Kim can be reached by phone at 715-793-4100 or by email at [kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov](mailto:kim.taylor@mohican-nsn.gov).

The annual Senior Banquet is a community celebration of the accomplishments of our high school graduates. The following must apply to be an eligible participant:

1. Student must be an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; or
2. Student must be a member of the community who has a parent or grandparent on the rolls of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and who is attending Bowler, Gresham, or

Shawano Schools or attended one or more of these schools for a total of at least three of the four years of High School.

Eligible Participants whom anticipate graduation must submit a Senior Graduation Banquet Participation Application to the S/M Education Department prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the Senior Banquet. (Participant applications are available online at; <https://mohican.com/services/education-and-career-services/ecs-applications-forms-policies/> under Senior Banquet, at Bowler and Gresham Schools or at the S/M Education Dept Office.)

If the student is in an alternative learning program that student must receive a diploma on/or before their classes scheduled graduation date. The Education Department will NOT be responsible for any travel expenses accrued by the student and/or their families to attend the banquet. Remember to submit a 5X7 picture with your application.

### Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Protect Your Community. Get Your COVID-19 Vaccination.

While COVID-19 vaccines are widely available in tribal communities, some members remain hesitant to get vaccinated. It's important to know that vaccines are safe and effective. They're free. They are also the best way to keep tribal members safe from the COVID-19 virus. "In our community, we look out for and protect one another. Getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 adds one more layer of protection for tribal members," says Mary Wolf, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Elder and Aging & Disability Services Director at the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. "Everyone who is eligible to get the vaccine should get fully vaccinated." This is especially important for Tribal Elders, who are at the greatest risk of complications from the virus due to higher rates

of chronic health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. Ultimately, it's important that everyone be fully vaccinated – young and old alike – to keep the virus from harming our community. Are COVID-19 Vaccinations Safe? Yes. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. You cannot get the virus from getting the vaccine. You may have mild side effects after vaccination, but that is normal and is a sign that your body is building protection against the virus.

#### How Do I Get a Vaccine?

You can get your COVID-19 vaccination including pharmacies, Tribal Health Centers and even pop-up vaccination events. If you are unsure about where to get vaccinated, contact your Tribal Health Center or visit [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov).

### What can the ELDER/DISABLED Social Worker assist with?

**Lory Stevens MSW, Elder Social Worker (715) 793-5619**

- Assist the population of Elders/ Disabled in our service area and surrounding (Shawano Co.).
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- Receives and Investigates Elder abuse or neglect allegations. Direct Line to report: (715) 793-5619. This line is private and all reports are confidential. If unable to reach please call: Stacey Schinko; Elderly and Disabled Services Area Manager @ (715) 793-3044 Office and (715) 881-2258 Cell.
- Involved with Community Out-

- reach.
  - Provides direct services. (Social worker will come to your location.)
  - Home visits (wellness checks).
  - Provide transportation for your personal needs (medical, to obtain personal care items and needs, etc.)
  - Overall "Support System".
  - Coordinates and implements the "Memory Cafe" Second Thursday of each Month. Time is 2-4 pm. This activity is for those with dementia (neurological disorders) and their caregivers, family and friends.
- Call (715) 793-5619 if you would like more information on the Memory Cafe.**



### Veterans Corner

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### Purchased/ Referred Care (PRC)

If you receive a referral from your primary care provider at Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center (SMHWC) to an outside provider, the referral staff will contact you with the details of your appointment. If you have a follow up appointment, please contact the referral staff with appointment information to have a referral made up. Failure to get a referral for all visits outside of the SMHWC may result in denials from the PRC department.

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**Robert Wayne Little**

Robert Wayne Little, age 51, of Green Bay, passed away on Monday, February 14, 2022. He was born on December 12, 1970, to Robert D. Little and the late Lorraine (Waubano) Little in Shawano. Robert graduated from Bay Port High School and attended college in Milwaukee. He worked in construction in the Green Bay area. Robert was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed football, especially the Packers and Nascar. He was

always willing to help others and give them a smile. Robert loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by: his children, Macey Little, Devan Little, Darrio Little, and Dynah Little; 3 grandchildren, Devan, Duane and Della, with one on the way; father, Robert (Barb) Little; brother and sister, Sharon Waubano and "Mike" (Cassy) Little; and special friend, Becky. Robert is further survived by several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother, Lorraine.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Pastor Scott Ludford officiating. Burial will be in Red Springs Cemetery in the spring. Visitation was held on Saturday until the time of service at the funeral home.

*The family would like to say a special thank you to the staff at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay for their wonderful care of Robert.* [www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

**Konkapot cont from page One:** The exhibit initiated our office to submit a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) claim for Konkapot's Wampum Pouch & Moccasins.

It was researched and drafted by Jayden Jogwe, a Tribal Cultural Resources Intern, last summer. Ultimately, we were able to successfully retrieve these items back into the possession of the tribe.

The NAGPRA claim was submitted to the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, asserting that the wampum pouch met NAGPRA's criteria for cultural patrimony since the pouch has significant cultural and traditional significance.

They are believed to have belonged to Sachem Pophnehonnuhwoh, later known as Chief John Konkapot. And our written histories establish the wampum pouch as a significant enduring artifact since at least the eighteenth century, so its return was crucial to the ongoing history and culture of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

After retrieving these items from the Berkshire Museum's collection

on February 10, 2022, Bonney Hartley, historic preservation manager, encountered an eagle flying low to the ground alongside her in a form that could only echo the way ancestors would shine blessings of peace in the wake of their homecoming.

The wampum pouch itself carried a presence. I delicately examined it; doing so allowed me to feel its history unfold in my hands. It was as if my heart sunk and grew roots deep into the soil, tying me to this sacred land and allowing me to feel its history flow through me.

Each bead, with its own story, its own life, its grooves, patterns, and colors as vibrant as the history of lands encoded within them. I was fortunate enough to have it speak to me, and I was honored I could feel its power as a literal container of history. To have felt the essence it possessed and to have shared in the history of other Natives and Nations was surreal.

I was not the first Native to hold this in my hands nor will I be the last, as it has finally been returned to its people.

And I hope everyone can share this profound connection, as it will

# On the Trail Home



**Susan JoAnne (Vele) Williams**

Susan JoAnne (Vele) Williams, 78, of Zena Oklahoma passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Sunday, February 13, 2022.

She was born on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1943, to the late Steve and Irene (Gardner) Vele in Sturgeon Bay, WI. She was united in marriage to Lee Roy Williams in November 1961. They raised four children and were blessed with two generations of grandchildren.

Sue was the youngest of ten children. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Virginia, Valetta, Vera, Adrian Sr, Merton, Vaughn, Bette Rae, Tena Mae, and Allen.

Sue was a proud member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians near Bowler, WI and spent much of her early life there.

make its way back soon to the Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum.

