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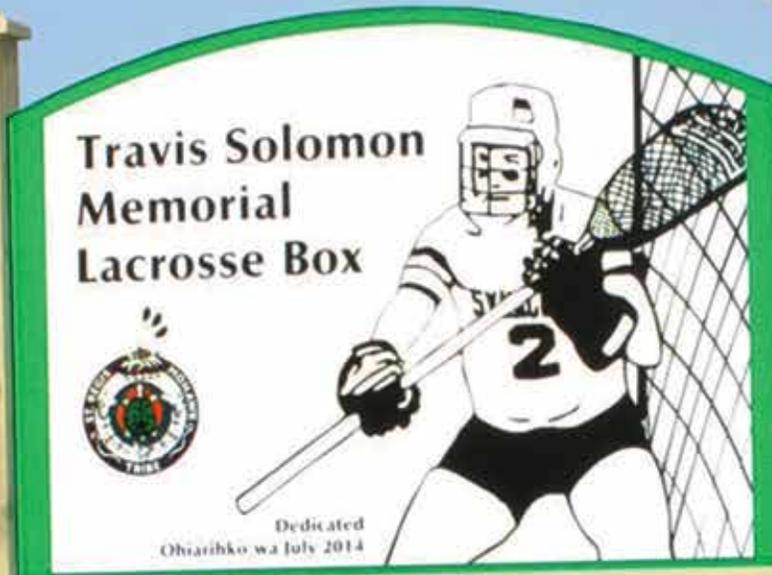
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TASER! TASER! TASER!

SRMT Tribal Police Officers Receive TASER Practical Training

By Laurie Thompson, Communications Graphic Designer

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police department underwent TASER practices to help train police officers learn how to properly use the TASER gun. The TASER gun is a conducted electrical weapon (CEW) used on the field for assistance in capturing possible suspects who try to flee arrest. It resembles a police handgun, but has cartridges that deploy between 15-35 feet and send out an electrical shock to take down the suspect.

Some of the instructions were to learn how to properly aim, load and unload a faulty cartridge and have a chance to experience the feeling of being shocked themselves. The Saint Regis Mohawk Police officers practiced role-playing as officer and perpetrator giving them ideal situational awareness. Before deployment of the TASER gun, officers yell out, "TASER, TASER, TASER." This gives a signal to the perpetrator that the officer is about to use it. The shout out offers a chance for the perpetrator

to come to a stop or from resisting arrest before the TASER gun is used. It is used as a last resort in arresting a perpetrator. Training cartridges use

non-conductive wires which prohibits them from feeling the effects. However, the SRMT Police Officers had a 1-5 second shock during their practice training. An already-used dart that still had charge was placed on the body which allowed them to feel the electrical weapon.



Officer Sunday feels the shock of a TASER gun



SRMT Tribal Police Officers Practice with TASER gun

enforcement and also reduce the injuries to police officers by suspects. Litigation by injured suspects, reduces injuries to suspects and the use of deadly force are also reduced. ◇

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal officers use a device with a 25-foot reach. The barbed tips pierce through heavy jackets or clothing to be able to penetrate the skin. The TASER ECD (electric conductive deployment) has about one-tenth of the peak current of a strong static shock.

TASER devices are a vital role in patrol for law

Good Words of Welcome



Shé:kon Sewa:kwekon,

Thank you to everyone that came out to vote in both the Salmon River Central School Board election in May and our Tribal election in June. We are progressing because of motivation in our community and the leadership you've elected. For the past two years, Council has given significant attention to federal lobbying. We engaged a lobbyist in Washington, DC from the Onondaga Nation. With his assistance, we mapped out a plan and we're now seeing results. Our three major "asks" have been concerning land claims, immigration language concerning cross border travel for Mohawk people, and Native teacher student loan forgiveness. Sub-Chief Eric Thompson and I spent time in DC in July. The following is a summary of our lobbying efforts during this week, which were presented at the July 28, 2014 Council Work Session:

Monday: Attended a fundraiser for Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley.

