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Bush admin. objects to American Indian health bill

By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Tuesday threatened to veto Senate legislation designed to improve health care on American Indian reservations, objecting to expanded labor provisions in the bill.

The legislation would boost screening and mental health programs at the Indian Health Service, increase tribal access to Medicare and

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Health Bill objected

Research begins on Office of the GTC

Over 700 General Tribal Council members attend first GTC meeting which featured \$100 stipend

By Nate Wisneski

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The Office of the General Tribal Council (GTC) took a step closer to reality at the

semi-annual GTC meeting on January 26 at the Turtle School. A motion was approved overwhelmingly that would create a 10 person committee that would develop the responsibilities of the GTC office.

The motion stated the 10 person committee would have 45 days to create its proposal and present it to the GTC.

Nominations and elections for this committee took place during the GTC meeting. The results are on page 6A. There were over 40 tribal members nominated for the 10 person committee.

The meeting featured many outbursts and even a threat to remove Chairman Danforth, which was ruled unconstitutional. Along with the threat

of removal as chair of the meeting, Chairman Danforth was challenged numerous times on his rulings during the meeting.

The GTC was asked to approve a resolution creating primaries for the 2008 Oneida Business Committee (OBC) elections. The resolution was tabled in order to have language about the polling sta-

tion in Milwaukee redlined, and was pushed back to the July Semi-Annual Meeting, which means the July 2008 elections will take place with no primaries.

The meeting was also the first that featured a \$100 payment for GTC members who

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GTC Meeting

Community Service Awards Banquet held

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The 15th annual Awards for Community Service were held at Doxbee's supper club on January 24.

The event recognizes the efforts of various community members.

"People are nominated and an event committee selects the person to be honored," Jim Martin, event coordinator, said.

Also, certain tribal departments select their own honorees and awards are presented.

This year's award winners are:

- Elder of the Year Award to Pearl McLester
- Lifetime Achievement Award to Clifford Webster
- Business Person of the Year to Steve Ninham
- Gaming Employees of the Year (2): Emmett Parks and Tammy Van Schyndel
- Oneida Leadership Award to Kelly J. Skenandore - Holtz
- Security Department Employee of the Year to Tim Paulson
- Caretaker of the Land to Fred Muscavitch, DOLM
- Educator of the Year to Annette King
- Medical Health Person of the Year to Pharmacy Staff
- Law Enforcement Person of the Year to Officer, Ron King, Jr.
- Jeff Skenandore Memorial Gifts (2) presented to Jason Kurowski and Linda Duquaine
- Cherrisse A. Slove Memorial Scholarship Award to Michael Arce
- Oneida Volunteer of the Year to Brad Skenandore



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Cliff Webster, right, accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from Don White.

Native Americans needed to fill Big shoes

By Steven J. Gandy

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Much like the Marine Corps, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Northeastern Wisconsin is looking for a few good men, especially if you are Native American.

Currently, there are about 160 children in the waiting pool at BBBS, of those, 75 percent are Little Brothers waiting to be matched with a Big Brother. Unfortunately, there are not enough to Bigs to go around.

On the flip side, 75 percent of volunteers that BBBS receives are women wanting to be Big Sisters so the disparity created can make for long waiting times for the Little Brothers.

For kids/clients in Oneida, the wait can be even longer.

Sara Karcz, Marketing and Partnership Coordinator for BBBS said, "We do have a lot of clients in the Oneida area. I think we have six or seven clients right now that are fully involved enrolled in the program and I know there's going to be more that want to enroll, but they know there's not a huge group of Native

American's volunteering right now so they're not quite signing up for the program because they know they'll just end up waiting."

Some kids wait as long as two and three years.

Scott Denny, an Oneida Big Brother said, "At the time Raymond and I got matched...he was waiting for two years. And he has a brother that was also enrolled in the program and he didn't get matched until last year, so he actually waited for three years until he got a match. And that's a long time. He was elated when he finally found out."

BBBS matches clients on a variety of criteria to ensure a good fit for both the Big and the Little.

Karcz said, "We match on interest, location and we also ask the volunteers and the clients their preferences on age and interest. Obviously we want people to be doing similar activities. So if the Big likes to do sports, we want to match them up with a Little that like to do sports."

The activities can be as simple as a walk or as involved as camping.

"We really focus right off day one; we say no-cost, low-cost activities. It's the simple things like cooking a meal, going to the grocery store, going for a walk, those are the kinds of activities the kids even want to do. It's not about spending money; it's about getting together and doing those everyday activities," Karcz said.

Denny echoed Karcz' sentiments, "You think that you have to do all this fun stuff, you have to go spend a lot of money and go places and it's about fun and games. I don't take that approach always; sometimes we just have a practical approach, like we just hang-out or sometimes we just go driving around."

BBBS is an national organization that has been around for more than 100 years and is in its 36th year in Northeast Wisconsin.

"We are professionals that do one on one mentoring and it's through the life of the match. We match people up, we interview them. We review the Littles we review the Bigs; we get them matched up; we get them support and through out the life



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin is located at 1345 W. Mason Street in Green Bay.

of the match we will be in contact with them to see if there's anything we can provide," Karcz said.

BBBS is in need of Big Brothers from Native American cultures. There are currently seven Littles from Oneida in the pool of kids waiting to be matched up. And more that have yet to sign up according to Karcz.

BBBS asks for a year long commitment of two to four hours one day a week.

"They don't ask a lot out of

you. They only ask a couple hours a week one day a week. And when you do...I find that I enjoy hangin' with Raymond, so that turns into more time. We still only meet one day a week, but sometime you find that we're doing a whole day or half a day," Denny said.

For more information on becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister please call the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin at (920) 498-2227.



From Page 1A/GTC Meeting recessed

are of voting age. The attendance was well over 700 people even with questionable road conditions in the morning.

The meeting also featured a report from OBC Treasurer, Mercie Danforth, which examined the tribe's assets and liabilities. This report was mandated the GTC during last year's budget meeting. The report did not include every credit and debit as requested by GTC due to the vast amount of time and resources that the request would take. The report was not approved and will be further examined at the reconvened meeting on February 9 at the Turtle School at 10 a.m. Reports by the Gaming General Manager and Chief of Staff were passed without being heard.

The GTC also examined and approved the Military Service Employee Protection Act, which prohibits the tribe discriminating against military persons when applying for employment. It also protects their job, provides health care coverage during their military leave.

The meeting lasted over four hours before being recessed with only one item left on the agenda.

Voting Results at GTC Annual Meeting on January 26, 2008

#	NAME	VOTES RECEIVED
1.	Linda Dallas	429
2.	Chas Wheelock	421
3.	Cathy L. Metoxen	305
4.	Wendell McLester	276
5.	Steve Mittag	260
6.	Lois Strong	239
7.	Mindimoye	211
8.	Lynn Summers	196
9.	Elaine Doxtator	195
10.	Louise Cornelius	192
11.	Pam Ninham	182
12.	Cliff Danforth	179
13.	Florence Petri	177
14.	Barbara Skenandore	176
15.	Kim Reyes	158
16.	Jim VanStippen	153
17.	Tim Ninham	149
18.	Richard Moss	142
19.	Diane Jourdan	141
20.	Carolyn Skenandore-Redhail	134
21.	Gail Grissman	128
22.	James Huff	124
23.	Sherrole Benton	120
24.	Donald McLester	119
25.	LeeAnn Doxtator	116
26.	Laurel McKenzie	67
27.	Donna Domencich	
(Tie)	Debbie Erickson	46
28.	Karen Rusch	40
29.	Francis Brigham	37
30.	Muriel Krogman	21

Results of the Jan. 26, 2008 GTC Meeting to appoint 10 members to a working group for the office of the GTC Proposal.

From Page 1A/Health Bill objected

Medicaid and prompt new construction and modernization of health clinics on reservations. The Senate began consideration of the legislation Tuesday.

The bill would also expand the Davis Bacon Act, which requires contractors and subcontractors to pay workers locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits, to apply to some of the new American Indian projects. The Bush administration said in a state-

ment that the labor provision would violate long-standing administration policy.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said the bill is a first step in addressing the "crisis" in American Indian health care. The system is underfunded and inefficient, he said.

Rates of most leading causes of death for American Indians are much higher than the rates for the rest of the

country. Rates of alcoholism, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and suicide are especially high.

"Today it is likely somewhere on an Indian reservation someone is dying who shouldn't have to die," Dorgan said on the Senate floor.

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will be published on

Thursday,

Feb. 14, 2008

Cold weather closes ONSS, Headstart



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

The Oneida Nation School System (ONSS) sent students home Tuesday afternoon, January 29 as a sudden drop in the temperatures created ice covered roads overnight. ONSS and the Oneida Headstart programs stayed closed on Wednesday as temperatures hovered around -10 degrees with a windchill of up to -45 degrees.

According to the Emergency Stipend Payment Policy approved 12/12/07 by the Oneida Business Committee: Section: 4-2. In order to receive a stipend for attending a GTC meeting, a person shall: (a) be an enrolled Tribal member; (b) be twenty-one (21) years of age or older; (c) except as provided under (1), register no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the published starting time of the meeting by signing an official GTC Registration Form containing the members's name and enrollment number; and providing a valid Tribal or state issued picture identification. (d) be present for the entire meeting; and (e) provided a picture identification and sign out when the meeting ends. See <http://businesscommittee.oneidanation.org/or> contact the Tribal Secretary Office for a copy of policy.

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GTC Annual Meeting

The GTC Annual Meeting will reconvene on the following date:

• SATURDAY

February 9, 2008

• 10:00 A.M.

• Turtle School Gym

N7125 Seminary Road

Oneida, WI 54155

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Local

Passing On...

Griffey, Edward "Eddie"**September 13, 1948 – January 16, 2008**

Edward "Eddie" Griffey, 59, Oneida, died unexpectedly, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at his home. He was born Sept. 13, 1948, in rural Freedom, to Grace (Metoxen) Griffey and the late Albert Griffey Sr.



He is survived by his mom, Grace; his siblings, Hopie (Sid) Paterson, Ken (Rusty) Griffey, Brenda Griffey, Albert Griffey Jr.; six nephews, one niece, nine great-nieces and nephews, and aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, his grandparents, numerous aunts and uncles, and a step-uncle, Robert Schuyler.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 19 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Oneida.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 N. Tenth Street De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to express online condolences to the family.

**Doxtater, Cleveland "Clevie"****July 8, 1923 – January 17, 2008**

Cleveland "Clevie" Doxtater, 84, of Oneida passed away on Thursday morning, January 17, 2008 at a local hospital. The son of the late Calaway and Elizabeth (Webster) Doxtater was born July 8, 1923 in Oneida. Cleveland was a Veteran of the U. S. Navy and proudly served his Country during WW II.

He was married to Mae Baxter. Mr. Doxtater worked as a welder, most recently at Clintonville Utility, Tool, and Body Company. Following retirement he also worked at Oneida Bingo and Casino. Clevie was an avid Packer Fan, was an outdoorsman, enjoyed hunting and fishing and liked to tinker with motors and cars.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Baxter, his children, Cleveland James and Sandi Doxtater, Jr., Barbara Ann Shegonee and Gin Maloney, Dennis Wayne and Kim Doxtater, Sr., William Edward and Laura Doxtater, Sr., Leabeth Louise and John "JR" Chitwood, Shirley Mae Tourtillott, Ruth Ellen Doxtater and Adam Steffes, Angela Lynn and Andrew Cherny, Gwendolynn Kay and Jason Bowser, three stepchildren, Tony Baxter, Ken Brisk, and Ronald Christjohn, 28 grandchildren, 19 great-grand-

children, one great-great-grandchild, his brothers and sisters, Arlie and Erma Doxtater, Betty and Junior Parker, Linda Doxtater and Shirli Hottenstein, Lorna Christjohn and Ida Stevens, and Marlene Summers. He will also be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends, as well as his beloved dog Jessie. Cleveland was preceded in death by his first two wives, Angeline Alice Doxtater, who was the mother of their children, and then Evelyn Fish Brisk, as well as children, Sharon, Allen, Gloria and Donna, and siblings, Melvin "Billy" Doxtater, Carol Wood, and Franklin and Margaret Doxtater.

Funeral services were held for Cleveland at 10:00AM Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Oneida with the Rev. Earl Smith, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with full Oneida Veteran's Rites.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences to the Doxtater family.

Ninham, Elizabeth (Liz) "Brule Lady"**May 16, 1945 – January 19, 2008**

Elizabeth (Liz) "Brule Lady" Ninham, 62, of Green Bay, died Friday afternoon January 19, 2008. The daughter of the late Omar and Irene (Swamp) Ninham was born May 16, 1945 in Brown County. She was a graduate of West De Pere High School. Liz worked many years at Proctor and Gamble. She loved nature, especially birds and liked doing crafts. Liz enjoyed rummaging, traveling and her music.



Survivors include her children, Dan Ninham, Rick and Karen Ninham, and Nancy and Jay Scharine, nine grandchildren, a special nephew, Paul Ninham, her siblings, Mary Jane Summers, Dorothy Ninham, Elaine Miller, Anderson Ninham, Benjamin Ninham, Michael Ninham, Marcia Sanapaw, nieces and nephews, a special friend,

Linda Schilling, and her dog Mollie. Liz was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers and 1 sister.

Friends may call at the Oneida Parish Hall, Freedom Road (across from Holy Apostles Church) from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, January 21, 2008. Oneida Hymn singing will begin at 6:30 pm. Prayer service will be held at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue on Tuesday morning from 11:00 to 11:45 am at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Oneida. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated t 12:00 noon on Tuesday at the church with Father Seth Richmond, officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery. RYAN FUNERAL HOME, De Pere, is in charge of arrangements. Please visit www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences.