Meanwhile, as it temporarily resides in the Tribal Historic Preservation Office in Williamstown, where the office will work with experts at Williams College Museum of Art to conduct photogrammetry.

Photogrammetry is a process documenting the items by taking overlapping images of an object that result in high-quality 3D digital models, which will be made publicly available online. These can then be useful to bead workers or others in our community who wish to examine them in intricate detail.

Tribal Historic Preservation Manager, Bonney Hartley, was able to follow the items throughout the historic claim

She met and married Lee while living and working in Chicago IL. They started their married life in Germany where Lee was deployed with the U.S Military.

They later settled in Bolingbrook, Illinois where they raised their four children and opened their home to many family members. Later they retired to Zena, Oklahoma.

She loved holiday gatherings with her family, card games, board games, cooking, traveling and will always be remembered for her infectious laugh, warm hugs, and loving spirit.

Sue is survived by her husband of 60 years Lee and her children: Nadine (Tim) Parmenter of Otisco, IN, Steve (Michelle) Williams of Joliet IL, Sherry Brown of Zena, OK, and Sandy (Sid) Johnson of Waterman, IL. Special Niece, Denise Pommer.

She is further survived by grandchildren: Wade (Myra) Pommer, Trenton Pommer, Courtney (Josh) Lillich, Kelsey (Dayton) Ledgerwood, Alyssa Arrington, Kylee Brown, Rebecca Parmenter, Quentin Parmenter, Cade Johnson, Elizabeth Parmenter, Olivia Parmenter, Drew Johnson, and Makenzie Johnson. Great Grandchildren: Kaycen Lillich, Teagyn Lillich, Laycee Ledgerwood, Gracie Ledgerwood, Kyser Lillich, and Stevie Lee Ostrom.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grove, Oklahoma. Arrangements are under the direction of Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home, Grove, OK. A Memorial Service in Bowler, WI will be announced at a later date.



Photo's courtesy STEPHANIE ZOLLSHAN — THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

# National Wear Red Day PRIZE WINNERS!



Thank you for all of those who participated in the National Wear Red Virtual Event! Prizes **must** be picked up at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center. Prizes not picked up by February 16, 2022 will be given to another participant.

**TINA WEITERMAN  
KEMAWIN SHAWANO DESS  
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GWEN MILLER  
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March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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- Interview sheet
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- Letter 6419 Child Tax Credit

To make an appointment call (715) 793-4111



## Thyroid Awareness Month: 5 common myths about hypothyroidism

**WAUSAU, Wis.** – Nearly 5 out of 100 Americans 12+ years of age have hypothyroidism, though the disease is most common in women over the age of 60, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Hypothyroidism is an underactive thyroid gland, which means that the gland doesn't make enough thyroid hormones to keep the body running normally. In most patients, it is a permanent condition that requires lifelong treatment in the form of daily thyroid hormone replacement medication.

"People feel that because they've been diagnosed with hypothyroidism, they should always experience symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain, but that is not the case," says Nicole Stodola, Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Endocrinology Clinic. "Many of the symptoms people feel on a daily basis can be attributed to other unrelated issues. When hypothyroidism is treated properly, people can live well and feel well."

To mark Thyroid Awareness Month, here are 5 common myths about hypothyroidism, debunked with help from the American Thyroid Association:

**Myth #1: Everyone with hypothyroidism has fatigue** – Although fatigue is one of the early signs of hypothyroidism, once thyroid hormone is properly replaced and levels return to normal, the fatigue should resolve.

If fatigue is ongoing, you may want to investigate other possible causes such as stress, poor sleep, nutrition, exercise, and other chronic medical conditions.

**Myth #2: It's impossible to lose weight with hypothyroidism** – The truth is, weight loss is difficult for many patients with and without thyroid disease. Metabolism starts to slow in your late 30s and early 40s, and can make it harder to lose weight.

It's easy to point to one particular problem and blame weight gain on that one diagnosis. In reality, weight gain is a sensitive topic and is typically caused by several factors. If thyroid hormone is adequately replaced, the hypothyroidism is most likely not a contributing factor.

**Myth #3: More thyroid hormone is better** – A lot of patients believe that more thyroid hormone means more energy and weight loss. In

reality, taking too much thyroid hormone can be harmful and lead to symptoms such as increased appetite, insomnia, shakiness, and heart palpitations. If patients take too much thyroid hormone for an extended period of time, it can also lead to osteoporosis and heart disease. It's important to find the right dose for what your body needs.

**Myth #4: You can manage hypothyroidism with diet** – Healthy diet and exercise are important for all patients and can alleviate some medical conditions but, that is simply not the case with hypothyroidism. There is no evidence to support diets such as gluten free diets, anti-inflammatory diets, and iodine-rich diets to treat hypothyroidism.

The most common form of hypothyroidism in the United States is Hashimotos, which is an autoimmune disease that causes chronic inflammation of the thyroid gland which unfortunately is not reversible with dietary changes. Although diet alone cannot improve thyroid function, eating a well-balanced, nutrient-rich diet and exercising regularly can help improve your overall health which can lead to improvements in symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain.

**Myth #5: Natural thyroid hormone is better** – There are several thyroid hormone medications that are advertised as being "natural" and are available by prescription, such as desiccated, or dried, thyroid extract from pigs or cows.

These medications are not completely purified and can contain other hormones and proteins that do not typically exist in the body outside of thyroid tissue. They also contain chemical stabilizers and binders to hold the pills together, so they are not completely natural as they are often advertised. In fact, they can result in too much of the thyroid hormone T3, which can cause symptoms such as heart palpitations, anxiety, tremors, and insomnia.

Over an extended period of time, it can also lead to chronic health conditions such as osteoporosis and heart failure. This is why most endocrinologists suggest a T4 therapy with daily levothyroxine/Synthroid as first line treatment for hypothyroidism.

If you are experiencing any of the symptoms typically associated with hypothyroidism, talk to your provider. Find a provider at <https://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider>.



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SCAN ME

[Wisconsin Biographies](#) is a 3rd-6th grade educational media collection from PBS Wisconsin Education that shares stories of people who have shaped Wisconsin's history. We are starting work on a new story that will feature Stockbridge-Munsee member Electa Quinney! The resource will include a short animation, short written biography, image gallery, and an educator guide. We are planning to include Mohican and Munsee in the resources, with translation provided by the Stockbridge-Munsee Language and Culture group.

We will be collaborating with advisors and educators, and **invite members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Nation to contribute to the production.** See below for the roles we are seeking to fill and **apply by April 1st, 2022.** Applicants must be approved by the Tribal Cultural Affairs Department before final selection.