Tuesday: Met with the U.S. Mint regarding our Code talker medal design; the Mint will be using our artist as a liaison to complete the final design. Fundraiser for Minnesota Senator Al Franken, attended by Montana Senator John Tester, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Met with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, updating them on our land claims and MOU progress; it will be before them in the future and it's imperative they are kept updated on our negotiations. Attended staff meeting with California Congressman Raul Ruiz; updated on the progress of our Land Claims, and proposed immigration language fix. Fundraiser for Virginia Senator Tim Kaine; updated on land claims and requested support.

Wednesday: Fundraiser for New Mexico Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, and California Congressman Tony Cardenas. Met with Florida Congressman Joe Garcia, updated on Land Claims, the SRMT immigration fix, and looking for support for Native Teacher student loan forgiveness proposal in Senate; he stated we have his support. Met with NY Senator Chuck Schumer for productive discussion on land

claims; he pledged to co-sponsor the Native teacher student loan forgiveness legislation and said he would work with us on the SRMT immigration fix. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing regarding Indian Gaming; there were successes of Indian gaming discussed; our gaming model is very similar.

Thursday: Breakfast event for Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee featuring Maryland Senator Ben Cardin and Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy. Met with our Congressman Bill Owens. Updated on land claims, immigration fix, and native teacher student loan forgiveness. We were encouraged that he had already discussed the SRMT immigration language fix with Congressman Garcia. We discussed the 2014 Congressional race in our region. Attended National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) for the 2014 Young Native Writers Honor Ceremony, sponsored by the NMAI, NIED, and Holland Knight, our lobbying firm. There was a national callout for essays and five winners heading to college were selected and received a \$2,500 scholarship. I was honored to be the guest speaker.

In summary, we're seeing results from our lobbying strategy and raising awareness of issues pertinent to our community.

The progression is evident. On August 21, 2014, "Experience Akwesasne" was held at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort, a special event showcasing our local artisans and sharing our commitment to the development of cultural tourism in Akwesasne; it was an exciting night that reminded us of how awesome Akwesasne is and can be, working together and strategically to build, create and develop our community!

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General Assistance Program

Environmental Review

By Matthew Thompson, EA Coordinator

The Environmental Review process including environmental assessments was developed in order to keep our tradition of looking seven generations ahead in making decisions that affect the community. As we all know, our resources are limited and dwindle down each year. We as a community must protect and manage them to the best of our ability.

The Environment Review process for the SRMT was authorized by the passing of TCR 2007-24, adopting the Mohawk Environmental Review Code. The review process implemented through the Environment Division also adheres to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, which subjects all projects utilizing federal funding to prepare environmental assessments (EAs), or environmental impact statements (EISs). EAs and EISs contain statements and documents that detail the environmental effects of all proposed actions in a project and the best management practices to minimize the projects effect on the environment.

Any commercial or large-scale development in the community is subject to an Environmental Review to protect our resources. A thorough environmental review protects the people and the environment

and ensures that no proposed development will cause significant environmental degradation and harm. In the event a project may cause environmental damage, the project is presented with alternatives and mitigation measures to protect all interests.



The new box culvert on Drum Street



Culvert construction completed

assist community members with determining the appropriate level of environmental review for any proposed development.

Additional information and environmental forms can be found online at: www.srmtenv.org ◇

Who Likes New Clothes?

By Angela Benedict, Air Quality Program Manager

I think everyone likes to get new clothes or new sheets, they are so clean...but are they really? It's that time of the year again (but for parents: It's the most wonderful time of the year, LOL) when you must get those new clothes for the first week of school: new jeans, new shirts, new jackets and, of course, new shoes. In my adventures of buying new school clothes for my daughter, I came across my favorite word "clearance" and I had to buy some much needed towels for the family. After all, it was on clearance! Anyway, I got my towels and all of sudden my house smells weird, kind of vinegary. These towels were made in Turkey, so I am sure they are treated with something.