Last full-blooded Eyak, and fluent speaker of native Alaskan language, dies at 89

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Marie Smith Jones, who worked to preserve her heritage as the last full-blooded member of Alaska's Eyak Indians and the last fluent speaker of their native language, has died. She was 89.

Jones died in her sleep Monday at her home in Anchorage. She was found by a friend, said daughter Bernice Galloway, who lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

"To the best of our knowledge she was the last full-blooded Eyak alive," Galloway said Tuesday.

"She was a woman who faced incredible adversity in her life and overcame it," Galloway said. "She was about as tenacious as you can get."

As the last fluent speaker, she worked to preserve the Eyak language, a branch of the Athabaskan Indian family of languages, said Michael

Krauss, a linguist and professor emeritus at the University of Alaska Fairbanks who collaborated with her.

She wanted a written record of the language so future generations would have the chance to resurrect it, said Krauss, who directs the university's Alaska Native Language Center.

Jones helped Krauss compile an Eyak dictionary and grammar. Jones, her sister and a cousin told him Eyak tales that were made into a book.

"With her death, the Eyak language becomes extinct," Krauss said. In all, he said, nearly 20 native Alaskan languages are at risk of the same fate. He called them "the intellectual heritage of this part of the world. It is unique to us and if we lose them, we lose what is unique to Alaska."

The Eyak ancestral homeland runs along 300 miles of

the Gulf of Alaska from Prince William Sound in south-central Alaska eastward to the town of Yakutat. Jones was born in Cordova in 1918 and grew up on Eyak Lake, where her family had a home-stead.

Many of her siblings died young when smallpox and influenza tore through the Eyaks, her daughter said. In 1948, she married William F. Smith, a white Oregon fisherman who met Jones while working his way up the coastline, Galloway said.

The couple had nine children, seven of whom are still alive. None of them learned Eyak because they grew up at a time when it was considered wrong to speak anything but English, Galloway said.

But Galloway said her mother was a traditional Indian in many ways. She was the youngest of her siblings and waited until her last older

sibling died in the 1990s before taking on the responsibility that comes with being the oldest child. It was at that time that Jones pursued her interest in preserving the Eyak language and the environment, Galloway said.

"There was a transformation of our mother into a very pro-active, politically active individual," Galloway said.

Jones twice spoke at the United Nations on peace and the importance of indigenous languages, Galloway said.

Krauss described Jones as a "wonderfully ordinary Eyak lady who lived to a ripe old age not because of an easy life but because of a rather hard life, coming up and surviving as an Eyak in the 20th century."

Being the last of her kind for the last 15 years, Krauss said, "was a tragic mantle that (Jones) bore with great dignity, grace and spirit."

Odawa language course part of high school curriculum

By Christina Rohn

Petoskey News-Review

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. (AP) — A groundbreaking new course is being offered at Harbor Springs High School — Anishinaabemowin, the native language of Odawa Indians.

The class, a collaboration between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Harbor Springs Public Schools, began last September.

No other public school system in the state is offering a Native American language

course for credit toward graduation, the Michigan Department of Education says.

Twelve students signed up for the course and 11 remain, including Harbor Springs junior Taylor Fisher, who is one-fourth Native American.

"I'd have to say this is one of my more interesting classes," he said. "I'd probably take it again just to get some more of my heritage in there. My native history is a big part of what I do, and it's nice to take a class at a school that cares about a certain history."

Crooked Tree junior

Cheyenne Worthington, who is one-fourth Odawa and one-eighth Chippewa, said she is taking the course to learn more about her history.

"I wanted to partly because I really wanted to get into, and know, the culture. There's so many people that ask me questions about it and I can't answer them because I don't know myself, so I'm trying to learn it," she said. "Plus, my dad used to speak it (Anishinaabemowin) up until fifth- or sixth-grade, before he had to learn English, and just me speaking what I learn here brings back what he knew."

Carla McFall, LTBB language program coordinator, said this class is a step toward the tribe revitalizing the lan-

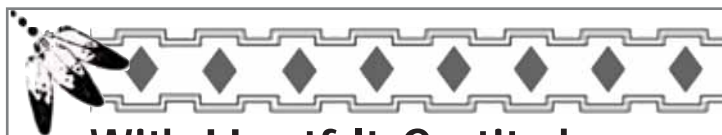
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"This really got some young people involved and interested," McFall said. "The elders are really proud that they're (the youth) taking the time to learn and revitalize the language our goal is revitalization."

Tecumseh Adams, a Harbor Springs junior who is one-half Odawa, said he feels this course is practical for him.

"It sort of gives me a sense of belonging, like I know where my roots are in a way it brings a good variation of history and language," he said.

Susan Jacobs, principal

See Page 4A**Odawa course**

With Heartfelt Gratitude...



*Mother Teacher Confidant Friend
Diane Brenda Funmaker-Theisen*

Thank you for the hugs, hand shakes, condolences, prayers, and kind words that made us strong during one of our family's most difficult times. Our family would also like to express our gratitude to the communities of Oneida and Ho-chunk Nation during the passing of our Mom, Diane. Thank you Good Shepard Nursing Home (or as we liked to call it, The Resort) and to those special individuals who gave our mom the extra time, special care, and concern that she needed and YOU provided. We know she would have appreciated your concern not only for her but for all of us and we are sure that she knows all this. Perhaps you were not there at all, but just thought of us that day. Whatever you did that day to console our hearts, We Thank You.

We would also like to thank Ryan's Funeral Home and Ron McLester for your assistance during our time of sorrow. We have about 35-40 cards that did not get mailed. For this we apologize, as we were not able to find an address for you. But your thoughtfulness is in our hearts and you are not forgotten. A special thanks goes out to the Pall Bearers; Michael Harding, Douglas Elm, Comanche Pecore, Caleb Funmaker, Ernie (Steve) Stevens Jr., Tony Metoxen, Nick Furcho, Junior Reed, and Jim House. Thank you for not leaving her side. We would like you to know we are proud of our Mother and her accomplishments. One in particular, is the persistent endeavor she faced to help organize and establish the Oneida Headstart Food Program in which she briefly worked with Ada Deer to accomplish this. Mom also worked within the creation of the United AmerIndian Center and enjoyed working with OLC (Our Lady Of Charity) Sisters. We are forever grateful for the time we shared together with you, Mom all that you gave, thank you for your unconditional, undying love, strength, wisdom, and hopes for it will lead and guide us in this world in which you left. Thank you, Ma. We love you.

Sadly missed by Kim, Gina, Kerry, Audrey, Kevin, Kory, and Kelly Jo, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren

Thank You...

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the following for their kindness and help during the loss of my Husband, our Father, Grandfather, Son, Brother and Uncle. Your kindness and generosity is/was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the pallbearers: Mario Metoxen, Steve Ventura, Jr., Jacob Ventura, Rudy Diaz, Junior Diaz, and Joseph Diaz, the Oneida Singers, the Oneida Drum Group: David Danforth, Sr., David Danforth, Jr. David Danforth, III, Opie Day-Bedeau, Forrest Barton, and Josh Bailey, Rev. Earl Smith and Doug Skenandore, to my Aunts Evelyn Elm & Harriet Reiter and their daughters, to Muehl & Beottcher Funeral Home for your wonderful support, to all those who sent cards, flowers, call, visited, etc. Finally a special thank you to my mother, my brothers & sisters, to the Ventura family from Chicago, and the Metoxen family for your overwhelming support. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me.



**Sadly missed by:
Wife, Joan Ventura and Children**

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Local

From Page 3A/Odawa course offered

Susan Jacobs, principal at Harbor Springs High School, said she had recognized the need for such a course for several years. “Native American students do not feel part of our system because very little about the system honors who they are,” she wrote in a 2006 letter to the Harbor Springs Public Schools Board of Education. She contacted Ray Kiogima, a tribal member and elder, about offering an Odawa language course at the high school. Kiogima had co-authored a book entitled, “Odawa Language and Legends,” which translates more than 1,000 common words and phrases from Odawa to English. Kiogima set up a meeting between Jacobs and tribal members. “The tribe thought it was wonderful; everybody thought it was great,” she said. “We wanted to give the Native American students exactly what we give to the white children. We wanted to do something within the curriculum that implicitly said, without saying a word, that ‘You are just as valued as anybody else.’” Jacobs said 11 percent of her student population is

Native American, and she says she measures the school’s success by them. “If they don’t feel that this system is heading them toward an independent life, then we’ve failed,” she said. Jacobs said by the summer of 2006, the tribe had agreed to hire a curriculum designer, Ann Stander, and an instructor, Doreen Peltier, who is fluent in the language and comes from Manitoulin Island in Ontario, Canada. Helped by an anonymous \$15,000 donation, Harbor Springs High School has provided the classroom and materials, which had to be crafted originally because there were no textbooks. “It was not a very recorded language; it was all oral, mostly done through storytellers,” said Cheryl Halfacer, director of Indian Education at Harbor Springs Public Schools. Peltier, the course instructor, said she has used her creativity. “I’m making it up as I go,” she said. But the students are catching on. “I’m so proud of these young people; they pick it up so fast,” she said. “It’s craziness in here for that hour, but I just love it. I do hope (the

language course) continues; I’ve heard talk of expansion next year.” Jacobs said she would like to see the program continue for years to come. “We definitely didn’t go through all this to have it fail,” she said. “We just feel the support of the tribe is really what made it work it’s such a point of pride for this community and the tribe.” Halfacer said the course has been eye-opening for students. “It’s given all the students the awareness of the area they live in and how rich it is in Native American culture,” she said. The year-long course provides students with one-and-a-half credits toward graduation. It meets Monday through Friday and is open to community members. Elders from the Little Traverse Bay Bands make frequent appearances to speak the language and answer questions.

Update for... Lifeline Subscribers

Oneida Elderly Services would like to thank you for your understanding and patience during the transition of the lifeline units from St Vincent Lifeline to A&A Integrated Protection Systems. We have successfully completed all exchanges of the lifeline units. If by chance we missed you or you’re having trouble with the new A&A Integrated Protection Systems please contact Deborah Melchert @ 869-2448

Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski
Kalihwisaks Managing Editor

She did it her way


I went to the General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting Saturday, January 26. It seems that the \$100 payment did the trick for attendance. I nodded to my neighbors in the bleachers, some I’ve seen around, and some I hadn’t seen before. As the meeting started, my neighbors on the right politely listened to the discussion, never raising their hands or calling out a yea, nay or abstain. My neighbor to the left cracked opened a magazine, balanced her checkbook, and got a jump on her tax return. I guess we can get paid for attendance, but we can’t pay attention.

I myself wandered the limits of my own attention span, remembering back to my first GTC meeting. An older fellow would take every opportunity to jump up and declare

“When I was a young man” as a way of objecting to spending any money on anything. I could only imagine the verbal drubbing we would have received if he had been at Saturday’s meeting. Then again, he would have had to find some way to get a hold of the microphone.

Wait, no, I shouldn’t be so negative. It’s great to see so

many people attending the meeting. And I haven’t had so much fun listening to one person hog the microphone since that time some dude sang the entire Frank Sinatra catalog at karaoke night. Good times, good times. The meeting was recessed after four hours. Apparently, the membership had such a good time, they want to get together again February 9 for another \$100 a pop shindig. You know, when I was a young woman...



Calendar

2008

February 2-3

Arti Gras 2008
WHEN: February 2-3
TIME: Saturday 10am-5pm
PLACE: Shopko Hall, Green Bay

The 18th annual Arti Gras arts festival highlights the arts, featuring fin artists and craftpersons, performing arts, edible art, artist demonstrations and hands on activities. For more information (920) 435-5220 or info@artseventsinc.com

February 6

Double Elimination Billiard League
WHEN: Starts Wednesday, February 6
TIME: TBA
PLACE: Oneida Family Fitness Activity Room

Oneida Family Fitness presents Double Elimination Billiard League, Winter 2008. Cost: \$5 per person. members and non-members are welcome. Prizes awarded to the top three competitors. Call Jason Manders at **920-490-3852** for more information.

February 5

Tenant Meeting Rescheduled
WHEN: Tuesday, February 5
TIME: 5:30pm-7:30pm
PLACE: Site II Community Building

Due to the weather, the January 29, 2008 Tenant meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Turkey and mashed potatoes will be provided, please bring a dish to pass.

March 8-9

21st Annual Trails Pow-Wow
WHEN: March 8-9
TIME: Grand Entry Saturday 1pm & 7pm, Sunday 1pm
PLACE: Mole Lake Bingo Hall, Mole Lake, Wisconsin

Honorariums for dancers, color guard, and first seven registered drums. Feast both days at 5:00pm. Weekend button: \$5, six and under, 55 and older free. No smoking, alcohol or drugs. Native American Craft Vendors welcome. Call Joleen at **715-478-5115** for more information.

Wednesdays

Loom Work Beading Class
WHEN: Wednesdays
TIME: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Site II Community Building, W1144 Park Dr.

Breezy will be teaching a loom work beading class. Materials will be provided. Calss is open to those ages 13 to adult. To register, call Breezy at **920-869-6669**.

Fridays

Women’s Support Group
WHEN: Fridays
TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Three Sisters Center

For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at (920) 592-8682 or (920) 412-0396.

Please call the *kalihwisaks* office at (920) 869-4280, 4279 or 4277 to include events in this section.
Announcements must have a contact phone # that can be published to be included in this section.

Oneida Tribe Elderly Christmas Party

We want to provide the best possible service to you. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions if you will take a few minutes to share your opinions about our performance. We value your input as we strive to provide excellent service to meet your needs. Please check the box that best describes your rating of each of the following. If there is something you really don’t like, please offer a suggestion. Please return survey by mail to Elderly Services, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155 or drop it off at your earlier convenience. Thank you.