ROLES WE ARE SEEKING:

ROLE	SHORT DESCRIPTION	WHEN WORK WILL TAKE PLACE	APPLICATION FORM
Story Consultant	Seeking a writer/editor to: → Provide feedback, edits, and may draft copy for the resource → Make recommendations to ensure cultural accuracy and suggest desired messaging points → Serve as a liaison to the Stockbridge Munsee Historical Committee by collecting and synthesizing their feedback.	Approximately 30-40 hours of work in June-August 2022	<a href="#">Apply for the Story Consultant role here!</a>  SCAN ME
Digital Illustrator	Seeking a digital illustrator to: → Create complete character and background illustrations and their component parts in digital file format to be used by the animation team	Approximately 400-500 hours of work from September 2022 through February 2023	<a href="#">Apply for the Digital Illustrator position here!</a>

	→ Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator is required		 SCAN ME
Traditional Native Artist	Seeking a traditional native artist to: → Contribute an understanding of historically and culturally accurate motifs, color selection, background imagery, and style → Provide inspiration and guidance for the digital illustrator and art director	Up to 100 hours of work from September 2022 through February 2023 (most of it August-October 2022)	<a href="#">Apply for the Traditional Native Artist role here!</a>  SCAN ME
Voice Over Talent	Seeking voice over talent to: → Record an engaging and accessible audio track for both the animation and the biography book. → Record in English, Mohican, and Munsee (individual words or a full translation).	Up to 20 hours of work in September or October 2022	<a href="#">Apply for the Voice Over Talent position here!</a>  SCAN ME



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Questions about this project? Email:

- PBS Wisconsin Education Executive Producer, Megan Monday  
[megan.monday@pbswisconsin.org](mailto:megan.monday@pbswisconsin.org)

Applications will be collected until April 1, 2022. Applicant lists will be reviewed in partnership with the Cultural Affairs Department by April 13, 2022. Offers (or requests for official bids) will begin to be released by April 14, 2022.

Disclaimer: Electa Quinney Project Production Roles will be working for PBS Wisconsin, not the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

Test Your Home for Radon

Testing is easy and low-cost — and it could save your life.

You can't see radon gas. You can't smell it. But it's dangerous. Breathing in high levels of radon can raise your risk of lung cancer.

Testing your home is the only way to find out if you have a radon problem. If you do, then you can fix it.

Why is radon dangerous?

Radon comes naturally from rocks and dirt in the ground. There's always some radon in the air around us. The problem is when radon gas from underneath a home leaks in through cracks or gaps. Too much of it can build up inside.

When you breathe in radon gas, the radioactive particles can get trapped in your lungs. Over time, they can cause lung cancer. The risk from radon depends on two things:

- **How much:** The higher the radon level the more dangerous it is.
- **How long:** The more contact you have with radon gas, the greater your risk.

In the United States, radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer for nonsmokers and it is estimated to cause over 20,000 deaths each year.

Smoking makes radon even more dangerous.

Radon and tobacco smoke from cigarettes (and cigars and pipes) can damage your lungs. When they're combined, smoking and radon are more dangerous than either one on its own.

Smokers who live in homes with high radon levels have a risk of lung cancer that's 10 times higher than nonsmokers who live in homes with high radon levels.

Any home can have a radon problem.

High radon levels can be a risk anywhere in Wisconsin. Both old homes and new homes can have radon problems. So can homes with basements and homes without them. And 2 houses right next-door to each other could have very different radon levels.

That's why it's so important for every home to get tested.

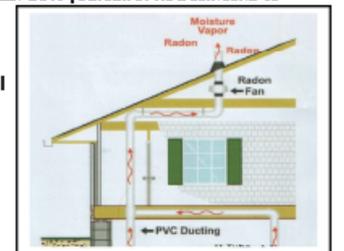
\*Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Test Your Home

The good news is that testing your home for radon is easy. You can do it yourself or hire someone to do it for you.

- Get a radon test kit. A test kit can be requested directly from Stockbridge Munsee Environmental Department. Please contact us at (715) 793-4363 for more information.
- Set up the testing device to check the air for radon. Depending on the type of test, it takes just 2-4 days.
- Send the device to a lab and wait for the results.



If your test results show a radon level of 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher, additional testing should be done. If the second test is also high, you need to fix the problem.

If You Have High Radon Levels, Take Action

Finding out that your home has high radon levels can be scary. But you can take steps to make your home safer. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact the Stockbridge Munsee Environmental Department to speak with an environmentalist who can give advice. You can fix some radon problems with simple solutions. For other radon problems, you need a specialist — called a mitigation contractor — to fix your home.
- If needed, repair your home. Mitigation contractors can help by sealing cracks where radon gets in. They also put in special pipes that help suck radon from under your home, so it goes outside instead of inside.

Radon in your home can be a serious health risk — but it's a problem you can fix. If you haven't tested your home for radon, get a test kit now.



Learn More About Radon

Visit [www.lowradon.org](http://www.lowradon.org)

**COVID cont from page One: N-95s**

The Clinic is offering free N-95s at our front desk.

**At home Covid Tests**

The Clinic is offering free at home covid-19 test kits at our front desk. If you test positive on an at home test, please notify contact tracing at 715-881-0872. If you are an employee, please also inform your supervisor.

**Booster Shots**

The SMHWC is still offering booster doses to anyone who

**Bill cont from page One: Facebook Biography).**

In a recent Interview with Mohican News Editor Jeff Vele Bill spoke of what is happening in his career and life right now.

Bill Miller started out the interview by saying, "Mainly I came back, I'm rerecording the album The Red Road right now, which I did in the 90's. Warner brothers wouldn't let me have it back to re-release because I'm getting a lot of attention from southeast Asia and Europe about that album. And so, we're going to do like Taylor Swift, when she got flak from her company, and she just redid the albums and owns them now. We can legally do that, so I'm re-recording the album I started in Lacrosse and started on the first song, Dreams of Wounded Knee. It's going to take a bit to finish the record to do the record good, do it right, and do it in an excellent way. So {I} probably won't be done with it until the summer. I've been doing a few shows now that covid is finally letting up, but boy I didn't have any way to work. All colleges and festivals were shutting down and now they are opening up".

Bill said, "I'm starting to work again; starting to have a chance to be creative and try to get the emotional trauma of losing my daughter, not out of the way, but you know it helps me to come home, I have to admit it really does just to come back to the reservation and to Wisconsin". "This is the second child I've lost and the last couple of years have really pretty difficult. So, when you lose a child, it just changes your attitude about life and about writing. But writing goes on by any means, just been creating a lot of stuff. It's really pushed me to another level. I have been in the studio here in Nashville a couple times.

He went on to say, "I don't know what it is, but I've lived in Tennessee now since 1986, every time I come back home (to Wisconsin) it's like a root of a tree coming back to its roots, it really heals me".

meets eligibility requirements as stated by FDA. Please consult the below chart to see if you are eligible for a booster, if so you can schedule a booster at the SMHWC by calling 715-793-5000.