When my daughter was a baby she was very sensitive to new clothing. Even in the stores, I had to make sure she didn't touch anything because she would get a rash if she did. Thank goodness, she grew out of it. When I moved into my house, I got new furniture and my cat would pee and poop on the ottoman. I asked a few people why and one of the answers I got was, "There are chemicals on there and the cat doesn't like them so he figures that if

he messes on them, I will get rid of it." I aired out the house, used lots and lots of pet stain cleaner and the cat got used to it. But it just goes to show you that these chemicals can be anywhere.



Helpful Hint: Always Wash New Clothes Before Wearing to Reduce Chemical Residues



Look For Bargains From Resale Shops To Help Save Money

Most of the new clothes we buy now are from Asian or third world countries, where the use of toxic chemicals in new clothes is a matter of course. Some of the chemicals are *nonylphenol ethoxylates*, *perfluorinated chemicals*, *heavy metals* and *carcinogenic amines* and *formaldehydes*. Clothes that don't have those chemicals are labeled 100% organic.

So what can you do? Remember to wash new clothes or bedding first. If there is still a smell coming from them, try soaking in one cup of baking soda and water overnight, agitating them every so often, if possible. Another thing you can do is not buy the clothing if there is a strong smell to them. Also, try resale shops. Sometimes you can get some pretty nice clothing for a reasonable price.

So for now and the next seven generations, let's keep those chemicals off of ourselves, our elders and our children. ◇

Office for the Aging

Featured Program

By Tewentahawih'tha' Cole, Health Educator

The mission of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging, *Tsi' Tetewatatkens*, is to provide excellent service to seniors by promoting: health, happiness, an active lifestyle, engagement, independence and long life. As a part of the Health Promotion activities at *Tsi' Tetewatatkens*, our Health Educator has strengthened partnerships to deliver evidence-based workshops from *A Matter of Balance*, *Eat Smart New York*, *Active Living Every Day (ALED)*, *Growing Stronger* and *Chronic Disease Self-Management* programs. These workshops are from evidence-based programs which are developed through sound scientific research and proven successful. By holding these workshops, *Tsi' Tetewatatkens'* goal is to support and help men and women to lead healthy, happy and active lifestyles. Here is a description of what is offered through some important collaborations within and with neighbors of Akwesasne:

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

In 2013, *Tsi' Tetewatatkens* and the Center for Excellence in Aging and Community Wellness at University of Albany partnered to deliver the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP). This program was renamed to "Healthy Choices for Healthy Living" and holds workshops which are facilitated by our Health Educator and a co-facilitator. For Fall 2014, Josy Delaney, a Community

Wellness Specialist of Alice Hyde Medical Center's Community Wellness Program, will be a co-facilitator for the workshops. This workshop teaches the skills needed in the day-to-day management of any type of ongoing health condition in order to maintain and/or increase an active and fulfilling lifestyle. The curriculum teaches self-managed lifestyle change and coping strategies to enable participants to manage their health condition(s), medications, and increase physical activity levels. People with different chronic health conditions, caregivers and spouses are encouraged to attend this highly participative and supportive workshop.

Active Living Every Day (ALED)

In June 2014, our Health Educator and Louise Ingle, Licensed Practical Nurse for the Saint Regis Mohawk Health Services Outreach Chronic Care Nursing Department became certified Active Living Every Day (ALED) facilitators. They will be delivering the first set of workshops in Fall 2014. ALED is fostered by the Center for Excellence in Aging and Community Wellness at University of Albany and is an evidence-based 12-week program. Participants will attend a weekly one-hour group meeting and receive the ALED book and handouts to help them complete their work. They also have access to the ALED on-line resources that



Louise Ingle, LPN for OCCN Department and Tewentahawih'tha' Cole, Health Educator



Josy Delaney, Community Wellness Specialist of Alice Hyde Medical Center Community Wellness Program

provide supplemental materials and tools that enhance the course, including links to many activity-related topics.