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Don’t know
Location: Suggestions:				
Time of Day: Suggestions:				
Facility: <i>Clean, attractive, pleasant ,safe</i> Suggestions:				
Meal: Suggestions:				
Band: Suggestion:				
Staff Assistance: Suggestions:				
What do you feel is the most important thing to improve to be the best we can be?				
What other suggestions do you have to help improve our Elderly Christmas Party?				
Thank you! If you would like to speak with the Director, please list your phone number and the best time to call. Optional: Name:				
Phone Number and Best time to call:				

Local



King of Images

The Dennis King Story

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

What started out as fun quickly turned into a successful business for Dennis King.

King's photography business D. King of Images provides senior photos, wedding photos and sports photos. "My favorite to shoot is sports. I like the action and nothing is posed," said King.

King considers himself an artist and got his start by doing airbrushing. "I really started by taking photos of my airbrush art and storing them on my computer. I then started taking pictures of my kids and showing people at work. They then would ask me to take pictures of their kids," King said.

After taking pictures of other people kids it took some convincing to let King take professional photos of his own kids. "My wife was still bringing our kids to Sears for photos. I told my wife that ther people are paying me to take photos of their kids but you won't let me take photos of our own kids," King said. "I then took the kids to a park and posed them with the trees, they turned out really cool."

King relishes every opportunity when he is hired. "When someone hires me it is

BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Dennis King Eyes up the subject for his next photograph. He turned his pastime into his profession.

a challenge to try new things and be creative", he said.

King has a pretty diverse group of clients. "Most weddings I do are from outside the Oneida community, however most of the senior pictures are from Oneida. I also am started to be known in the Keshena area as well for senior pictures," said King. "I want to get the word outside of the Oneida Community. I am booking weddings for next year already so maybe I am being more well known."

King sees word of mouth as the best advertising tool to reach potential clients. "I've

got to market myself, I don't have a business background and know about marketing. I know how to take good photos. My website is a great way to showcase my photos," he said.

King style can be described as artistic but has the ability to do the formal photos. To make his photos as artistic as possible King utilizes the computer program Photoshop to create eye catching prints. "Those photos seem to be the favorites of my clients. They definitely get the wow effect," said King.

King is thankful for what

photography has brought him. "I've been to places like Phoenix, Albuquerque, California and have been able to meet celebrities, senators and governors of other states," he said. King is hired to photograph the annual National Indian Gaming Association convention. "I know I would not have been to these places and meet these people if it wasn't for photography," he added.

To view King's images visit his website www.dkingofimages.com.

National Entrepreneurship Week 2008 Plans Underway

Madison - Schools, businesses, communities, organizations and individuals interesting in participating in the second annual National Entrepreneurship Week (February 23 through March 1, 2008) are invited to submit their National Entrepreneurship Week 2008 activities to the Department of Commerce's e-ship week website. The second annual recognition of and the department's website (www.commerce.wi.gov/eweek)

<<http://www.commerce.wi.gov/eweek>>) will act as a clearinghouse for all statewide activities and events.

"I encourage everyone interested in teaching or learning more about the role entrepreneurs will play in the future economy of Wisconsin - and the world - to participate in Entrepreneurship Week 2008," said

Department of Commerce Secretary Jack L. Fischer, A.I.A.

Last year, the Fox Valley Technical College's Venture Center and the Cooperative Educational Service Agency #6 (CESA) partnered and hosted a Youth Entrepreneurship Summit that was held during National Entrepreneurship Week. Due to the overwhelming response from last year, this year's summit will be expanded to include entrepreneurial round tables, personal financial literacy and a creative marketing session. During

the National Entrepreneurship Week (February 23 - March 1, 2008) schools are encouraged to register for the March 12 Youth Entrepreneurship Summit 2008 by contacting Tania Kilpatrick, Career and Technical Education Coordinator at tkilpatr@cesa6.k12.wi.us <<mailto:tkilpatr@cesa6.k12.wi.us>> . More information about the event can also be found on the Commerce web site.

Online sales boost Red Lake Nation Foods

RED LAKE, Minn. (AP) ~ Internet sales have exploded since Red Lake first started its Web site four years ago. Annual online sales for Red Lake Nation Foods jumped from around \$10,000 the first year, to more than \$250,000 in 2007.

Red Lake's products are being purchased worldwide, with the heaviest sales in Canada, Germany and the U.K.

"The growth is phenomenal," says Joel Rohde, manager of Red Lake Nation Foods.

Rohde says before the Web site was created, most of the tribe's wild rice and other products were sold to wholesalers or small-scale retailers close to the reservation. The Internet has created unlimited opportunities for Red Lake to get the most out of its resources.

"We're very remote and our access to the big city, so to speak, our best access and most cost-effective access is by the Internet," Rohde says. Farmed wild rice is Red Lake's biggest seller but the Web site also features home-grown jams and jellies, maple and berry syrups, and crafts made from birch bark.

Now that Red Lake has resumed its commercial fishing operation, Rohde says Internet customers will soon be able to purchase walleye and yellow perch fillets online.

Rohde says the Internet boom has created hundreds of seasonal and full-time jobs on the reservation. He says that's a big deal for a place with nearly 70 percent unemployment.

"All of the birch bark work is hand-crafted by tribal members locally. And those are also spin-off jobs, if you will," Rohde explains. "You know, the berry pickers, the fishermen, the basket makers, the birch bark folks, are all jobs that really didn't exist two, three, four years ago."

In the old days, the Red Lake Band's marketing, packaging and distribution was outsourced to non-Indian companies. But the tribe is now doing more of that itself.

Last year, Red Lake got a \$1 million grant from the Shakopee Sioux community to set up its own packaging warehouse.

Red Lake is one of only a handful of tribes in the country doing direct sales online.

Tribal Chairman Buck Jourdain says that means more profit for the tribe. Jourdain says it also opens the door for cross-marketing and

partnership opportunities with other American Indian tribes across the U.S.

"We have tribal nations from throughout the country that contact us and say, 'Hey, we saw your product online.' Working with other Indian companies and other Native Nations to help each other out and build networks online, I think that's the way things are moving right now," Jourdain says.

Red Lake and about two dozen other tribes are working with a Montana-based nonprofit organization called the Intertribal Agriculture Council.

The council's goal is to help tribes market their products globally using the Internet and through trade shows.

Western tribes are selling apples and salmon online. Tribes in the Dakotas sell bison meat. Southwestern tribes are marketing beans, potatoes and hominy.

Nathan Notah, director of an ag council program that focuses on overseas markets, says there's growing interest in Europe and Asia in American Indian foods, largely because it appeals to those who want a natural diet. He says there's also a big interest in tribal culture.

"They're under the impression, in Germany or even Japan, that Native Americans no longer exist in the United States," Notah says. "So we're doing a double educational program when we try to promote our Native American foods, they're also realizing that Native American people still do exist here in the United States and that we haven't been totally wiped out."

Notah brings marketing reps from each tribe to food shows around the world. They present gourmet Native American meals to potential buyers.

He says one of the goals is to get Native American products into overseas grocery store chains. Notah would also like to make Native American cuisine more popular in restaurants.

"There's a couple of high-end restaurants in London that are very interested in our products. We just made some sales to the Hyatt-Regency restaurant chains in Japan," Notah says. "I think as people learn about what we have to offer from here in the U.S., I think the number of high-end

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Legislative Review



Chairman
Gerald Danforth

I'm writing to express my sincere gratitude to those tribal members who came together to conduct the business of our nation on Saturday,

Chairman's Corner...

January 26, 2008 at the Annual General Tribal Council Meeting. The meeting was well attended with 758 of our fellow members present. For the most part, we were on task and completed the majority of the agenda items at the meeting.

One item that was accepted by General Tribal Council, was the report about the new facility for the Southeast Oneida Tribal Social Services Staff (SEOTS). I am encouraged by the progress we made in the area of serving the needs of our Oneida constituents residing in the greater Milwaukee area. The new facility will go a long way to ensure we continue on a good path.

Another policy that General Tribal Council

passed is the Military Service Employee Protection Act. This act will guarantee the employment rights of our young Oneida Servicemen and Women when they are called to duty. Thank you for passing this important policy.

Another item I would like to address is the promise I made to diligently work on conducting our meetings in a manner that is conducive to treating each other with respect and dignity. At our meeting on Saturday, the progress we have been making in this area received a setback by what I believe, is very inappropriate behavior by a very small handful of people.

Since that meeting, I have been approached by numerous community members expressing displeasure about

the disruptions and outburst that occurred at the meeting. I will continue to work on addressing the concerns raised and will do my best to facilitate our meetings in the manner that is both respectful and dignified. To do this, I will need your continued support, as a community we must collectively let it be known that irresponsible and disrespectful behavior is not acceptable in a General Tribal Council Meeting.

We made a lot of progress, however, we did not conclude the entire business at hand. We were unable to adopt the Election Law Amendments that included a Primary Election. However, the election date was set for this year and will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2008. Additionally,

after the Treasurer's report, the very last item on the agenda, the meeting was recessed until Saturday, February 9, 2008. Details about the recessed meeting are included in this edition of the paper, so please watch for the notice which includes the location and time.

I will remain committed to work together to make positive adjustments that will allow us to come together in General Tribal Council meetings and make informed decisions about our Nation. Increased participation during General Tribal Council sessions can have a very positive effect on our community, and I encourage each tribal member to ask questions and get the facts about any given issue so that we can continue

to hold productive meetings.

On another note, if you have internet access, I encourage you to watch the speech that was delivered by the Vice-Chairwoman, Kathy Hughes to the Madison Civics Club at www.wisconsineye.com "Beyond Gaming: Wisconsin Tribes in the 21st Century." It's a great speech.

I continue to receive feedback after every General Tribal Council meeting on how to improve. If you have any suggestions or recommendations please write or call me at P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155, Ph. 920-869-4478 or 1-800-236-2214.

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Gerald L. Danforth,
Chairman

Legislative Update

I was happy to see so many in attendance at our Semi-Annual meeting this weekend. Participation in Tribal government can lead to a better understanding of how Tribal government works and the direction we are going as a Tribal government.

But, participation also requires us to understand each other and how we interact. Over the years, the rules used in General Tribal Council meetings have taken on unique Oneida aspects. I encourage you to talk with members who have been attending GTC meetings to better understand those rules and how you can participate.

The process of voting on GTC meeting issues can be quite difficult to understand, especially when actions are interrupted with someone calling out "privileged question" or "point of order" and the like. These are rules taken from Robert's Rules of Order. The Oneida Business Committee has asked the parliamentarian, our Chief Counsel, and her staff, to provide information and training on GTC meeting rules before GTC meetings. I will be asking for informal discussions to be scheduled to talk about the GTC meeting experience and so that members can become more comfortable and involved in the discussion. You can also get additional information by writing to the Tribal Secretary at P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155, or e-mail phoeft@oneidanation.org, or anyone of the Committee members or their staff.

I write today in a more personal note as a result of our recent experiences in GTC meetings. Yes, it is very much a pleasure to have so many show up, but with that number of members present also comes the challenges of running a meeting. Most of those challenges would be easy to overcome if we were to simply remember to treat each other with politeness, be willing to hear all sides of an issue, and allow everyone a chance to speak. We all have important opinions and concerns, but if we don't listen to each other, how



Councilwoman
Trish King

then can we understand and move forward in a proactive and successful manner?

Is it possible that 759 (or more) people could find a way to listen to a subject, speak from their hearts, listen with their

hearts and an open mind, and come to an agreement on clear and legal next steps?

This past weekend I watched as a handful of people heckled each other and use the rules of order to cut each other off. But then, I also saw the whole roomful of people sit patiently and listen to the Treasurer's report on the state of the Tribe's finances. I think it is possible to manage those meetings so that all have an opportunity to understand and to speak if they so choose. But to do so, we must also be willing to listen and allow everyone a chance to speak. With the cost of these meetings skyrocketing, the least we can do is allow people to speak their concerns in order to achieve clear understanding.

It can be quite frightening standing before your peers and asking a question or making a comment. It is even more so when those around you are booing or heckling. I wish I knew how to stop this type of negative and childish behavior. We are adults, we are teaching our children how they should interact and treat others. I believe that we have a responsibility to insure that everyone feels comfortable enough to speak, not just those who know how to play with the rules. This is not an "us" (membership) against "them" (Leadership) situation. We are not bullies, we are Oneidas, and we should begin to remember our culture of listening to one another, and working together to decide our future. Our life is right here and now in the present. But if we do not plan for those who are not yet born, what kind of life will they have as an Oneida? Can't we do both without hurting one another?

I strongly believe that no member of the Oneida Business Committee or this

organization is deliberately working to undermine or destroy this Tribe as some are trying to portray. I believe that we are all working diligently to improve this Tribe for today and the next generation. The information shared by the Treasurer and her team can verify that as in one component-the financials. However when all the leadership and organizational reports are accepted in one full motion, that also is a measurement that says the activities of tribal organization is acceptable to the membership.

The Secretary has taken the initiative to change the format for the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports, the Treasurer has taken the initiative to present the financial information in a more understandable format. We look forward to your feedback on these new reports and what we can do to improve them. We are all trying to meet the needs of the GTC, and if these reports are still not understandable, then we need to hear that from each of you directly.

I know I am opening myself up for criticism by speaking out in this manner. I apologize for using this forum to state my concerns, as only those in attendance may fully understand what I am referring to. However, I can no longer sit idle and allow the integrity of this Nation to be demoralized by the works of a small minority of members who work so hard to purposefully and maliciously hurt those in leadership and undermine your ability to speak in GTC meetings. Our Nation is very proud and progressive and we can only continue to do that by working together and supporting one another with a good mind and a good heart.