Other options for finding a booster shot: search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

Andrew Miller  
Director  
Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center

He added that he tries to get up to the reservation as much as he can. On getting back to Wisconsin, Bill said some of the people in Tennessee are like "what are you doing up in Wisconsin" and they don't understand it. Mr. Miller said, "It's a big healing thing for me, and I've never separated myself from my people and I know what I do and what I've done over the years. I'm a rep, not just native people, but specifically for the Mohican Tribe and other Wisconsin tribes". He chuckled and said, "Every time I go out there, I meet someone who's Lakota, or claims to be, or Cherokee, and throughout the country, people only know like three or four tribes. According to them its Cherokee first, they all think we're part Cherokee or only know about the Cherokee, then its Lakota and third is the Navajo and then there's other tribes. But when I tell them I'm Mohican. It's like "well weren't they killed off, like Last of the Mohicans". Its and interesting thing to speak on that and I always have to give a history lesson at every gas station I go to. That's my life."

Bill was then asked what his greatest accomplishment was in life. He answered, "Well two things; I think the greatest accomplishment I've ever had has nothing to do with Music. It has everything to do with sobriety. I'll have a beer occasionally, but I'm not an alcoholic. And I've found who I am through my Creator, I've found my identity and remain true to myself. Keep faith in my heritage and that is one of the greatest things I can say I've done at 66 years old. I've won enough Grammys to stop chasing fame. I used to think winning three Grammys was the greatest thing I ever did but the fact is life doesn't end after that. It's like I'm not pursuing fame. In my 20's I was because it's a hard road and even if you get it, it changes your life to the negative. Fame and fortune are not it. I think I've never burned bridges so my connection with my tribe and people in general. And being who I am in an honest artistic and spiritual way is the best accomplishment I could have".

**Who Can Get a Booster Shot**

IF YOU RECEIVED	Who should get a booster:	When to get a booster:	Which booster can you get:
Pfizer-BioNTech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone 12 years and older</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</li> <li>Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster</li> </ul>
Moderna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults 18 years and older</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</li> </ul>
Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults 18 years and older</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 2 months after receiving your J&amp;J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</li> </ul>

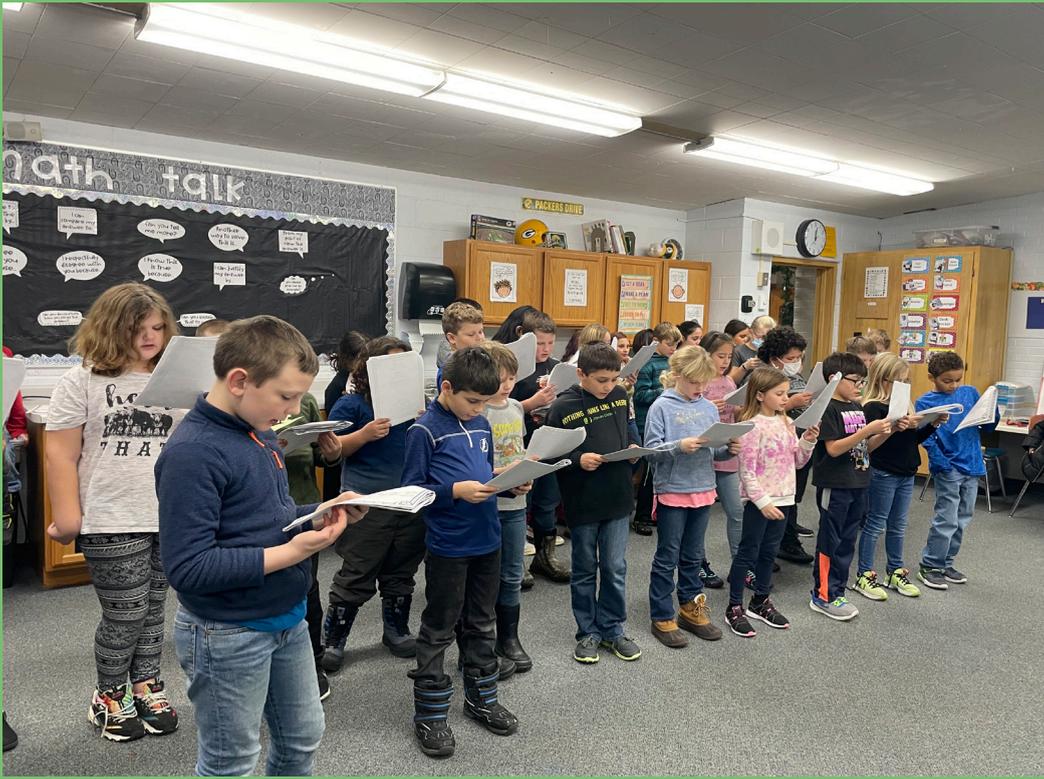
\*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine [may be considered in some situations](#).

Family Services Department 2021-2022	
Youth Education Program Registration	
I give my child: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Permission to participate in the Family Services Youth Education Program. I understand that my child will be required to participate in daily exercise and prevention lessons on Alcohol, Tobacco, other drug abuse. And HIV, AIDS and or STD's if child is in grades 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> . I understand that my child will not be allowed to use cellphones or other electronic devices during lesson time. No transportation will be available at this time	
Daily Schedule:	
Wash and sanitize hands Daily Exercise Snack ATODA Lesson	Craft Gym or outside time light Snack Fun Activities
Clean Up Time Parent Pick Up	
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:</b>	
Parent/Guardian Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone Number: _____	Emergency Contact Phone #: _____
Please provide the information requested below, as it may be needed in case of an emergency	
Allergies: _____	
Conditions requiring special consideration (medical/physical): _____	
Does your student require: (A) <b>Epipen</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (B) <b>Inhaler</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (C) <b>ANY MEDICATION CURRENTLY TAKEN:</b> (Type of medication and time of administration): _____	
I understand that if my child is sick or suggests to program staff that they are sick, they will be required to be picked up immediately: _____ <b>Initials</b>	
<b>Alternate Pick-Up Contacts:</b>	
Name: _____	
Relationship to youth: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Name: _____	
Relationship to youth: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
I understand that if my child leaves the building without permission the S-M Youth Education Program is not responsible and will call you immediately: _____ <b>initials</b>	MY CHILD HAS PERMISSION TO WALK HOME <b>Yes No _____ initials</b>