Growing Stronger

Growing Stronger is new addition to the collaboration between *Tsi' Tetewatkins* and Cornell Cooperative Extension Franklin County. Vanetta Conn will be the facilitator for this program which is an exercise program based upon sound scientific research involving strengthening exercises—exercises that have been shown to increase the strength of your muscles, maintain the integrity of your bones, and improve your balance, coordination and mobility. In addition, strength training is included and can help reduce the signs and symptoms of many chronic diseases, including arthritis.

If you're not physically active now, *Growing Stronger* will help you make daily activity a regular part of your life by building the essential strength that makes all movement easier and more enjoyable.

Regular physical activity is not only fun and healthy, but scientific evidence strongly shows that it's safe for almost everyone. And the health benefits far outweigh the risk of injury and sudden heart attacks, two concerns that prevent many people from adding more physical activity to their lives.

All of these workshops will be offered at different times of the year with the goal of offering them on a continual basis. At *Tsi' Tetewatkins*, priority is given to seniors (anyone age 55 and over) for the evidence-based health promotion programs, but accept anyone over the age of 18 to participate.

To access any one of these programs, please contact Tewentahawih'tha' Cole at (518) 358-2963 and she will be able to tell you about any registration requirements. Transportation and respite care is available for eligible participants.

Notice of Annual Public Hearing

The Advisory Council and staff of the Saint Regis Mohawk Office for the Aging invite you to attend the Annual Public Hearing to review plans for services for 2015. The Advisory Council is a group of concerned Senior Citizens, service providers and others who meet bi-monthly to review the programs and services of the Saint Regis Mohawk Office for the Aging. The Public Hearing is held to learn from local elders what current needs exist within the community and what issues are important to them.

The findings from the hearing will be incorporated into the 2015-16 update of the Saint Regis Mohawk Office for the Aging Annual Implementation Plan. Your ideas and concerns are important to us as we plan ahead to the upcoming year on how to best serve the residents of the Saint Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation who are 55 years of age and older. Come and meet the elected Advisory Council members and the friendly staff of the Office for the Aging on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior

Citizen's building located at 29 Business Park Road in Akwesasne, New York.

Written comments are also welcome and can be sent to the attention of: Lora Lee LaFrance, Director Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging, 412 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655.

We encourage all community members who plan on attending to get together a team of six people to participate in our Trivia Challenge which will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Trivia Challenge will test your knowledge of services available through the Saint Regis Mohawk Office for the Aging. Everyone who participates gets a prize! Call (518) 358-2963 for more information. ♦



Supportive Apartments Program

By Heather Durant, Family Support Benefit Services Manager

The Supportive Apartments Program currently has three certified supportive apartments located at Sweetflag Estates in Rooseveltown. The program provides services on a daily basis for individuals who have developmental disabilities. Each individual receives up to 20 hours a week of staff support. Those individuals demonstrate the appropriate skills to live independently. The program fosters supportive interpersonal relationships, offers supervision to ensure health, safety and assistance in learning activities that are a part of daily living. Supportive apartments are designed to provide a home environment.

The staff provides a setting where individuals with developmental disabilities can acquire the skills necessary to continue to live as independently as possible. Staff are onsite and available to provide the specific support needs of each individual. The Supportive Apartment Program serves as the individual's representative payee and assists with transportation, recreation, bill paying, grocery shopping, meal preparation, house-keeping, laundry, personal hygiene, medication management, one-on-one assistance and advocacy for all health related appointments. In addition to the Supportive Apartments Program, we also have our Sweetflag Estates Supervised Apartments which provide 24-hour supervision. This is a residential program designed to meet the housing needs of our developmentally disabled individuals. This residential program has individualized apartments in which supervision is based on the person's needs. Individuals receive residential habilitation services that provide

individually tailored supports that assist with skills related to living in the community. These supports include adaptive skill development, hands-on assistance with activities of daily living, community inclusion and relationship building. Additional skill developments include training and support for independence in travel, transportation, adult educational supports, development

of social skills, leisure skills, self-advocacy, informed choice skills and appropriate behavior development to help the individual access their community. Residential habilitation also may include program related personal care, health care and protective oversight and supervision. The Supervised Apartments are designed to provide a home environment and also to provide a setting where individuals with developmental disabilities can acquire the skills necessary to live as independently as possible. The program currently operates with four Habilitation Aides, an Apartment Supervisor, an RN to provide nursing oversight 24/7 and a medical liaison to assist with appointments.