If there are actions that I can take that will help you to better understand the issues and reports presented at GTC meetings, please contact me, a member of the Oneida Business Committee, the General Manager or other staff. We are here to assist you.

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Letters and opinions...

Inheritance is Forever

Inheritance is whatsoever another state or nation positively bestows upon another nation, where fair and trustful deeds are truly and completely honest,

Inheritance is whatsoever the Native American has been promised as a sacred word spoken by our forefathers, who sincerely meant well,

Inheritance is the sincere truth of an oath that never waivers nor is ever altered behind closed doors without both parties being equally notified beyond all secrecy,

Inheritance may exist as the Golden Rule of complete independence or it shall become the lingering existence of disregard beyond any righteous amendment ever being enacted,

Inheritance can be an overwhelming blessing of complete trust or the lingering curse of disrespect placed upon the unwanted shelf of willful forgetfulness,

Inheritance shall forever

remain without due change when the spirit of arrogance dictates its own private style,

True Inheritance is when righteous deeds abide within the complete trust that dwells forever beyond all the misleading folly,

Inheritance is justly forever with or without "The Golden

Rule of Complete Trust that Clearly Shows True Respect for All Concerned in Every Step of Positive Truth."

The Golden Pen
"Complete Honesty Shall Always Exist as the Golden Rule."
Wesley B. Summers



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If you have any questions, you may also contact her directly at (920) 869-4277.

Concerns regarding the Bow Season??

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Oneida Nation Hunting & Fishing Laws Meeting

Whatever your questions or concerns may be, bring them to the
Community meeting, held with the Conservation
Department and the Environmental Resource Board.

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008
**Where: Oneida Conservation Department
N8047 County U, Oneida**
Time: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact the Oneida Conservation Department at (920) 869-1450.

Oneida Tribal Justice System

Quarterly Summaries for October - December 2007

Initial Review

Rule 9(D) – Criteria for Acceptance: The Initial Review Body shall accept an appeal for appellate review if one or more of the following elements are sufficiently alleged to exist in the original hearing body decision by the Appellant in the Notice of Appeal:

- (1) A violation of constitutional provisions;
- (2) The decision is outside the scope of the authority or otherwise unlawful;
- (3) The decision is clearly erroneous and is against the weight of the evidence presented at the hearing level;
- (4) The decision is arbitrary and/or capricious;
- (5) There is exhibited a procedural irregularity which would be considered a harmful error that may have contributed to the final decision, which if the error had not occurred, would have altered the final decision;
- (6) There is a presentation or introduction of new evidence that was not available at the hearing level which, if available, may have altered the final decision.

To conserve time and space provided, the Oneida Appeals Commission will only put into print the Initial Review Decisions which have been denied. The cases that have been accepted at Initial Review will be published when the final adjudication has been entered.

Denied Initial Review Decisions

Teri M. Fairbanks vs. Oneida Bingo & Casing, Donna Denny. Docket No. 07-AC-024, October 29, 2007. Judicial Officers, Janice L. McLester, Winnifred L. Thomas and Jennifer Webster presiding. Failure to state a claim. On October 9, 2007 Appellant was given a Five (5) Day Notice to Perfect and failed to respond.

Joleen Kaquatosh vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, Table Games Dept., Lisa Danforth. Docket No. 07-AC-031, December 31, 2007. Judicial Officers, Winnifred L. Thomas, Lois Powless and Jennifer Webster presiding. Duplicate issues as presented in Docket No. 07-AC-027 which was accepted upon reconsideration.

Oneida Nation School System, Sharon Mousseau

vs. Coleen John (f/k/a Bins). Docket No. 07-AC-032, December 31, 2007. Judicial Officers, Winnifred L. Thomas, Lois Powless and Jennifer Webster presiding. Failure to sufficiently allege one of the criteria in Rule (D) of Rules of Appellate Procedure. Motion for extension of time denied.

Appellate Court Decisions

Lee Raab vs. William Reed, Internal Security. Docket No. 07-AC-015, November 5, 2007. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Anita Barber, Pearl House (pro tem), Lois Powless and Jennifer Webster presiding. This case involves the suspension of Appellant, Lee Raab. The Appellate body did not review the merits of the suspension as there had been no original hearing body decision. The Oneida Personnel Commission (OPC) dismissed Mr. Raab's appeal after Respondent, Mr. Reed, filed a Motion to Dismiss alleging by Mr. Raab resigning his position as Security Officer, Mr. Raab was no longer an employee of the Oneida Tribe, thereby forfeiting his rights to the grievance process. The Appellate body found by Mr. Raab initiating the grievance process as outlined in the Oneida Tribe's Personnel Policies and Procedures manual prior to submitting his resignation, is due his right for redress. Case remanded to the OPC to complete the grievance process.

Oneida Bingo & Casino, Table Games Department vs. Richard Heier. Docket No. 07-AC-011, November 26, 2007. Judicial Officers Anita F. Barber, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless, Winnifred L. Thomas and Jennifer Webster presiding. On February 6, 2007, Respondent, Richard Heier received an eight (8) day suspension for violation of Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures, § V.D.2.IV.k: Failure to be courteous in dealing with fellow employees or the general public. On April 20, 2007 the Oneida Personnel Commission (OPC) overturned the suspension based on the supervisors failure to follow the time lines within §V.D.5.b: Disciplinary Procedure, which in part reads "If disciplinary action is warranted, within five (5) working days the supervisor will fill out the fine (5) part disciplinary action form..." The OPC cites the five (5) day limitation for administering the corrective action. The Appellant asserted the five (5)

days is a guideline to be followed whenever reasonably possible and is not a strict statutory limit on the initiation of disciplinary action. We agree. In this case the supervisor only became aware of the incident on January 3, 2007. It would be too limiting to conclude the investigation ended on January 7, 2007. The five (5) day rule is flexible, however it should not be interpreted to mean supervisors may delay action on investigating grievances for an unreasonable long period of time. Individuals grievances are to be completed as accurately and expeditiously as possible. OPC decision overturned, suspension upheld.

In re: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Garnishment Request for Special December 2007 Per Capita Docket No. 07-AC-030, December 10, 2007. Honorable Robert Kittecon, Richard Ackley and Eugene White-Fish pro tem presiding. On December 3, 2007, the Oneida Tribe, through its Law Office, filed a Notice of Appeal and Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order. The Tribe was seeking an order permitting it to hold the per capita payment of those members who have established debts to the Tribe. The Tribe did not show how it would suffer irreparable harm if the Per Capita payment for the debtors in question had been issued. The Tribe failed to present a legal argument as to why the Per Capita Ordinance supported this relief. The Tribe has not met the requirements for a Temporary Restraining Order under Rule 31 of Rules of Civil Procedure. Denied.

Oneida Bingo & Casino, Table Games Department vs. Larry Schoen. Docket No. 07-AC-018, December 5, 2007. Judicial Officers Winnifred L. Thomas, Anita F. Barber, Janice L. McLester, Lois Powless and Jennifer Webster presiding. Respondent, Larry Schoen has been a Pit Manager for the Oneida Bingo and Casino Table Games Department for twelve years. On February 11, 2007, he was issued a Written Warning for Work Performance as described in the Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures Section V.D.2.1g. Negligence in the performance of assigned duties. (W/S/T) and Section V.D.2.IV.j. Personal Actions & Appearance. Failure to exercise proper judgement. (W/S/T) Mr. Schoen appealed to the Area Manager, and the Area Manager upheld the Written Warning. Mr. Schoen appealed to the Oneida Personnel Commission (OPC)

who, by a unanimous vote to overturned the written warning. Table Games Department the appealed to this Appellate body for review. The Appellate Court found the Mr. Schoen improperly allowed a floor person to influence his own judgement when he agreed to allow the floor person to lower a bet to rectify a previous error that had been made by the floor person. The fact that the floor person made the initial error meant the Mr. Schoen was obligated to ensure that his directive was carried out. The knowledge the floor person had made the error should have been enough evidence to cause concern of potential negligence on behalf of the floor worker. Mr. Schoen did not ensure his directive was followed. Ultimately the responsible person in this instance was Mr. Schoen. This incident would have been avoided had Mr. Schoen insisted that the correct method be used to change the patron's bet amount. The decision of the OPC, Docket # 07-WW-004 overturned.

Matthew Zahn vs. Oneida Bingo & Casino, Accounting Department. Docket No. 07-AC-017, December 5, 2007. Judicial Officers Janice L. McLester, Anita Barber, Lois Powless, Winnifred L. Thomas and Jennifer Webster presiding. On April 9, 2007, Appellant, Matthew Zahn, Accounting Assistant for Oneida Bingo & Casino received a five (5) day suspension for violation of Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures, § V.D.2.I.c Work Performance: Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information or records (S/T) On June 20, 2007 the OPC upheld the suspension. The Appellant alleged the OPC decision to be a violation of constitutional provisions, clearly erroneous and exhibits a procedural irregularity. Testimony and record reflect Mr. Zahn was given an opportunity to discuss the alleged violation and informed of his employee rights during the investigation and at the time of receiving the discipline by his immediate supervisor. Evidence presented confirmed Mr. Zahn was in breach of the confidentiality agreement. The alleged procedural irregularity was the number of days the suspension was for and had been corrected prior to the OPC grievance hearing and confirmed by Mr. Zahn. The OPC's decision is reasoned and based on the facts and applicable policies. Suspension upheld.

Trial Court Decisions

Division of Land Management vs. Scott and Janel Duxtater. Docket No. 07-TC-042, October 8, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Robert Christjohn and Gerald Cornelius presiding. Division of Land Management (DOLM), filed a foreclosure complaint for a claim of lien based on contractual obligations arising from a Dream Loan Agreement against Scott and Janel Duxtater for the amount of \$2,863.00 as of March 29, 2007. The court granted Division of Land Management's claim against the Duxtaters.

Amanda Bratz vs. Human Resource Department-Benefits and Crawford. Docket No. 07-TC-148, October 22, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Gerald Cornelius and Stanley Webster presiding. Amanda Bratz filed a complaint against HRD-Benefits for denying her medical benefits. HRD-Benefits their denial was based on an Independent Medical Evaluation from Dr. Barron. Dr. Barron's medical report stated Ms. Bratz reached her end of healing in April 2007 and needed no further treatment. At the hearing a settlement was reached and the parties motioned for a joint dismissal. The court granted the motion to dismiss.

Gary G. Metoxen vs. Oneida Business Committee. Docket No. 07-TC-106, October 25, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, James Van Stippen and Gary Jordan presiding. Gary G. Metoxen, filed a complaint against Oneida Business Committee, et al, William Gollnick, Chief of Staff, and Rick Cornelius, ex-Chief of

Police, for alleging terminating his appointment as a Police Commissioner. Mr. Metoxen claimed his termination was based on false and misleading information and violated his due process right to petition the court to review his case. After hearing the arguments, the court decided, according to Law Enforcement Ordinance, the Business Committee has the authority to remove Police Commissioners at their discretion. There is no Oneida law governing the extent or lack of an investigation. The Business Committee based their decision upon the evidence provided. Mr. Metoxen plea guilty of Disorderly Conduct for the offense dated September 19, 2006 and he received a Misdemeanor conviction. This court found the Oneida Business Committee did not violate Mr. Metoxen's rights by removing him from the Oneida Police Commission.

Gary G. Metoxen vs. Oneida Business Committee, et al, William Gollnick, Chief of Staff and Rich Cornelius, ex-Chief of Police and Tribal Member. Docket No. 07-TC-106, August 3, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, James Van Stippen and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. On June 19, 2007, Metoxen filed a petition against the OBC, William Gollnick, Chief of Staff, and Rick Cornelius, ex-Chief of Police, alleging he was terminated from his appointment as a member of the Police Commission based on false and misleading information. Furthermore, Metoxen asserts his due process right was violated by not affording him the right to petition the court to review his case. On July 5, 2007, the OBC submitted several motions: 1. Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim as to Gollnick and Cornelius; 2. Motion for Clarification; and 3. Motion for an Extension of Time. OBC's Motion to Dismiss Gollnick and Cornelius from this case was granted. The case may proceed under the citation of Gary G. Metoxen v. Oneida Business Committee, Docket 07-TC-106. An extension of time was granted to Metoxen to allow him time to answer the motions.

Christopher Cornelius vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits and Crawford Insurance. Docket No. 07-TC-136, November 6, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Gerald Cornelius and Stanley R. Webster presiding. Christopher Cornelius filed a complaint against Oneida Human Resource Department-Benefits and Crawford Insurance, alleging denial of worker's compensation benefits. Mr. Cornelius claimed he injured himself while on duty June 28, 2007. HRD-Benefits denial of benefits was based on Cornelius' untimely reporting. HRD-Benefits conceded Cornelius' injury was June 28, 2007 and he reported the injury on July 10, 2007, twelve days beyond the date of the incident. HRD-Benefits claim the injury must be reported within 10 days of incident according to the Tribe's Worker Compensation Law. After both parties plea their case, HRD-Benefits motioned for a voluntary dismissal. The court granted that motion.

Carolyn Maricque vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits and Crawford Insurance Company Docket No. 07-TC-182, November 19, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Gerald Cornelius and Stanley R. Webster presiding. Carolyn Maricque, filed a complaint against Oneida HRD-Benefits and Crawford Ins. Co., for allegedly wrongfully denying her worker compensation benefits. HRD claimed this matter was for medical expense only and treatment after May 21, 2007 was denied for not being reasonable or necessarily related to the motor vehicle accident and because Ms. Maricque reached maximum medical improvement on that date. A Joint Dismissal of All Claims of Claimant was submitted. The court granted the motion to dismiss.