# Coming Around the Corner



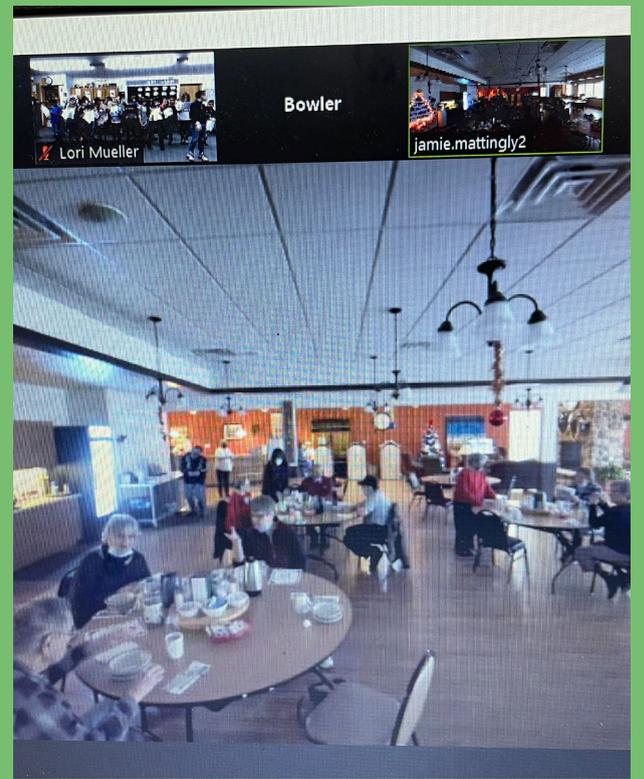
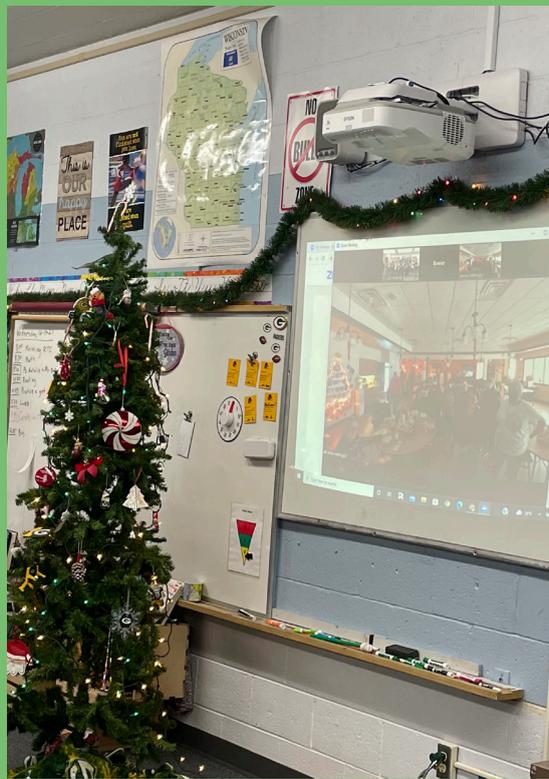
# Virtual Christmas Carolling for Elders



Third and Fourth Grade students from Bowler Elementary sang carols for Elders of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community at the Eunice Stick Gathering Place on Wednesday, December 15th. Virtual technology was used, so students and Elders could communicate with each other, while keeping the safety and well-being a top priority for everyone. Elders were provided with songbooks so that they could sing along with the students. Students also created Christmas cards for the Elders to celebrate the season, and celebrate the gifts the Elders have shared throughout their lives. The gifts and traditions shared by the Elders contribute to the education of the students and their community, while also keeping their culture and history alive. Anushiik to all.

Sincerely,

Lori Mueller  
4th Grade Teacher



# FREE VIRTUAL NALOXONE PRESENTATION AND TRAINING

BE PREPARED. SAVE A LIFE. CARRY NALOXONE.



[https://www.canva.com/design/DAEo9\\_0PyYU/Ad2o\\_dLE2CDOPRAP6lqL4qA/view?utm\\_content=DAEo9\\_0PyYU&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=publishsharelink](https://www.canva.com/design/DAEo9_0PyYU/Ad2o_dLE2CDOPRAP6lqL4qA/view?utm_content=DAEo9_0PyYU&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink)

Naloxone, given as a nasal spray can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and save a life.

Please take time and complete the free virtual Naloxone Administration Training along with the questionnaire to receive Narcan at NO COST.

- \*\* Must be 16 years or older to receive Narcan
- \*\* Must be able to pick up at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center

*This presentation and training is brought to you by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Health Department*

# FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home COVID-19 tests (4 per household). The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

ORDERS YOURS GO TO: [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov) - Free at-home COVID-19 tests

Track your delivery to know when it will arrive so you can get the kits out of extreme weather.

STORE COVID TESTS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE – IN GENERAL TRY TO KEEP TESTS BETWEEN 35-AND 86 DEGRES.

Make arrangements to have someone pick up your delivery for you.

Track your delivery to know when it will arrive so you can get the kits out of extreme weather.

## WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU HAVE A POSTIVE TEST RESULT?

- 1) Immediately isolate yourself from others. As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home. Stay home.
- 2) Call the Contact Tracers immediately – 715-881-2207. They will contact you with futher instruction and will notify Occupational Health. If no answer leave a message.
- 3) Call your immediate supervisor and inform them of your at-home-test result.
4. Take a picture of your at home test result. You may be asked to verify the reported result.

# TC Energy Scholarship Program:

TC Energy  
**BUILD STRONG**  
Protect Educate Support Sustain

Receiving this scholarship enables me to focus on school and have time for my family.

MARCEL B. Winnebago, Neb.  
TC Energy Indigenous Legacy Scholarship Recipient

The Program opens on January 17th and accepts applications until May 6th, 2022 at 11:59 PST. We offer three different types of scholarships:

- **INDIGENOUS LEGACY Scholarships** (\$5,000) o awarded to Indigenous students annually who are pursuing any full-time, post-secondary program at a registered education institute.
- **TRADES scholarship** (\$2,500) o awarded to students annually who are studying trades relevant to the energy industry.
- **STEM scholarship** (\$5,000) o awarded to students annually who are studying science, engineering, technology or math academic disciplines related to our industry, and can demonstrate a strong commitment to their communities through volunteerism, leadership or other community involvement.

they can remove whatever barriers to education they may have, such as transportation, tuition, housing, books or meals, etc.

- There is no third-party organization involved, so when students contact us at [TCScholarships@tcenergy.com](mailto:TCScholarships@tcenergy.com), they're contacting TC Energy employees who can answer any questions they might have.
- **COVID-19:** We understand that current global events have caused some uncertainty for students. Despite this, we remain committed to awarding more than \$2 million in scholarships this year across North America to help students prepare for the future.

If an individual or group of students would like to learn more about the program, please have them contact Britney Szakacs or Star Park. They are happy to share some tips and tricks on the application process.

Students can apply at [www.tcscholarships.com](http://www.tcscholarships.com).

- Answer five quick questions to see if you pre-qualify to receive a TC Energy Scholarship.
- Get to know some of our past scholarship recipients.

What makes our scholarships so unique?

- Our scholarship criteria focuses on leadership skills and community involvement, not solely academic performance.
- Students receive financial support directly, not through a post-secondary tuition account, so

Internship, Co-ops and Summer Student Roles:

Co-op & Internship Opportunities starting in May 2022. The application deadline for the opportunities below is January 28th, 2022. We would encourage students to apply as soon as possible as resumes are being shared with the hiring leaders as they come in.