To be eligible for these programs, an individual must meet all requirements through Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). Assistance with filing for eligibility can be completed through the Family Support Office.

For more information, please contact Heather Durant, Family Support Benefit Services Manager at (518) 358-9481 or Sheryl Thomas, Apartment Supervisor at (315) 705-4792. ♦



Recycled Artwork Display



Sweetflag Estates Supervised Apartments

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Honors the Contributions of Lacrosse Legend

New Lacrosse Box Dedicated to Travis Solomon

Press Release

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe dedicated a newly constructed lacrosse box to Travis Solomon, a lacrosse legend that left an immeasurable impact on the sport of lacrosse in many communities. In his honor, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Generations Park in Akwesasne on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Travis was a Tribal employee for nine years. In October of 2010, Travis was overcome by Lou Gehrig's disease. Travis played lacrosse from 1976 to 2006. The Solomon family, including his wife, mother, brother, uncle, grandsons and niece had the honor of cutting the ribbon.

The new lacrosse box is one of only three on the territory. The project started in August of 2013 as a result of community feedback requesting the Tribe address the limited access to a venue to train and play. The cost of the project is approximately \$275k. Executive Director of the Tribe, Tsiorasa Barreiro, commented in his opening remarks, "Travis Solomon was an accomplished lacrosse player and a driving force behind the development of Generations Field and complex

while an employee of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe; it is a source of tremendous pride for us to honor him and his family today."



Travis Playing for Syracuse University



The late Travis Solomon with his grandson, Hunter.

Chief Ron LaFrance, a personal friend and the man inspired by Travis' vision of Generations Park, thanked everyone who assisted in the box construction, including Justin Durant, Sam Benedict, Jake Arquette, Bill Arquette, Brent Herne, Brian Herne, Rob Henhawk, Chance Tarbell and Jim McDonald. "None of this would have

been possible without the vision of Travis Solomon. Our children are developing skills that are catching the eyes of college lacrosse coaches all over the place. *Niaʷen:kówa* Travis," shared the Chief.

During the ceremony, generations of lacrosse players were honored and recognized for their contributions to the sport, including the Akwesasne Lacrosse Hall

of Fame, the youth and current inspirational professional players. Lacrosse coach and legend, David White, spoke on behalf of the Hall of Fame and recognized the



Travis' mother, Dale, Cuts the Ribbon to Open the Lacrosse Box with Tribal Council, Former Teammate, Wife, Brother, Uncle, Grandsons and Niece

history of the sport, what it meant to him as a player and a coach, followed by Peter Garrow who shared stories and honored legendary Akwesashró:non athletes.

Travis's accomplishments were tremendous. He was a member of the Iroquois Nationals in 1984 at the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, the Goodwill Tour in 1985 in Manchester, England, World Lacrosse Invitational in 1986 in Buffalo N.Y., World Lacrosse Championship in 1990 and in 2006 in Perth, Australia and London, Ontario, respectively. His career began as a goalie at Lafayette High School where he was honored as the NYSLA Goalie. He continued at Cobleskill Jr. College and then attended Syracuse University as an NCAA Division 1 Goalie. After graduation, he played

for the Onondaga Athletics, Akwesasne Thunder, the Valleyfield Dynamites, the Akwesasne Outlaws and the Kahnawake Chiefs. During his career, he was awarded two Canadian Masters championships, 1983 NCCA Championship at Syracuse University, Festival Team MVP Goalie and in his final year of playing, Top Goalie Award at the age of 46. Upon retirement from playing, Travis coached minor lacrosse and became a spokesman for traditional people and culture of the Creator's Game. He was inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2013. His footprint in Akwesasne will be perpetually honored at Generations Park.