Oneida Housing Authority vs. Oneida Trust Department Docket No. 07-TC-194, November 19, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Stanley R.

Webster and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. On October 29, 2007, Oneida Housing Authority, filed a Petition for Injunctive Relief against the Oneida Trust Department, from distributing any portion of the special per capita payment of August 11, 2007, to the Oneida enrolled tribal members names in the petition to allow for garnishment of said member's special per capita payments for debts owed to the Oneida Housing Authority. Prior to hearing, Housing Authority filed a Notice/Motion and Order for Dismissal. The court granted the motion to dismiss.

Fern Birdsbill vs. Oneida Housing Authority. Docket No. 07-TC-077, November 26, 2007. Judicial Officers Leland Wigg-Ninham, Robert Christjohn and Gerald Cornelius presiding. This was an appeal of the termination of Petitioner, Fern Birdsbill by Oneida Housing Authority. On October 8, 2007, the parties agreed to enter into mediation to resolve the issues in this case. On November 13, 2007, the parties participated into Peacemaking. The parties reached a Settlement Agreement and agreed to dismiss this case. Case dismissed.

John Orie vs. Fern Birdsbill. Docket No. 07-TC-206, November 30, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Stanley R. Webster and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. John Orie, filed a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Fern Birdsbill, requesting the Trial Court to issue an immediate TRO temporarily enjoining the law firm of Bouressa and Pateson, S.C. from releasing any monies received by them pursuant to the settlement agreement reached by all parties in the case of Birdsbill vs. Oneida Housing Authority until there's a determination of appropriate attorney fees. The Trial Court denied the TRO for several reasons: (1) Insufficient evidence, according to Rule 31(B)(1)(a) a temporary restraining order cannot be granted without Petitioner's complaint containing specific facts showing that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to the applicant. Ms. Orie failed to include documentation that supports his claim; (2) Temporary restraining orders are granted where a Petitioner can show irreparable harm. Mr. Orie had not shown irreparable harm as required by this rule. Mr. Orie's ultimate claim was for money only. and; (3) The Court cannot enjoin the Bouressa law firm when it has not been named as a respondent. This case was dismissed without prejudice.

Oneida Housing Authority vs. Abby Webster. Docket No. 07-TC-174, December 20, 2007. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Gerald Cornelius and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. Oneida Housing Authority filed a complaint against Abby Webster for \$631.00 in services she received while she was a tenant at 1232 Chief Hill Drive. Housing Authority filed a motion to dismiss because this claims was satisfied. The court granted the motion.

Servilla Van Dyke vs. Oneida HRD-Benefits and Crawford & Company. Docket No. 07-TC-195. Judicial Officers Mary Adams, Stanley R. Webster and Leland Wigg-Ninham presiding. Servilla Van Dyke filed a petition against HRD-Benefits and Crawford, for allegedly denying her claim for worker's compensation to cover her wages and medical expenses. HRD-Benefits asserted that Ms. Van Duke's claim of injury was for a pre-existing condition. Prior to the pre-trial hearing, both parties filed a joint motion to dismiss. The court granted the motion to dismiss.

Complete copy of the decisions can be obtained at the Oneida Tribal Judicial System Commission offices. Submitted by Janice L. McLester.



Second Annual Booyah Fry Bread Lunch

Saturday February 9, 2008

Oneida Parish Hall

(2936 Freedom Road Oneida WI, Across from the Stone Church)



Featuring Bob Stowe's Booyah And Sharon Alvarez's Fry Bread

11am to 2pm

Eat in or carry out

(To go orders please bring your own containers)

Cost is \$2.00 per bowl
\$1.00 per bread
Carry out is \$2.00 per scoop
(All proceeds go to the March of Dimes)

How Tunes Get Stuck In Your Head

Scientists may have found what makes a tune catchy, after locating the brain area where a song’s “hook” gets caught. A US team from Dartmouth College , reported in the journal Nature, played volunteers tunes with snippets cut out. They scanned for brain activity and found it centered in the auditory cortex - which handles information from ears. When familiar tunes played, the cortex activity continued during the blanks - and the volunteers indeed said they still mentally “heard” the tunes.

Catchy songs

Researchers have previously argued that catchy songs work by causing a “brain itch” that can only be scratched by repeating the tune.

The Dartmouth team asked volunteers to listen to excerpts from familiar and unfamiliar songs with lyrics or instrumentals. These included the Rolling Stones’ Satisfaction and the theme tune from The Pink Panther. Snippets of the music were removed at different points during the songs and replaced with silent gaps.

The researchers used a brain scan called functional magnetic resonance imaging to see which parts of the brain were active while the volunteers listened to the tracks. After the experiment, the volunteers reported hearing a continuation of the song during the silent gaps when the tune was familiar, but not when the song was unfamiliar to them.

Oneida Children’s Songs

Astetsi

Sung to the tune of “Louie Louie”

(Chorus)

Yeksa, yeksa, oh baby satketsko,
(girl, girl, oh baby, you get up)
huh, yeah, yeah, yeah yeah
Laksa, laksa, oh baby satketsko,
(boy, boy, oh baby, you get up,)
huh, yeah, yeah, yeah yeah

Aknulha told me the other day,
(My mother told me the other day)
Wailu, that it was Monday,
(She said)
She said it was time
to go to school,
“now, don’t make me tell you
What to do”!

(Chorus)

Satkusohal, satsluni
(Wash your face, get dressed)
Tehsatnathalho, satekhuni
(Comb your hair, eat)
Satnawilohal, satyathan
(Brush your teeth, go to school)
You go to school, and I’ll go to my job

(Chorus)

Colors Song

Sung to the tune of the “Can Can”

Onikwátala, Onikwátala, Onikwátala, Onikwátala
(Red, Red, Red, Red)

Onikwátala,Olúhya,Teyotsí·nkwalakalas, Otsí·nkwál, Awálá la la
la la la la la
(Red, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Green)

Onikwátala,Olúhya,Teyotsí·nkwalakalas, Otsí·nkwál, Awálá la la
la la la la la
(Red, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Green)

Days of the Week

Sung to the tune of “Adams Family” theme

(Chorus)

Days of the week, (clap clap)
Days of the week (clap clap)
Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week, (clap clap)

yawátatokáti, yawátatá·u, tekníhatut, ahsáhatut, kayelíhatut, wískhatut, Atákta
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
yawátatokáti, yawátatá·u, tekníhatut, ahsáhatut, kayelíhatut, wískhatut, Atákta
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

(Chorus)

*Songs created by an Oneida Language 1st Grade Teacher at Oneida Elementary School

When the researchers looked at the brain scans they found the individuals had more activity in specific regions of the brain during the silent gaps when the song was familiar, than when it was an unknown tune.

Lyrical focus

These brain areas lie in the auditory cortex, which is the part that handles information from the ears.

David Kraemer, a graduate student in Dartmouth’s Psychological and Brain Sciences Department who led the study,

said: “We found that people couldn’t help continuing the song in their heads, and when they did this, the auditory cortex remained active even though the music had stopped.”

The researchers also found whether the music had lyrics or not affected brain activity to different degrees.

If the music went quiet during an instrumental song, like during the theme from the Pink Panther, individuals activated many different parts of the auditory cortex, going farther back in the processing stream, to fill in the blanks.

When remembering songs with words, however, people simply relied on the more advanced parts of the auditory processing stream.

“It makes us think that lyrics might be the focus of the memory,” said Mr. Kraemer.

Domino effect

Co-researcher Dr Bill Kelley said their findings confirmed that sensory-specific memories, those linked to sight, sound or smell for example, are stored in the brain regions that were involved

in processing that information in the first place.

“But what we did not know until now was whether the same rules held true for the more complex imagery we see in everyday life.”

He said it was unlikely that memories were stored in only one particular brain region because they often involved more than one sensory pathway.

“When you are recalling a particular song that will activate auditory brain regions but that may, in turn, lead to you having a very vivid visual memory

as well.

“For example, you may picture yourself at the high school dance when you first heard the song.”

He said greater understanding of how memories are formed and recalled could help researchers investigating conditions that affect memory.

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Oneida Spelling System

VOWELS: Oneida has six vowel sounds. Unlike English each letter stands for one and only one sound.

“A” has the sound of the ‘a’ in ah or father “E” has the sound of the ‘e’ in egg or eight “I” has the sound of the ‘i’ in ski or machine “O” has the sound of the ‘o’ in hope or low

The remaining two vowels are nasalized. That means they are pronounced more through the nose than the usual English sounds. Roughly;

“U” has the sound of the ‘un’ in tune “A” has the sound of the ‘on’ in son.

CONSONANTS: Most of the consonants have the same sound as they usually do in English.

This is true for: H, L, N, W, and Y

The letters “T”, and “K”, and “S” each have two pronunciations depending on the other sounds near them.

“S” often has a sound halfway between the ‘s’ in sea and the z-like sound of the ‘s’ in was. When it comes between two vowels it always has the z-like sound and when it comes before or after ‘h’, then it has the sound of the ‘s’ in sea.

“T” normally has the sound of the ‘t’ in city, water, stove. Notice in those words ‘t’ sounds more like ‘d’. If a ‘k’, ‘h’, or ‘s’ follows then the ‘t’ has the usual English sound as in top.

“K” normally has a g-like sound as in skill but if a ‘t’, ‘s’, or ‘h’ follows, it sounds like the usual English ‘k’ as in kill.

OTHER SYMBOLS USED IN WRITING ONEIDA :

“ ? “ is used to represent a special consonant sound (called a glottal stop) that English doesn’t have. The sound is made by quickly stopping the flow of air in the throat, a kind of catch.

“ ‘ “ this symbol is written above a vowel to indicate the stressed syllable in a word.

“ . “ this symbol is used after a vowel to indicate the vowel is lengthened or dragged out a bit. (Vowels marked with both the dot and the stress mark have a slightly falling tone.)

“ _ “ underlined sounds are whispered and not said aloud.

This, then, is the Oneida alphabet used here: A, E, H, I, K, L, N, O, S, T, U, W, Y, ^, ?

Some special combinations are:

“tsy” or “tsi” has the ‘j’ sound as in jam, or judge “tshy” or “tshi” has the ‘ch’ sound as in church “sy” has the ‘sh’ sound as in shoe or hush

Local

Eldercare Locator Information

Oneida Elderly Services Title VI Program & Eldercare Locator Working together to service Native American Elders

Eldercare Locator is...

- A national public service of the US Administration on Aging (AoA) and the first step to finding resources for older adults in any US Community.
- A connector for elder and their care-givers to health and community based resources that enable elders to remain independent in their homes for as long as possible.

possible.

- A website www.eldercare.gov and telephone service 1(800)677-1116 with trained Information Specialists available Monday - Friday 9am to 8pm (EST).
- A database of information provided by Area Agencies on Aging, State Units on Aging and Tribal Aging Title VI Programs.
- A valuable resource that annually receives over 135,000 calls and 243,000 website visits.

- A free service administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) in cooperation with the National Association of State Units on Aging.

How the Eldercare Locator Works...

- We provide information on resources and the Eldercare Locator is one more national resource.

Any person from any tribe looking for services for Native Elders can call the Eldercare Locator or access the website and receive:

- Referral to information and

resources in their local community including information for listed Tribal Aging Title VI Programs.

- Referral to information about other services tribal elder might be eligible to receive.
- Referral to information about services in other areas of the country if an elder is planning to move.
- Referral to information for a family care-giver who is seeking care for an elder in another location.

Questions? Contact Tina Pospychala @ 869-2448.

Up close and personal with Linda Douglas

Elder Helper

When you were a child, what did you think you'd like to be when you grew up?

- I wanted to be a school teacher or a nurse

Who or what has had the biggest influence in your life?

- I enjoyed reading inspirational books as an adolescent.

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

- Contributing to my four children's success and welfare with out falling prey to society, living in Chicago.

Is there something you've always wished you were great at doing?

- I always wanted to play the piano

What is the best advice anyone ever gave you?

- This saying I will always remember: Be Kind and Good

Natured

What advice would you give to someone who is about to retire?

- Spend time with your grandchildren it keeps you young. Always have a back up plan travel.

What is your ideal vacation?

- I would take my grandchildren to Colorado and visit all my favorite places. Take them on the Cog Rail up Pikes Peak.

Favorite Meal: Black beans, rice and Mexican corn bread.

Favorite Music: Blues, BB King and Muddy Waters

Favorite Books: Og Mandino's Great Trilogy

Favorite Movies: Beaches and Dances with Wolves

Favorite Hobbies: Crocheting and hiking



Caretakers Corner

Yawa=ko, Oneida Members

By Dr. Frederick Muscavitch

DOLM Director

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ONEYOTEAKA COMMUNITY

The Division of Land Management (DOLM) thanks you for the generous donations we've received. As you know from our earlier articles, the DOLM was asked, back in August, if it would be willing to receive monetary donations. Some tribal members were concerned by the amount of money that would be taken out of the per capita to pay taxes. The question arose, "Is there a way to get the money back to the Tribe to buy land, and get a tax break?" The Tribe investigated.

So, to give Tribal mem-

bers the option of donating back a portion of their per capitas, letters went out. Then we received letters back; some said that this was a good idea — others were not so pleasant. Then, we began to receive checks. So far we have received over \$20,000 in donations and, since people now are aware of this option, we believe that we will continue to receive donations all year long. We are also looking at offering a "payroll deduction option" and posting this information on our website.

We say, "Yawa.ko" to everyone who has donated something, and we will keep you informed on where your money will be spent. Thank you all for belief in protecting our lands.