- US Regulatory Compliance Internship Student – Houston, TX
- US Time Dependent Threats Intership Student – Houston, TX
- US Operations Plannign West Engineering Internship Student – Houston, TX

Are you an Indigenous student pursuing post-secondary education?

Apply for our Indigenous Legacy Scholarship.

Online application deadline:

**May 6, 2022**

► [TCScholarships.com](https://TCScholarships.com)



## Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard

Grace Meredith Yoccum (1891-1960) was an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Her Mohican name was Moween or "Black Bear," fitting for a woman about six feet tall.

The daughter of Adrian Yoccum and Lena May Antone, she had one sister, Erma. Among her ancestors were Moses and Abraham Yoccum, the signers of treaties for the tribe at New Stockbridge, NY, in the 1820s, and members of the Sprague, Antone, Chicks, Miller, Pye and Calvin families. In the Chicks line, she was a descendant of Jacob Cheeksaukun, cited in the book "The Mohicans of Stockbridge" by Patrick Frazier as an effective leader in the French & Indian War. In the Calvin line, her ancestors included Benjamin S. Calvin, who was educated at Princeton University and served under George Washington in the American Revolution.

In 1915, Grace Meredith married Harry David Shepard, and they had

four children: Phyllis (1917-1927); Ruth Meredith (Peters) (1919-2018); Gordon David Shepard (1921-2006); and Ira Matthew Shepard (1932-present). She lived most of her life in Red Springs.

Her grandson and granddaughter remember her as soft-spoken and gentle, with an inner strength. She loved the Friday Night Fights on television and would enthusiastically urge her favorites to score a knockout. When upset with her husband, she would walk the perimeter of their 40 acres, and by the time she returned, would be singing and carrying wildflowers she had picked. A special memory is the fragrance and flavor of her homemade bread, which she let her grandchildren, including enrolled members Terry Shepard and current chief judge of the tribal court Marianne Higgins, slather with butter straight from the oven.

She died April 9, 1960, and is buried in the Red Springs Cemetery.

## Julia Helena Boushka Sunderland

Julia Sunderland (1886-1984) began a connection to the Stockbridge-Munsee community when her only child, Mary Lois (1919-2019), met enrolled member Gordon David Shepard at a wartime USO event while he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. They married in 1943.

Julia married Clarence Sunderland in 1912 and they operated a general store and post office in the hamlet of Delhi, IL, and were prominent in the Delhi Baptist Church.

Her grandson remembers Julia as an energetic, dynamic and cheerful

woman, who showered him with love and approval. Children in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community experienced that when she came to live there to be near her daughter and son-in-law, who had returned in 1977 to found the Stockbridge Bible Church. At age 94, she was still assisting in the tribal Head Start program and her relationship with the children, who called her "Grandma," was featured in an article in the Mohican News.

She died at age 96 and was returned to her longtime home in Jersey County, IL, for burial.



## The Grace Meredith Yoccum Shepard and Julia Sunderland Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established by Terry L. Shepard and Marianne Higgins to honor their grandmother, Grace Yoccum Shepard, and his grandmother, Julia Sunderland. It is open to enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee members and to their children whose home address is in Red Springs and Bartelme townships, including Bowler and Gresham. A grant of \$1500 is available to full-time college students (12+ credits) and high school graduates who have been accepted by a four-year college when they attend full-time.

Preference will be given to students in good standing with financial need whom the scholarship will help complete a degree. Secondary preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in fields useful to the Stockbridge-Munsee community, such as education, the environment, health, law, journalism or social work.

To apply send:

1. This application or request form (715-793-4100) Kim Taylor
2. A copy of your latest official transcript (no grade reports).
3. Incoming college students, a copy of your college acceptance letter.
4. A short, typed personal essay focusing on how the scholarship will help you obtain a degree and how you will apply your education.
5. Must provide a copy of class schedule for the fall term of the current year.

Send to: Stockbridge-Munsee Education  
Yoccum-Sunderland Scholarship  
P.O. Box 70  
Bowler, WI 54416

**Deadline:**

**Complete applications must be received by July 29, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

No faxes, incomplete, or late applications will be accepted.

Complete applications will be scored as follows:

GPA: 4.0-3.75 equals 50 pts	3.24-3.0 equals 35 pts
3.74-3.5 equals 45 pts	2.99-2.75 equals 30 pts
3.49-3.25 equals 40 pts	Maximum essay score is 40 pts

First Name	MI	Last Name	Phone Number
Street Address		State	Zip Code
Declared Major/ Minor		College/ University Address	College/University Phone #
Expected Graduation Date	Please indicate what grade level you will be in for semester checked below: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> S/M Enrolled <input type="checkbox"/> S/M Direct Descendant			
Enrollment #: _____			
Parent's Name: _____			
Parent's Enrollment #: _____			

**FORMULA RECALL INFORMATION**

THE FDA IS ADVISING CONSUMERS NOT TO USE SIMILAC, ALIMENTUM OR ELECARE POWDERED INFANT FORMULAS IF:

- The first two digits of the code are 22 through 37 **and**
- The code on the container contains K8, SH, or Z2, **and**
- The expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

[Similacrecall.com](http://Similacrecall.com) +1-800-986-8540

**WIC PARTICIPANTS: IF YOU HAVE PRODUCT THAT MEETS ALL 3 OF THE CRITERIA ABOVE, DO NOT USE THE RECALLED FORMULA.**

Exchange your formula at the store you purchased it from. Stores may be limiting the number of cans you can get at one time. Stores may have removed all formula to sort out those affected by the recall and will replace soon. If a replacement for recalled formula is not available at the store, do not leave the recalled formula at the store or discard it. Contact your local WIC office for additional assistance.

**If you have unused benefits on your card, you can purchase unaffected product as usual.**

CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN IF INFANT IS EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS: POOR FEEDING, IRRITABILITY, TEMPERATURE CHANGES, JAUNDICE, GRUNTING BREATHS, ABNORMAL MOVEMENTS, DIARRHEA, FEVER, AND ABDOMINAL CRAMPS.