Food and water were graciously donated by Speedway and Atomic Place. ♦



Chief LaFrance drops the ball for names.



Joe Solomon, Travis' brother, drops the ball in a ceremonial face-off.

Monthly Tribal Meeting

Seskéba/August 2, 2014 - Chaired by Chief Ron LaFrance Jr.

Agenda

1. Welcome - Chairperson
 - Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
2. Program Spotlight - TVR
3. Program Spotlight - Tribal Historic Preservation Office
4. Akwesasne Housing Authority Program Presentation
5. Akwesasne Drop-In Center
6. New Business
7. Reading of Action Items
 - Tribal Clerk
8. Adjournment

Action Items from August Meeting

1. To have the Akwesasne Housing Authority provide the number of non-natives residing in the HUD units available to Tribal Council.
2. To have a Tribal Council follow up on the investigation regarding the one week suspension of an employee.
3. To have Tribal Council follow up on the sick leave of elected officials.
4. To reach out to Massena Chamber of Commerce regarding businesses not accepting tax exempt cards.

Status of Monthly Meeting Action Items

Outstanding

1. To look into the establishment of a dialysis unit and the possibility of collaborating efforts with MCA.
Research into this issue is extensive. A preliminary investment summary will be presented at the August Monthly Tribal Meeting. A full presentation is expected at the September Monthly Tribal Meeting.
2. To look into the development of a health advisory board.
After reviewing this issue, SRMHS Director has indicated that the preference to a health advisory board would open public community meetings held quarterly, or more often if necessary.

3. To request from our GIS tech, copies of maps of land claims areas available for June's monthly meeting.

The maps of the land claims areas have been compiled and are available in the Tribal Clerk's office for community members to view and/or request a copy.

4. To revisit the exit agreement with National Grid as it excludes the Hogansburg triangle.

A meeting was held with Dan Duthie on July 7, 2014. It was confirmed that the previous exit agreement no longer exists as the sunset clause on their tariff has expired, and therefore the process will begin all over again.

Current

5. To look at the cost effectiveness of an addition of a dialysis unit at the diabetes center compared to the clinic.

The SRMHS is unable to provide a cost analysis of an addition of a dialysis unit versus a clinic addition until the issue of feasibility of establishing a dialysis unit at all, has been fully explored as outlined in (1) above.

6. To see how many of our young people are working this year compared to next year.

The Director of Education is currently working on compiling this information and expects a full report to be available at the September Monthly Tribal Meeting.

Status of Monthly Meeting Motions from the Floor

1. Draft and adopt an ordinance to ban the sale and display of drug paraphernalia from our community as soon as possible. Moved by Beatrice White, seconded by Ruth Bell. Vote: In Favid - 10, Opposed - 1; Carried.

The Tribal Council, in conjunction with the Tribe's Compliance Department, met with the Akwesasne Convenience Store Association on June 27, 2014 to discuss this issue. A community meeting is being planned for community members to voice their concerns and hear the facts on this issue. The date and time of the community meeting will be announced as soon as it becomes available. ◇

Calendar

Seskehkó:wa / September 2014

6 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Community Building Lobby
9 - Social Security Administration - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's office
10 - Police Commission - 3:00 p.m. - Executive Boardroom, Community Building
Office for the Aging Annual Public Hearing - 11:00 a.m. - Senior Citizen's Building

Tuesdays - Tribal Council Work Session - 9:00 a.m. - Tribal Council Executive Boardroom

New Faces

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|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Brittany D. Martin | Accountant | Accounting Department |
| Laura Armstrong | Accounts Rec Clerk | Accounting Department |
| Alex F. LaFrance | Program Accountant | Accounting Department |
| Jessica Tarbell | Environmental Specialist | Environment |
| Lisa M. Cook | Community Health Educator | IHS - Outreach |
| Lawrence White | Home Delivery | Office for the Aging |