Employee of the Year

By Karen Wurth

DOLM Office Manager

Congratulations to Steve Webster for being our Division of Land Management "2007 Employee of the Year." Steve was selected for this annual award by his fellow employees at Land Management.

Steve has been with Land Management since October 2004 and is our Property Records Supervisor in our file room. Listed below are some of the comments and reasons that Steve is our Employee of the Year:

Steve is a great worker and always willing to help others.

He has influenced me to be a better person through his good attitude and work ethics.

Steve has stepped forward and took charge in getting OnBase up and running.

He is very helpful and always has a positive attitude.

Steve has been a great addition to Land Management and was able to get all of us to change how we work with files and storage of records.

Steve does a great job in the file room and all the projects he takes on. He is always willing to help out where needed.

He has the ability to motivate people to accomplish very tedious and routine assignments.

Steve is a good role model for his fellow workers by



Steve Webster

leading by example, going the extra mile, and thinking of others and their feelings.

He goes above and beyond his normal work duties. He takes his file room responsibilities seriously and strives for the advancement of technology and change. He is a great problem solver and always willing to assist with file information that is needed daily.

He is dedicated and loyal, and a very worthy individual of this award.

Steve has done an excellent job of following through with the On/Base software project and making sure it was implemented. Through his motivation and enthusiasm Land Management went live with the software in October 2007.

On behalf of the Division of Land Management, we want to say "Thank You Steve" for your hard work and outstanding service.

Also thank you Steve for working to organize and save our land records for future generations!

Oneida Nation Museum will be CLOSED until February 28, 2008

If anything is needed please call 869-2768 and we will be happy to help.

Watch for additional information.
Thank You for a great year!

National Indian Council on Aging Biennial Conference

When: September 5-9, 2008

Where: The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center 1500 Broadway Plaza Tacoma, Washington 98402
www.tacomaconventioncenter.co

Early bird registration:
June 30, 2008

Host Hotel: Sheraton Tacoma Hotel (soon to be Hotel Murano) 1320 Broadway Plaza Tacoma, Washington 98402
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.37 miles about 2 minute walking distance from convention center.

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WWW.NICOA.ORG OR CONTACT SHARON
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Elders please sign up at the Senior Center Meal Site. Deadline for signing up and for payment of \$793.00 is Monday, May 16, 2008 (no acceptance to deadline). Attendance is limited to 6 Elders. Arrangements for hotel, event registration and air fair are included in the cost and will be coordinated by Oneida Elderly Services. Meal costs are on your own. Any questions please feel free to call at 920-869-2448 or 920-869-1551. No refunds for cancelations. There is only space for 2400 participants at the conference & there will be NO onsite registration!

VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

When: Thursday, February 14
11:00am - 1:00pm

Where: At the **Senior Center**,
134 Riverdale

Come have fun on Valentine's Day with friends, we will be having Bingo, Luscious Lips Contest, and Door Prizes. Staff and other Departments are taking an Elder to lunch. Laugh and have a good time. Brighten your world with friendship and love.

Honoring Experiences, Exploring Culture, Restoring Harmony

A weekly program developing attitudes and skills for male nurturance



When... Starting Tuesday • February 5
Time... 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Where... Oneida Early Intervention
Cottage #1, 2640 Packerland

Why... To bring back the sacred harmony to fathering

Food and materials will be provided.

For more information about the Nurturing Father's Program and Session Schedule, Please call:
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ONEIDA ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



THE ONEIDA BURIAL FUND "HOW IT WORKS FOR YOU!"

JOIN: Patti Ruuti, Burial Fund Administrator
Oneida Library "Speaker of the Month"

GAIN: Information you want to know about:

- Eligibility
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THURSDAY - JANUARY 31, 2007
ONEIDA COMMUNITY LIBRARY
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Lifestyles

History buffs seek evidence of 'forgotten battle' before Alamo

By Hernan Rozemberg
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO (AP) ~ "Remember The Alamo!" goes the popular battle cry. But for a small cadre of dogged history buffs, truth seekers still have a thing or two to learn about a lesser-known military clash that took place two decades earlier and marked the first Texas revolution.

Led by a couple of proud Tejanos — the original term for Texans of Mexican descent — and with the full blessing of the property owner, a group of about 50 metal detector-toting volunteers set off on 600 acres of pasture in far Southeast Bexar County on Saturday in search of any remaining evidence of the Battle of Medina.

Dubbed the "forgotten battle," the bloody confrontation took place Aug. 18, 1813, just 20 miles south of and 23 years before the struggle at the Alamo, pitting Anglo settlers, American Indians and Tejanos against the defending forces of the Spanish crown.

The rebels were brutally crushed in the four-hour

standoff. More than 1,000 were killed — their bodies left to rot for nearly a decade — while fewer than 100 escaped. The victorious royalist camp suffered only 55 losses, all receiving a proper burial next to a nearby church.

To this day, the precise location of the battleground remains unknown, though Dan Arellano and Rick Reyes, along with other amateur historians including Chuck Toudouze, the ranch owner who hosted the group, bet that it happened on Toudouze's land.

While Arellano and Reyes led Saturday's expedition with a mission to give due credit to their Tejano ancestors, other volunteers showed up early on a chilly morning from near and far with hope of literally making history by digging up remains.

"I've been looking for this battle site for eight years," said Arellano, a real estate broker in Austin and author of "Tejano Roots: A Family Legend."

"There's a plaque on another ranch three miles down the road, but that's not where it happened. It happened right here, I know it," said

Arellano, surveying a vast, empty pasture.

And so the giddy bunch set off, armed with metal detectors in one hand and shovels in the other, spreading out in groups in search of history.

By midday, after some false alarms rendering mostly contemporary materials such as tin pieces, some promising results: Diggers found three marble-sized musket bullets.

Albert Patty and daughter Julie trekked 200 miles from Cameron. They and most others found out about the event through a popular diggers' Internet site.

Used to having to sneak around construction sites, they didn't want to pass up the chance of roaming free on hundreds of acres that might hold a treasure trove.

"I was hoping to break the 1800s," said Patty, noting he had dug up a coin from 1835 near his home.

Larry Dickman of Windcrest has been "hunting" on and off for 20 years. He said he can only hope one day to shed the bad public image that amateur archaeologists have been given.

Super Bowl Sunday safety message

Football fans advised to not let their fellow fans drive while impaired

Even though the Green Bay Packers didn't quite make it to the Super Bowl, football fans all over Wisconsin will be watching the big game on Sunday. Tragically, in about the same amount of time that it takes to play the first half of the Super Bowl, someone likely will be injured or killed in an alcohol-related traffic crash in Wisconsin.

"In Wisconsin, a person is killed or injured in an alcohol-related crash approximately every 88 minutes, and about 43 percent of all fatal traffic crashes involve alcohol," says Dennis Hughes of the Wisconsin State Patrol Bureau of Transportation Safety. "On Super Bowl Sunday, many people will be drinking at bars and parties before, during and after the game. That's why law enforcement and traffic safety agencies throughout the state are urging football fans to not let their fellow fans drive drunk."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, young males between the ages of 21 to 34 are the most likely to drive while impaired and they also are the core audience for

major sporting events, like the Super Bowl.

Like all other states, Wisconsin law sets the prohibited blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC) at 0.08 for first and second operating while intoxicated (OWI) offenses. Drivers who've been drinking but have a BAC of less than 0.08 are not immune from an OWI violation. Law enforcement officers have authority to arrest drivers for OWI—regardless of their BAC—if they are impaired after drinking, according to Hughes.

For a safe and fun Super Bowl Party, the State Patrol offers the following life-saving advice:

- If you're hosting a Super Bowl party, serve lots of food and have non-alcoholic beverages available.
- Don't serve any amount of alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
- Wisconsin's Absolute Sobriety Law prohibits drivers

under age 21 from having any alcohol in their system while behind the wheel.

- Take care of your guests and don't let them drive if they're impaired.
- Pace your consumption of alcohol and don't drink on an empty stomach.
- Above all, plan ahead and designate a sober driver.

"Just like a coach who picks the team's starting players before the game, you should pick your designated driver before the party begins," Hughes says. "If you don't have a designated driver, call a cab or stay where you are. Whatever you do, don't drive if you're not sober."



Get prepared for a wild ride at Oneida Bingo!

Play Blazin' Blackouts

Sun., Feb. 10 - Sat., Feb. 16

The final blackout at each session will pay a must-go prize of

\$5,000!

Complete details/rules available in the bingo hall.

Across from Austin Straubel Airport • Green Bay, WI

1-800-238-4263 • 920-494-4500 • OneidaBingoAndCasino.net



Environment

Snow creates habitat for winter animals

By Bill Koonz
Specialist—Environmental Protection

What has all this snow in 2008 done for local wildlife?

Snow is a great insulator; it keeps the ground warm providing habitat for some species to breed and feed in the winter. It can also hide damage to trees and shrubs. Snow provides a protective zone (from cold and predators) for meadow voles to access the bark of fruit trees and ornamental shrubs. The only live part of a tree is the small layer just under the bark. Girdle that area and the plant will die. Cottontail rabbits are not equipped to travel over soft snow, so they will develop trail systems and may also chew the bark (girdle) fruit trees and ornamental shrubs. Tramping the snow down around the base of these woody plants reduces the area available for voles to hide and changes the structure of the snow making it harder for them to dig through.



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Wisconsin animals have various ways to either survive winter such as hibernation, migration or tunneling through snow for cover from predators.

their legs on the sharp crust. When the crust does not support deer but supports coyotes and dogs, deer become vulnerable to coyote and dog attacks. That condition is most likely to occur in spring when dogs and coyotes pack up for breeding and deer are in their lowest nutritional condition. Nature has harsh ways of eliminating the weak.

Species which hibernate are snug in their burrows this winter but the ground froze prior to the first major snowfall. Melt water may run into over-wintering burrows causing them to flood. Woodchucks, ground squirrels (gophers), chipmunks, and bears are in this group. Skunks, badgers, opossums and raccoons become less active during periods when snow depths reduce mobility and temperatures plunge but they are not true hibernators, foraging outside their dens when the temperatures rise.

Many species of insects and spiders remain active

under the snow as the ground surface is often only a degree or two below freezing. Ground surface temperatures (under the snow) fluctuate very little and do not approach the air temperature just above. Some people shovel snow against their homes to reduce heating bills and protect against water pipes and septic systems freezing in the winter.

Some animals use the snow for travel and protection from cold and predation. Squirrels tunnel through snow as do weasels, skunks, shrews, and other small mammals (mice, voles, lemmings). The snow provides access to food supplies. Rough grouse will use snow beds for protection from

predation and cold throughout the winter if snow depths permit (they plunge into a different hole each night). Watch for these tunnels and for the breathing holes where snow burrowing animals have surfaced for more oxygen.

Snow on the pond ice can reduce light penetration and increase the possibility for oxygen depletion as the pond's plants decompose. Loss of oxygen can result in large fish kills. If the ice is clear of snow, plants will continue to grow and produce oxygen.

For more information on wildlife or the environment, contact Bill Koonz at bkoonz@oneidanation.org or at 496-5350.

Oneida Adventures Basic Wilderness Survival Skills



Your life experience and education often times will determine how you respond to a survival situation. In a wilderness setting this holds true and you can enjoy the outdoors even more if you have the confidence to stretch your comfort zone. Basic wilderness survival skills are essential when exploring the great outdoors. The skills taught in this class will help you develop the confidence you need to get out and explore. This class could be a great activity for a parent and child or any interested individual. An experiential or hands on teaching approach will be used to learn these basic survival skills. A survival game and quiz will be used to help bring out a real survival situation. Basic instruction will be provided on the following 7 Survival Priorities.

1. Positive Mental Attitude Fear, Pain, Cold, Thirst, Hunger, Fatigue, Boredom and Loneliness are all potential concerns that may impact your attitude in a survival situation.
2. First Aid- How to Prevent and Treat Dehydration, Hypothermia are two important First Aid skills to learn.
3. Shelter- Learn how to build a survival shelter using only the surrounding resources.
4. Fire -Building a fire is an essential survival skill to have; learn some fire building basics along with some natural fire starting

materials. Use flint and steel to start a fire!

5. Signaling-Learning how to attract attention to yourself is an important skill that will be covered during the class.
6. Water- Treating and collecting water are essential skills to have in any outdoor adventure activity. It can be a critical survival skill.
7. Food- Learn how to identify some edible foods.

Classes will be offered on Wednesday's at:

Oneida Experiential and Adventure, 2640 West Point Rd, Green Bay, WI.

3 week sessions:

- February 6, 13, 20
- March 5, 12, 19

Class times are: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$20.00 for Tribal Members/employees/fitness center members: \$40.00 for Non-Members for one 3 week session.

Adults and ages 12 and up invited to register. Space is limited so be sure you register in advance. Contact Kip Miller 920-490-3810 KMiller@oneidanation.org or Mark Steinbach at 920-490-3846 Msteinba@oneidanation.org

Wisconsin whooping cranes arrive in Florida

DUNNELLON, Fla. (AP) – A group of 17 endangered whooping cranes completed a 1,262-mile migration Monday, arriving at the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.

The "Class of 2007" crossed seven states since Oct. 13 and is the seventh group to be guided by ultralights to Florida from the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin. The group flew its last 26-mile leg of the trip early Monday.

The cranes are part of a project to establish a viable eastern migratory flock to help preserve the species. They were guided south by volunteers from Operation Migration, whose pilots teach them to migrate.

They will return to Wisconsin on their own this spring.

Liz Condie, an Operation Migration spokeswoman, said on the group's Web site that 16 of the 17 birds made Monday's flight. One had an injury on its wing from a pen and was taken by one of the volunteers, Condie said.