Below is a list of our Tribal WIC sites along with phone numbers:

HCN Black River Falls: 715-284-9851 x35335	LCO: 715-588-1020
HCN Nekoosa/Baraboo: 608-355-1240 x35554	STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE: 715-793-3018
Lac du Flambeau: 715-588-3371 x1905	ST. CROIX: 715-661-0637
Bad River: 715-588-1020	MOLE LAKE: 715-588-1020
Red Cliff: 715-779-3707 x2307	FOREST COUNTY: 715-478-3371 x6

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.  
Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin

WIC

SCHOOL READINESS BEGINS AT



AGES THREE TO FIVE

STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE  
ELECTA QUINNEY HEAD START





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In Addition to Quality Early Childhood Education Families Receive:



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Opportunities to Promote  
School Readiness



Family Support  
Services Including  
Parent Education



Health &  
Developmental  
Screenings &  
Assessments



Disability & Mental  
Wellness Support  
for Families

**GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START TO A GREAT FUTURE!**

**Program Information**

- **FREE** Early Care and Education for Income Eligible Families
- Program Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:45-12:45

**How Do I Apply?**

- Complete Application
- Include Tribal Affiliation,
- Copy of Child's Birth Certificate,
- Income Verification, and
- Proof of Residency

**Scan this Code**  
To Access Electa Quinney Head Start Application



**Contact Us**

Electa Quinney  
Head Start  
W13429 Cherry Street  
Bowler, WI 54416  
715-793-4993

## CMN Commits to New Institutional Strategic Plan

KESHENA, WI -- The College of Menominee Nation has announced the passing of its Institutional Strategic Plan by the College Board of Trustees on December 13, 2021. CMN's Institutional Strategic Plan is titled "A Vision to Action: A Path Forward on Institutional and Student Success" and spans 2022-2025. The plan has eight total goals which center around 'excellence' in a variety of areas in the College.

In 2018, the College of Menominee Nation's Board of Directors met to revisit the College's mission, vision, and values, laying the foundation for the development of an institutional strategic plan. In 2020, under new leadership, the Strategic Planning and Leadership Committee was tasked with laying the groundwork and committing to this plan after being stalled for a couple of years.

The creation of the plan was an institutional effort. The committee oversaw workgroups which consisted of staff and faculty from departments across the College. Each workgroup

committed to creating objectives, key performance indicators, and outcomes for the assigned goal.

President Caldwell expressed his gratitude, "I'm incredibly proud of this document because it represents a combined effort of long-serving and newer CMN employees coming together to plan our future."

After collaboration and review, the Strategic Plan was then sent to the Board of Directors for approval. With a letter of support from the Board stating, "This plan is a driver of the College's mission and vision, focusing on student success and demonstrating its commitment to the Menominee People," the plan went live in January 2022.

On February 4, CMN employees celebrated the rollout of the plan virtually, showcasing their commitment to the execution of it.

To view CMN's Institutional Strategic Plan, visit [www.menominee.edu](http://www.menominee.edu) under "About CMN."

## College of Menominee Nation - Dean's List for 2021 Fall Semester Highest Honors (GPA 4.0)

Behrendt, Courtney  
Cole, Teniesha  
Dehne, Brandon  
Hietpas, Lee Ann  
Oshkeshequoam, Kim  
Oshkeshequoam, Richard  
Petrakis, Christina  
Shawanokasic, Joshua  
Thomas, Martina

### High Honors (GPA 3.75-3.99)

Kitson, Kelsey  
Kitson, Jr. David  
Knobe, Chloe  
Miller, Warren  
Moeller, Dulce  
Shawanokasic, Samantha  
Verstoppen, Nichole  
Waukechon, Laura

### Honors (GPA 3.50-3.74)

Davids, Schuylar  
Fregien, Morgan  
Neosh, Jasmine



On Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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
Craig Kroening Jr.	Present
Sara Putnam	Present
Joe Miller	Present
Jeremy Mohawk:	Present
Terrie Terrio	Present
Randall Wollenhaup	Present

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

#### ADD: RFP Casino UPS

Clarification on the Vaccination Incentive

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda for February 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday as amended. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

#### OPEN AGENDA-

#### RFP CASINO UPS-Brian McDonald, CIO

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve purchase of Casino Surveillance and Casino MIS Lithium ION battery-based UPS systems through Van Ert Electric Company. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

#### MEETING MINUTES-Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Motion by Joe Miller to approve Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: October 31, 2021 (for approval) and December 31, 2021 (for posting)-

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve the financials for October 31, 2021, and to approve for posting the financials for December 31, 2021. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

#### CLARIFICATION ON VACCINATION INCENTIVE-Amanda Stevens, CFO

Motion by Joe Miller to set the end

date of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the discontinuation to the Employee and Tribal Member Vaccination Incentive Program. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

#### ARPA FUNDING REQUEST-Allen Quinney, Executive Director

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Housing request for ARPA funds for laminate in the Moshuebee Apartments. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

#### HOUSING ACCOUNTS

#### RECEIVABLE WRITE-OFFS-Allen Quinney, Executive Director

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to write-off accounts as recommended. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION: Update Designation Change of Name Ordinance to be TCT.07-Bridget Swanke, Legal

Motion by Joe Miller adopt resolution 026-22, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby approves the renumbering of the Change of Name Ordinance as TCT.07. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

#### REQUEST FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE & SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE-Alex Brauer, Ecology

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request for purchase of anti-icing equipment for the Roads Department as part of the EPA 319 Nonpoint Source Pollutions grant using for the capital expenditure Monroe Trucking Equipment. Seconded by Joe Miller.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Randall abstains, Craig yes and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

#### JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Executive Director of Gaming Human Resources and Casino Resort General, Manager-Stacie Bowman,

Directives cont on pg Thirteen:

**Directives cont from pg Twelve:  
Human Resources Executive  
Director**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Executive Director Gaming job description as presented. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Casino Resort General Manager job description as presented for posting. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**PROCEEDS OF LABOR-Amanda  
Stevens, CFO**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the withdrawal from the Proceeds of Labor account held by the BIA by approving resolution 027-22, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal President, Tribal Vice-President, or the Tribal Treasurer and the Tribe's Finance Department to draw down up to 100% of allowable funds from the account #PL7319707 from the BIA on quarterly basis through September 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Treasurer and the Tribe's Finance Department is authorized to invest revenues from the Proceeds of Labor account and revenues from timber sales on fee lands into the Tribe's Land Acquisition, Energy Efficiency and Economic Development Account with Associated Bank consistent with the parameters contained in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's Land Acquisition, Energy Efficiency and Economic Development Investment Policy. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**BAY BANK LOAN PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT-Amanda Stevens,  
CFO**

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt resolution 028-22, referencing the Tribal Loan Program Management Agreement with Bay Bank, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal President or, if unavailable, the Vice-President, and the Tribal Treasurer to execute the Tribal Loan Program Management Agreement with Bay Bank. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara abstains, Randall yes, Craig yes and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the agreement between the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal and Bay Bank referencing the Tribal Loan Program. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara abstains, Randall yes, Craig yes, and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

**GWAAR AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN TRIBAL GRANT  
AGREEMENT-Kristy Malone,  
Elderly Services**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the American Rescue

Plan (ARPA) Notice of Award with a Tribal Cash Match. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried.