Johnson O'Malley Summer Students: Taylor M Armstrong, Ronnie Phillips Boots, Aiden B. Comins, Abigail K. Kelley, Peighton Laffin, Kaylin A. Oakes, Nicole M. Smoke, Jacobs A. Smoke

Tribal Court Interns: Jenna David and Tobilee M. Roundpoint

Workforce Investment Summer & Recreation Workers: Jonas Gray, Seven Green, Waylon Square, Karoniate

Donations

Sports - \$5,000

Golf sponsorship - \$1,500

Cultural Programs - \$7,500

Training - \$500

Funerals - \$3,000

Jobs

Business Services Specialist - Economic Development

Program Support Officer - Economic Development

Director - Communications

All current positions with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are posted on the Tribe's website at:

www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Positions with our gaming operations are posted on the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino's website at:

www.mohawkcasino.com.

Akwesasne and surrounding area positions are posted at the Akwesasne Employment Resource Center (AERC) at www.myaerc.org.

Managing Our Ash Resources

Emerald Ash Borer

By Les Benedict, Environment Division Assistant Director

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a serious invasive insect species that has damaged ash trees in 22 states and two provinces. The EAB was introduced in the Detroit, Michigan area during the early 1990s and largely went undetected until ash trees started dying. Authorities have implemented several strategies to control EAB and its spread with limited success. EAB's impacts include mortality of all ash (*Fraxinus* genera) in forests and urban landscapes. In addition to tree mortality, there are as yet unrealized impacts to forest ecology, wetlands and wildlife. Serious economic losses are expected to occur with the loss of ash as an important timber resource. The impact to Native American communities includes the loss of black ash used in basketry and loss of cultural practices tied to basketry.

In an effort to manage the spread and the impacts of EAB, several tools have been developed and range from the use of physical controls, pesticides and biological controls. Physical controls include removal and destruction of infested trees, the application of pesticides to kill the insect larvae and biological controls using other insects that parasitize EAB.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has been involved in discussions with the USDA Animal Plant Health

Inspection Service (APHIS) regarding the use of a new insect that has been recruited in the control of EAB, *Spathius galinae* (*Spathius*). *Spathius* is a small wasp that has preference in parasitizing EAB and is native to Russia. *Spathius* is being considered for release due to very limited success of other wasp releases in EAB infested areas. It is considered the last hope for biological control of EAB at this time. The primary reason the other wasps weren't very successful is because of the harsh winter in the northeastern United States.

The community is asked to share their thoughts regarding the use of biological controls in the management of EAB. Leading experts will be available to assist the community with their questions and concerns regarding EAB and its control.

An EAB plan is being developed and is based partly on some earlier meetings with local basket makers. Meetings are being planned for the near future to discuss elements of the plan that have been developed. Some elements of the plan include: alternative basket making materials, the application of pesticides, forestry management practices, urban forestry planning, response resources and interagency cooperation. ◇



Emerald Ash Borer Catcher



Damaged Tree From EAB



Johnson O'Malley Program

By Becky Smoke, Director of JOM

The History of Johnson O'Malley

In February of 1934, Hiram W. Johnson, then Chairman of the Senate Committee of Indian Affairs and Thomas P. O'Malley, Chairman of the house of committee on Indian Affairs, introduced identical bills to the Senate and House. These two bills were appropriate funds to assist States with the special and unique needs of Native American Students. The bill passed both the House and the Senate and was signed into law on June 4, 1973. JOM funds were received in 1974 at which time the Tribal Council hired the first JOM staff member. Since 1976, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Johnson O'Malley program has gone through many changes to what it is today. The JOM program serves Native American students with a variety of special and unique programs geared to the students of Akwesasne.