Monday's flight took about 40 minutes with an additional 20 minutes or so of circling the area to get the cranes to land, Condie said.

The birds, born last spring, had been slowed by cold weather and heavy rains near the Florida-Georgia border. Bad weather repeatedly delayed this year's migration.

Last year's project was

struck by tragedy when 17 chicks who had successfully migrated drowned at Chassahowitzka during a February storm. Another died later. They were trapped in a pen used for protection against predators.

Volunteers modified the pen this year, installing a release gate that will automatically open in a flood, according to the Web site.

Several other cranes have died from various causes, leaving the adult flock in the wild at about 52 cranes.

The group is "very relieved and very happy" that the cranes finally made it, Condie said when reached by cell phone.

The site says the volunteers plan to with a dinner celebrate Monday night.

"It is the last time we will all be together until next fall, so along with much handshaking and backslapping there will also be some goodbye hugging going on," Condie said on the site.

Operation Migration is a founding member of the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership, an international coalition of public and private organizations. It has conducted the reintroduction project to try to return the species to its historic range in eastern North America.

On the Net:
www.operationmigration.org/Field_Journal.html

Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment Training offered

Training offered — MGT 332: Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment Training Course

Dates: Feb. 19 and 20, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 21, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon (a 20-hour class)

Reservations requested by Feb. 8 so we can get your name on the roster.

Sponsors: The Oneida Nation, Brown County Emergency Management, Northwest Technical College, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Location: Northwest Technical College, Green Bay, WI. Free parking. Dress is casual. Lunch on your own.

Reason for training: This free training will assist communities and industry to prevent and deter terrorist acts that target the agriculture and food sectors. The University of Tennessee's Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness is offering the training through a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant.

Content to be covered includes:

- How to assess community-wide vulnerabilities for agricultural and food facilities.
- How to assess vulnerabilities within agricultural and food systems and facilities.
- How to identify and implement mitigation measures

to reduce vulnerabilities.

- Use of vulnerability-assessment tools, including CARVER plus Shock.
- Case studies and practical exercises.

Potential attendees include:


- Emergency responders and managers, law enforcement, fire, EMS and compliance officers
- Agribusiness leaders
- Federal, tribal, state and local officials
- Risk managers
- Extension and crop specialists
- Veterinarians and animal health personnel
- Owners and managers of food and agricultural operations, especially dairies and livestock enterprises

- Sellers, processors and shippers of agricultural commodities
- Food handlers
- Public health
- Transportation industry

What you'll take home:

A workbook that describes vulnerability-assessment tools, hands-on experience conducting vulnerability assessments through scenarios, information and techniques you can apply to your agency and your work, and an understanding of the need to identify vulnerabilities in our farm-to-fork food systems.

Contact: For more information or to sign up for this training, contact Cullen Peltier at 920-448-4270 or peltier_cs@co.brown.wi.us



Hunter Safety Courses

The Oneida Conservation Department will be hosting two Hunter Safety Courses during the following dates and times.

Class sizes are limited to 20 students.

\$10.00 course fee for each student.

To register, please call (920) 869-1450.



Date	Time	Location
Every Monday & Wednesday 2/18, 2/20, 2/25, 2/27, 3/3, 3/5, 3/10, & 3/12	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Community Education Center 2632 Packerland Dr Green Bay, WI 54313
Every Monday & Wednesday 3/24, 3/26, 3/31, 4/2, 4/7, 4/9, 4/14, & 4/16	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Community Education Center 2632 Packerland Dr Green Bay, WI 54313



DRUMS Across ONEIDA

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Great Snow moon

FEBRUARY 2008

Elders and Everyone... *Elder’s Meditation of the Day*

There is a New DRUMS Contact Person

From the desk of:
Linda Douglas
I am a new employee with Elderly Services and will be the main

contact for the DRUMS Across Oneida newsletter. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc. Thank you for your attention. My phone number: 920-869-2448 email ldouglas@oneidanation.org

“When you remove love and try to replace it with monetary things, you have nothing...get him to understand that he has to love himself before he can love anything else.”

John Peters (Slow Turtle), WAMPANOAG

It is said, “Love Thy neighbor as thyself.” That’s the trouble, most of us do.

Great Spirit, You are love; You are spirit. Spirit and love are interconnected. I am spiritual. Let me realize what I am really made of.

Congregate and Home Delivered Meals

Oneida Elderly Services and Senior Center will be providing monthly articles in the Drums Across Oneida of the services we provide along with the basic guidelines. This month article is on Congregate & Home Delivered Meals. Next month article will be on in-home chore & respite care services. We hope this gives community members a better understanding of the services we provide.

In 1994 (ONCOA) Oneida Nation Commission on Aging a nine (9) member elected advisory board to Elderly Services/Senior Center took action to establish a priority of serving older & disabled adults. Services are provided based on age priority, staffing and funding availability. Some services are solely for Oneida enrolled elders only.

- Priority:
- 1. 70 years and older.
- 2. 55 to 69 years who are disabled/handicapped and living alone.
- 3. 55 to 69 with serious health or safety issues.

Our service area is Brown & Outagamie Counties within the Oneida Reservation Boundaries. For all service request please contact our Service Coordinator, Cheryl Ault @ (920)869-2448.

Home delivered meals are available for those elders who are home bound, have a serious health problem, and have a physician/doctor’s order to have the meal delivered. Lunch is delivered Monday - Friday for 12:00pm and frozen meals are available for weekends and holidays. Home delivered meals are for those elder age 60 & older.

Community elders are you tried of cooking everyday? Come

See Page 4B Meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>FEBRUARY 2008</i>				<i>ACTIVITIES</i>
*Please sign up for trips at Senior Center, Main Office. *All trips leave from Senior Center.				1 Banks Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00
4 Board Games 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Bingo Site II 1:00	5 Crafts Elderly Services 9:30 - 11:30	6 Oneida Language 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Bingo Hwv H 1:30	7 Price is Right Elderly Services 9:30 Seroogy’s Candy DePere 1:30	8 Banks Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00
11 Cards 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Goodwill Green Bay 1:30	12 Crafts Elderly Services 9:30 - 11:30	13 Scrabble 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Bingo Hwy H 1:30	14 Valentine Party Senior Center 11:00-1:00 Bowling Ashw. Lanes 1:30	15 Banks Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00
18 Puzzles 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Bingo Site II 1:00	19 Crafts Elderly Services 9:30 - 11:30	20 Oneida Language 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Bingo Hwy H 1:30	21 Cooking Elderly Services 9:30 Elder “Spring Training Baseball League” Oneida Library 1:00	22 Banks Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00
25 Rummikub Game 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Movie Elderly Services 1:00	26 Bingo Methodist Church 9:30 - 11:30	27 Ice Breaker Game 9:30 PACE Exercise 11:00 Elderly Services Bingo Hwy H 1:30	28 Geneology Heritage House 10:00 Birthday Lunch 12:00 Senior Center Shop at Simon’sCheese Little Chute 1:30	29 Banks Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00

MENU FEBRUARY 2008				
ONEIDA SENIOR CENTER, 134 RIVERDALE DRIVE, ONEIDA, WI., 54155 PHONE : 1-920-869-1551				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 lasagna Salad Garlic Bread Blueberries
4 Chicken Patties Long Grain & Wild Rice Carrots W/W Bread Pineapple Tidbits	5 Potato Soup Fresh Bread Juice Bread Pudding	6 B-B-Q Ribs Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli W/W Bread Mandarin Oranges	7 Cube Steak Red Potatoes Mixed Vegetables W/W Bread Jell-o	8 Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans W/W Bread Applesauce
11 Goulash W/W Bread Juice Pears	12 Chicken Soup Fresh Bread Juice Mixed Berries	13 Pork Chops Stuffing Carrots W/W Bread Oranges	14 Meat Loaf Cheesy Potatoes Brussels Sprouts W/W Bread Berry Whip Pie	15 Salmon Loaf Potatoes Creamed Peas W/W Bread Sherbet
18 Tuna Salad Cottage Cheese Tomatoes W/W Buns Peaches	19 Boiled Dinner Fresh Bread Juice Strawberries	20 Chop Suey Rice W/W Bread Yogurt	21 Turkey & Gravy Potatoes California Blend W/W Bread Cookies	22 Fish Seasoned Wedges Cole Slaw Rye Bread Pineapple Tidbits
25 Hot Beef Sandwich California Blend Vegetable Juice Orange, Apple, & Pineapple Rings	26 Pea Soup Fresh Bread Juice Whip & Chill	27 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Peas W/W Bread Pudding	28 Birthday Day Beef Roast Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables W/W Bread Lemon Cake	29 Sloppy Joe’s Macaroni Salad Beans Buns Ice Cream
All meals are served with coffee, milk or tea.	Menu is subject to change.	BIRTH STONE: AMETHYST FLOWER: VIOLET	HOURS: 8 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Lunch Is Served Monday-Friday 12:00P.M.-1:00P.M.	



Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders needs assessed

Created by the National Society for American Indian Elderly

In Identifying our Needs, a Survey of Elders Needs Assessment was completed and submitted to the National Resource Center on Native American Aging for analysis.

I want to thank you all for taking the time to answer to the survey. You may have received calls from staff in completing this survey. The following is a result of that survey.

Of the 667 surveys, 223 were completed.

The elders of Oneida Nation of Wisconsin are highly valued as members of their families and their communities. We must recognize them, hold them in high esteem and look to their experience and wisdom for guidance. We must seek optimal wellness for them and seek to help them retain the highest quality of life possible through independence in living.

Leading Chronic Diseases:

The top chronic diseases found among our elders were 60.5% High Blood Pressure, 58.7% Diabetes, 53.8% Arthritis, 43.5% Cataracts and 15.7% Depression.

Each of these lead to limitations on peoples ability to take care of them selves and each are diseases for which treatments that make a difference are available. Nutritional care is particularly important for high blood pressure, diabetes and Arthritis.

Our Tribe would benefit from Evidence Based Disease and Prevention and Falls Prevention (Stepping On) Programs.

Disparities between our tribe and the nation provide us information on specific diseases where our people appear to be at greater risk than others in the nation. This information assists in identifying diseases where others have had greater success with health promotion efforts and where we should be able to make significant improvements in health status of our elders. The following table presents these diseases:

	OneidaTribe	National Data
Arthritis	53.8%	48.2%
Congestive heart failure	14.3%	8.2%
Stroke	11.7%	6.6%
Cataracts	43.5%	40.2%
Diabetes	58.7%	16.8%
Colon Cancer	2.7%	1.9%
Breast Cancer	3.1%	2.7%
High Blood Pressure	60.5%	56.7%
Osteoporosis	12.6%	4.6%

Functional limitations serve as the basis for establishing informal or formal need for care. Functional limitations are defined in terms of Activities of Daily Living that include bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, walking and using the toilet. Ones ability to manage each of these is essential for self care. The following table shows our people are significantly less likely to report such needs for assistance.

Activities of Daily Living for Oneida Tribe and the Nation

	Oneida Tribe	The Nation
Bathing	19.3%	36.8%
Dressing	13.0%	15.8%
Eating	4.0%	8.1%
Getting in or out of bed	13.5%	22.1%
Walking	42.2%	33.7%
Using the Toilet	8.1%	22.8%

Similarly, IADLs or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living serve as indicators of a need for assistance with task required for living safely in ones home. This includes meal preparation, shopping, money management, telephone use, heavy and light housework and getting outside of the home. With the exception of meal preparation, our tribes elders reported fewer IADL limitations than the nation. This may be due to the relatively young age of our elders compared to the nation.

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living: Oneida Tribe and the Nation

	Oneida Tribe	The Nation
Meal preparation	14.3%	19.7%
Shopping	18.4%	34.8%
Money management	9.4%	17.9%
Use of telephone	2.2%	9.6%
Heavy housework	43.9%	51.6%
Light housework	21.1%	17.0%
Getting outside	14.8%	44.2%

The National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) survey ask a series of questions on whether people were using services now and whether they would use them in the future if the circumstances arose that they would be unable to meet their own needs. The following table shows which services are now available and which additional services would be most in demand for future development. The survey suggests that people would use a larger array of services if they were available. In some instances, the expression of interest is very high when the services are rarely available. For example, respite care is very limited, but over 60% indicate they would use it when the time was appropriate. The results assist our tribe in prioritizing and to continue expanding available services for elders living in their homes.

Extent of Use and Projected Use If One Could Not Meet Own Needs

	Now Use	Would Use
Dietary and Nutritional services	12.1%	64.6%
Meals on Wheels	20.6%	65.9%
Transportation	19.7%	65.9%
Occupational/ Vocational therapy	2.2%	60.5%
Speech/audiology therapy	0.4%	61.4%
Respite care (temporary)	6.3%	67.3%
Personal care	5.4%	64.6%
Skilled nursing services	6.7%	63.7%
Physician services	29.6%	57.0%
Social Services	5.8%	62.8%

Physical Therapy	5.8%	69.1%
Home Health Services	10.8%	65.0%
Adult day care	.4%	53.8%
Assisted living	1.3%	65.9%
Nursing Home	.4%	65.0%
Other services	1.8%	15.2%

Specifically related to nutrition are the findings about weight, diet and exercise. Using the peoples weight and height, a Body Mass Index was calculated to determine how many people are overweight (BMI 25 to 29) or obese (BMI 30 and over). Weight issues have become a focus of concern because of the relationship between weight and diabetes, arthritis, hypertension and functional limitations requiring care. Our results for the Body Mass Index are below.

Proportions in each Weight Category for Oneida Nation of Wisconsin

• Neither overweight nor obese	16.5%
• Overweight	34.0%
• Obese	49.5%

Dietary concerns are reflected in an item that asked about eating habits and conditions that are important to consider when designing nutrition programs for our elders. A large proportion of the elders report too few fruits and vegetables in their diet and many have an insufficient number of meals per day to adequately nourish them.