**5 YEAR G2G/TTIP-William Miller,  
Road Department**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution 029-22, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, supports and adopts the Government-to-Government Agreement, associated Referenced Funding Agreements, and 2022-2026 Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for the projects listed in the attached TTIP forms that were developed between us and the BIA for Tribal Shares funding along with corresponding TTP Agreement RSA and RFA's.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute said Government-to-Government Agreement on behalf of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Randall yes, Craig yes and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

**ARPA FUNDS: Hunger Relief  
Federation-Kori Price, Family  
Services Manager**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve Family Services Department to apply for ARPA Funds from the Hunger Relief Federation, if approved the Family Services Program will receive monthly food boxes, a forklift, and a Sprinter van to enable us to pick up the food from the Shawano sub station and be able to properly store the boxes at the Food Distribution building. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Randall yes, Craig abstains, and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

**ARPA FUNDS: Behavioral  
Health Care-Kori Price, Family  
Services Manager**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Family Services Department to purchase fitness equipment and gym equipment out of the ARPA money under Behavioral Health Care in the amount not to exceed a set amount. Seconded by Joe Miller.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Randall yes, Craig abstains, and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

**BERKSHIRE COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY-Monique  
Tyndall, Director of Cultural  
Affairs**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Cultural Affairs Director to serve on the advisory group as a tribal representative for Berkshire County Oral Histories project. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**IMLS-ENHANCEMENT GRANT  
BUDGET-Monique Tyndall,  
Director of Cultural Affairs**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the IMLS Enhancement Grant budget for the Library/

Museum Photographic/History book project. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**PBS WI BIOGRAPHY ON  
ELECTA QUINNEY-Monique  
Tyndall, Director of Cultural  
Affairs**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve PBS Wisconsin to post job descriptions for the Electa Quinney Biography Project and to approve PBS Wisconsin to post and coordinate a listening session with the SMC for the Electa Quinney Biography Project. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

**BROWN UNIVERSITY  
REIMAGINING NEW ENGLAND  
HISTORIES PROJECT-Monique  
Tyndall, Director of Cultural  
Affairs**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the Cultural Affairs Department to serve on the advisory board as a tribal representative for the Reimagining New England Histories Project. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**REVISION OF ISOLATION/  
QUARANTINE GUIDANCE-  
Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve to change the Stockbridge-Munsee Covid-19 Isolation and Quarantine guidance to mirror CDC recommendations. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**GSA POLICY REVISION-Andrew  
Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve to accept the changes made to the clinic's GSA policy as discussed. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Motion carried.

**BUDGET MODIFICATION-  
Andrew Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Sara Putnam to approve to establish a budget placing monies of the ARPA Covid Recovery and monies of the PH workforce funds into wages, fringe, and indirect cost. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**SMHWC'S ANNUAL  
COMMUNICATION TO THE  
GOVERNING BODY-Andrew  
Miller, SMHWC Director**

Motion by Joe Miller to acknowledge that SMHWC is providing communication to Tribal Council. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup.

Motion maker amends motion to add: authorizes the Tribal President to sign the letter. Second concurs. Motion carried.

**WDNR SUMMER TRIBAL YOUTH  
PROGRAM-Randall Wollenhaup**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve 2022 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Summer Tribal Youth Program Grant proposal using Option A. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Randall abstains, Craig yes and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to adopt

resolution 030-22, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes the submittal of the 2022 Tribal Summer Youth program to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The Tribal Council further authorizes that an in-kind match will be provided, which is made up of tribal staff salary and fringe benefits, tribal vehicle costs, and tribal equipment over the grant period. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk.

**Roll Call:** Joe yes, Terrie yes, Sara yes, Randall abstains, Craig yes and Jeremy yes. Motion carried.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES: Forestry Committee**

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Forestry Committee Minutes and approve the actions requested within. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR  
AUTHORIZATION-Constitution  
Committee**

Motion by Joe to approve the three requests from the Constitution Committee and clarify Tribal Member's Only webpage. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

**POLICY UPDATES: Tribal  
Inclement Weather Policy and  
External Public Media Policy-**

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the Inclement Weather Policy. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to approve the revised policy TC-01-02.01 External Public Media Policy. Seconded by Randall Wollenhaup. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: Home  
Conveyance:**

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution 031-22, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council supports the recommendation of the Division of Community Housing in the Conveyance of Tenant #119-01, Mitchell Malone. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Motion by Jeremy Mohawk to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Craig Kroening Jr. Motion carried at 6:36 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 7:10 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on a Land Acquisition, an Updated TEACH Scholarship Agreement and a Personnel Matter.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the updated TEACH Program Scholarship Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Motion by Joe Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Motion carried at 7:11 PM.



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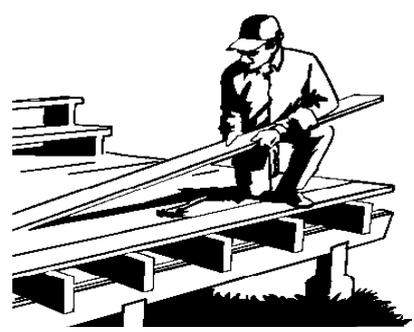
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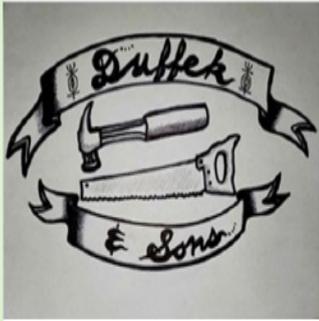
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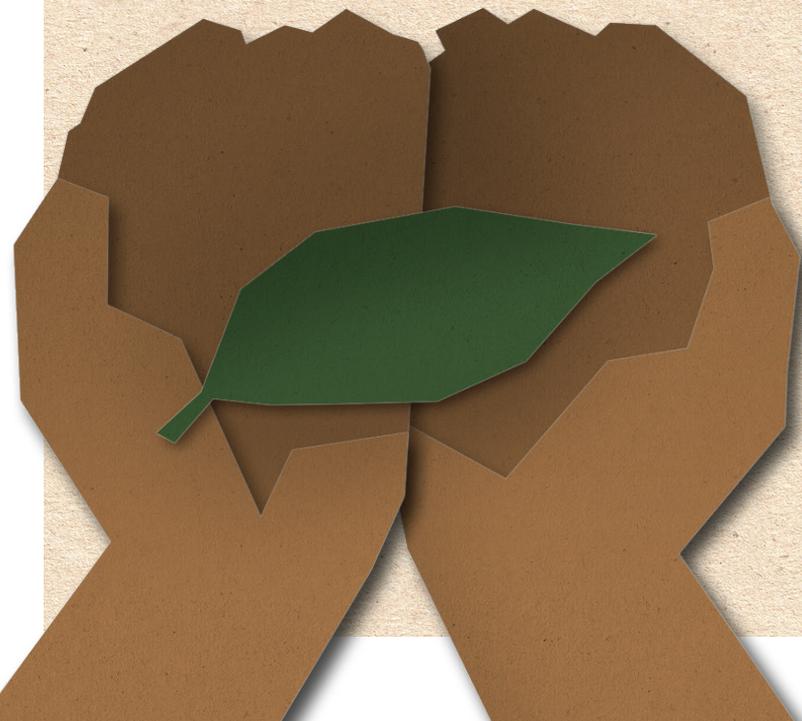
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