The JOM Program is divided into Four Components:

Corrective Studies – Provides academic tutorial services to students in need of assistance during and after school. Services are provided at Salmon River Central Middle and High Schools and JW Leary Jr. High School in Massena.

Education Enrichment – Specialized trips are arranged for students who are interested in activities that would expose them to different opportunities that are not offered in school. Trips include college and career

visits, incentive trips, theatrical performances and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) program.



Summer Student Receiving Bow and Arrow Training



Enjoying Outdoor Activity

Physical Education – The JOM Program encourages physical fitness, which is an important aspect of summer programming and different activities throughout the school year. Students learn teamwork, sportsmanship and gain self-confidence.

Summer Youth Program - Offers educational, cultural, musical, physical educational activities and a wide variety of programming and guest speakers for youth ages 6-12. Programming takes place at the St. Regis Mohawk School during the months of July and August.

The JOM /ABGC Summer Program successfully finished our third year of summer programming. The five-week program was able to offer 190 children ages 6-12 an experience of a lifetime. Students were able to take part in many activities that will hopefully spark their interest for years to come.

Activities include: the Summer Read Program, Arts and Crafts, Physical Education, Mr. Hahn's Band Camp and the Title VII Summer Cultural Program. We were able to bring in some outside resources to provide programming for our students as well. These include: The Cornell Cooperative Extension's Choose Health Program as well as 4-H Programming, Clarkson

University's Robotics Program, a two-week Forensics Class, Yoga Pretzels and Thai Chi with Shannon Hall, the Fire Magik Hoola Hoop Show, the Clarkson University Chemistry Show, beach days and the end of the year luncheon with waterslides, talent show and a newspaper fashion show.

The JOM/ABGC Summer Program thanks everyone involved and especially the St. Regis Mohawk School for use of their building and with the summer program, it was definitely a success.

As we gear up for the school year, the JOM Program announces that we will continue with the corrective studies component to our programming. Students in grades 7-12 will welcome back Mr. Jordan Thompson in the Middle School and Mrs. Ashley Cumming in the High School at the Salmon River Central School. Students can come into the JOM rooms during their study halls and after school period for extra academic help. We will also be working in conjunction with the Title VII Program to offer tutorial services on a daily basis and will welcome back Chanel Cook as our Education Specialist who will be available on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the JOM room. The JW Leary Jr. High School will also welcome back Ms. Brandi Benedict for the school year to offer academic services to our grade seven and

eight students. Ms. Benedict will be available every day as well as the after-school period when there are late buses available.

The JOM / AISES Chapter

The JOM Program will also be starting the local AISES chapter back up for the upcoming school year. We will meet once a month to promote, initiate and provide educational services for our Native American pre-college, college and graduate students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). AISES also supports STEM fields through professional development, mentoring, networking, community service, and awards programs and initiatives. This program is open to Native American students in grades 7-12 who attend school at the Salmon River Central School District or the Massena

Central School District. The JOM Program will also be offering different field trips during the school year and during breaks and will announce them as they are planned.

For further information please contact the JOM Office at (518) 358-2272 ext. 252 or contact Becky Smoke at rebecca.smoke@srmt-nsn.gov. ♦



JOM Summer Program Students



Summer Program Host Hero Day

Take the SRMT Broadband TV Channel Lineup Survey

SRMT Broadband is pleased to announce that the television portion of the project is nearing completion. You can help decide what features and programs will be included. Go to www.srmt-nsn.gov and click on the image to view the proposed channel lineup. Then, click on the SurveyMonkey® link to be taken to the survey site.

The example channel lineup has 64 channels with locals, network locals, news & business, movies, entertainment, sports, kids and music programming. When available, the channels are provided in high definition (HD).

The short survey will ask if you are willing to switch from DIRECTV or Dish to our local service, what channels you want added to the lineup, if you use a DVR and what other features you want added. There is also an area for you to enter comments.

The cost per month is currently estimated at \$50 but could change depending on the results of the survey and what features and programs community members want added.

The survey will be open until September 15, 2014.



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