Responses to nutritional items

I have an illness or condition that made me change the kind and or amount of food I eat	44.8%
I eat fewer than 2 meals per day	10.8%
I eat few fruits and vegetables or mil products	26.5%
I have 3 or more drinks of beer, liquor or wine almost every day	0.0%
I have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard for me to eat	3.6%
I don't always have enough money to buy the food I need	11.7%
I eat alone most of the time	41.7%
I take 3 or more prescription or OTC drugs a day	63.2%
Without wanting to, I have lost or gained 10 lbs in the past 6 months	17.0%
I am not always physically able to shop, cook and /or feed myself	9.0%

Social and Housing Characteristics

33.3% of the elders in our community live alone. This means that 1/3 of our elders would be at risk for requiring help from outside the household - formal services or informal care from relatives who do not live with them. This proportion is large and suggests a strong need for building home and community based services that can support both the elder and his or her informal care provided.

Again, thank you for participating in the Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders. Your work will prove to be of great importance not only for the Title VI Grant application, but for future elderly care grants including transportation, long term care, respite care and others specific to our service area. Data from the survey will also serve as a tool to render policy change to adequately address the needs of all elders as a whole.

If you should have any questions, regarding the survey, please call me at 920-869-2448.

Florence Petri, Director
Oneida Tribe Elderly Services

From Page 3B/Meals

join us at the congregate meals site at 134 Riverdale Dr where a balanced lunch is served everyday. Tuesday is always soup day and if you don't care for soup join us at the Methodist Church located at N6048 County Rd E for lunch (Tuesday's only). The menu can be found in the Drums section of the Kalihwisaks that way you can pick your favorite meal and enjoy the company of your friends with out the mess. Lunch is served Monday – Friday at 12:00pm. The recommended donation is as follows:
• 60 years & older ...Donation
• 55 – 59...\$1.50
• 54 & younger...\$5.00
Your donation helps support our Congregate Meal Site and Home Delivered Meals. Please watch for more services we provide in future articles...

Elderly Services Word Search

February Word Find

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BANK COLD BIRTH CANDY CALL
EAT NOTE CARD DAY ENJOY
JOY SNOW LOVE HAPPY LETTER
WRITE TREAT SHOVEL LAUGH RING

Created by Raymond Sampe, Activities Assistant

Please see Message from Elderly Services Director in this issue on the next page (Pg. 5B)

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Legal Notice

From: Department of
Homeland Security,
Federal Emergency
Management Agency

Re: Proposed Base Flood
Elevation Determination
for the Oneida Tribe
areas of Brown County,
Wisconsin.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP.

Public Hearing

Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice

Purpose:

Adoption of Labor Code which would replace the Personnel Policies and Procedures. The Labor Code would give rule-making authority to HRD, change the composition and purpose of the Personnel Commission, and set out a grievance and appeal process for employees.

When: March 04, 2008

**Where: Business
Committee
Conference Room
(BCCR)**

Time: 11:30AM

Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice

Purpose:

**General Tribal Council
Meeting Stipend Payment
Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to govern the payment of stipends for attendance at General Tribal Council meetings.

When: March 04, 2008

**Where: Business
Committee
Conference Room
(BCCR)**

Time: 11:30AM

Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:

A. Oral: There will be a 5 minute limit for all oral presentations. Each participant is encouraged to provide a written transcript of his/her oral testimony, to be submitted while present at the public hearing or within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the below named individuals.

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Public Hearing

mony. A maximum of ten (10) pages, doubled spaced, can be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date of public hearing to the Tribal Secretary (Patricia Hoeft) or Peril Huff, Legislative Reference Office at the Norbert Hill Center, 2nd floor or mail to PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155.

* If you would like to obtain a copy of the above proposed law or have any questions as to the public hearing process you may contact Peril Huff at the Legislative Reference Office, via GroupWise phuff@oneidanation.org Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399. Copies of this law are also available on the LOC Website: www.onloc.oneidanation.org

Board Vacancies

Oneida Library Board

Two (2) Vacancies

- Shall serve the remainder of terms: (One ending March 1, 2009 & another ending April 11, 2010)
- Must be on the official roll of the Oneida Nation of Indians of Wisconsin and eligible to vote.
- Shall be a patron of the Oneida Community Library who is on the official patron list of the Oneida Community Library
- Shall, as part of the board, monitor and advise programs, services and acquisitions of the print and non-print materials provided to library clientele.

Oneida Nation School Board:

One (1) Vacancy

- Remainder of term ending July of 2009
- Shall serve the remainder of term of vacancy
- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- Shall be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the Oneida Nation School System

Board Vacancies

Oneida Arts Board:

Three (3) Vacancies

Qualifications:

- Shall be seven(7) members of which four (4) shall be enrolled Members of the Oneida
- Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
- Shall serve a term of three (3) years
- The maximum amount of time a board member can serve will be two (2) consecutive three year terms.

Southeast Oneida Tribal Services Board:

(1) One Vacancy

Qualifications:

- Shall be a member of the Oneida Tribe
- The Board shall consist of seven (7) members
- All members shall reside in the Southeastern Wisconsin area for their term of three (3) years
- Must attend all Tribal Council meetings, functions and other events as established by the SEOTS board office or the tribe.

Purpose:

- It shall be the purpose of the SEOTS Advisory Board to set missions and goals for the delivery of services; to act as liaison between the Oneida Social Services Program serving Southeastern Wisconsin and the Oneida people residing therein; to review the program's administration; provided guidance in all the functions of the SEOTS Board; and to adhere to the appropriate chain of command in any and all relative communications.

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Elderly Services

Director's Corner...

What happened to 2007? I remember it was taking forever for Christmas get here. Now its here, before you know it. As we come to the close of another year, I would like to express my wishes to all of you to have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year. "HOYAN"

The staff of Elderly Services deserves kudos for their efforts which made the 2007 year a success. We look forward to working at having an even better year for 2008. Be sure you thank them when you see them.

Our Tribal Aging Directors Association is progressing with plans to develop an Aging and Disability Resource Center. (ADRC). This past year I have been elected as the Chair for that Association. With plans flowing in the right direction, we hope to have a Tribal ADRC. More information will come out in the near future. It seems like things don't happen fast enough sometimes, then again, things don't happen overnight. We give it our best shot.

The focus for serving the Aging population is "Choices for Independence". For over 40 years, the Aging Network has assisted seniors and their families to access an integrated array of health and social supports, stay active and healthy, care for their loved ones at home and in the community and maintain their rights and be protected against abuse and neglect. The Aging Network has the essential elements to expand on those services with the 2006 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. The three main goals are

- Aging & Disability Resource Centers
- Community Living Incentives and
- Evidence-Based Disease and Disability Prevention. Serving older adults

since 1965, the Aging Network is comprised of 56 State Units on Aging, 655 Area Aging Agencies on Aging, 241 Tribal Aging, 29,000 community based provider agencies, including over 6,000 Senior Centers.

For the new year we plan on offering Preventive Maintenance classes in Chronic Disease Self Management, Stepping On (Falls Prevention) and Powerful Tools for Caregivers.. As I mentioned last year, more emphasis is on home and community-based services and prevention. I have been asked to participate in the Wisconsin Evidence Based Prevention Advisory Committee at the State My hope is to bring back this information to share with other Tribal Aging Units and make an improved impact on how we serve our elders.

To those of you that attend the yearly CWAG Convention, it will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Oneida from July 10-11, 2008.

I would like to thank the ONCOA Board for their excellent support and leadership in advocating for our elders and the program. They deserve kudos also for participating in trainings, meetings and strong advocacy for our elders and program. I am always hearing that our future elders are going to be smarter well educated and more demanding. We need to be ready. Its this time of the year, also, that we remember all those that have passed. We remember those that were strong in advocacy for our elders and worked with us. Marie Scott, our Elder Helper & Vera Wilson, ONCOA Board member.

Happy Warm and Safe Holiday Season from all the staff at Elderly Services.

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Good News

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Willard Allen Olson

Willard Allen Olson was born to proud parents Leslie and David Olson on January 6, 2008. He weighed 3 lbs. 6.6 oz. and was 16 1/2 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Mike and Patricia Melchert and paternal grandparents are Ruth Olson and the late Harold Biely.

The great grandparents are Arthur and Adeline Johnson and the late Raymond Melchert, Arlene and the late Edward Summers and Bernice Kittelson.

Natasha Joy Kirschner

Natasha Joy Kirschner was born on January 19th 2008 to parents Michael and Misty Kirschner of Norway MI. Grandparents are Crystal Biller of Green Bay, Donald Dunks of Amberg, Mike Kirschner and Holly Maynard of Norway.

Great-grandparents are Darlene Rochon and The Late Raymond Rochon of Quinnesec, Sharon and Gary Sleik of Kingsford, Bob Maynard of Iron Mountain, Amelia Dunks and the Late Eli Dunks of Green Bay, and the late Raymond and Alma Jordan of Green Bay

Robyn Lois Wallenfang

Robyn Lois Wallenfang was born December 11, 2007 at St.Vincent Hospital to proud parents Kyla & Wenzer Wallenfang Jr. Robyn was 7 Pounds 4 Ounces 18 Inches at birth.

Maternal Grandparents are Kenneth & Kathryn Newbanks of Green Bay

Maternal Great Grandparents are the late Gordon & Lois Doxtater of Green Bay

Robyn's big sister is Kendra Jean Wallenfang.

Congratulations

Annette Cornelius

Annette graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay December 15, 2007 Cum Laude. She made the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA this past semester. Her degree is in Human Biology with an Emphasis in Nutritional Science/Dietetics and with a minor in First Nations Studies.



We are very proud of you! Keep up the good work! Love, your children, brothers, sisters, Cornelius Clan and Mom Dellora Cornelius

Happy 6th Birthday

Annah Reyes-Elm
on January 30!



Love Mom, Tone, Tasha, Meg, Bryce and Skylee

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Happy 12th Birthday

Yewanakayu Brooks



Kunol&khwa, Baby Girl!
Love,
Lakeh, Big Mama,
Yakow<natet,
Yewelan&wehse, and
Yen<stahawise

Congratulations

Leslie and Dave!



From Grandma and Grandpa, Aunties and Uncles

Happy 6th Birthday

Clearwater Fish, Jr.
on January 29!



Love you; Granny & Larry,
Alex, Hayley & Quin

Check out the kalihwisaks



on the Intranet!

Happy 1st Birthday

Lydia



Hugs & Kisses from Mom & big brother Kim

Happy 10th Birthday

Felicia Fish

January 28



Love you; Granny, Larry, Alex, Haley and Quin

Happy 2nd Birthday

Everett James



Love, Momma

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

March 2008 Calendar of Events

Animal Stories for Preschoolers: Animal ABC's

Monday, March 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, March 17, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Children and their families can learn about animals and their ABC's during this program for preschoolers. Sanctuary staff will read the stories "B is for Badger" by Kathy-jo Wargin and "V is for Vanishing" by Patricia Mullins. After the story, the youngsters will participate in a fun craft project. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

Easter Event: Hop over to the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m.

Children and their families can enjoy a morning full of fun activities including making a decorative bag for collecting Easter eggs, coloring pictures, refreshments and of course, an egg hunt. Admission is \$2 per Green Bay resident or Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. This event is designed for children ages 3-8 years old. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671. Space is limited.

Party for the Animals

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The Sanctuary has lots of resident animals with lots of different birthdays so we decided to throw one big birthday party for all of them!

Meet the live animals and join the Sanctuary staff for games, hands-on activities and refreshments. It's fun for the entire family. For children 8 years old and younger. Cost is \$2 per Green Bay resident and Friends member and \$3 per non-resident. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

RPAWS Training Session

Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

If you love animals and are interested in learning about wildlife rehabilitation, make sure to sign up for the RPAWS session. Every year, the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and RPAWS members nurse more than 3,000 animals back to health. Come to this session and learn how to get involved. RPAWS is a volunteer program. Must be 18 years or older. Cost is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3671.

For more information on any of the events, please call (920) 391-3671 or visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Web site at www.baybeach-wildlife.com

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will once again be available at the Oneida Center for Self Sufficiency located within the Social Services building at 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay, WI. The Center for Self Sufficiency is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Tax preparers from the School of Professional Studies at UWGB will be present to assist low and medium income taxpayers with their 2007 Federal and State of Wisconsin Tax returns. The preparers are accounting students at UWGB who have additionally been trained by the Internal Revenue Service to provide individualized assistance. The tax preparers will have the capability to file returns electronically if the taxpayer elects to do so.

The sessions will be from **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm** and are scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday, February 5th
Tuesday, February 12th
Tuesday, February 19th
Tuesday, February 26th

Tuesday, March 4th
Tuesday, March 11th
Tuesday, March 25th
Tuesday, April 8th

****due to Spring Recess there will be no tax preparation assistance on March 18th****

Prior reservations are not required but would be appreciated to help determine the number of preparers necessary to assure that all taxpayer returns can be completed. Assistance is provided on a first come-first served basis. Please call to indicate your intent to use this service by calling 490-6800 and provide the receptionist with your name and the date you will be attending.

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T'Thunderhawk

ONHS Seniors Finishing Early

By Brittany Bateman
ONHS Senior

Each year, a few hard-working students finish all of most of their credits half-way through their senior year. For them, it's a matter of moving on to a job or college for the second semester, while their classmates finish up. They can request a shortened schedule, such as a half day of classes, or being done all together until graduation day. According to ONHS principal, Bob Ganka, there is a process if you are one of those lucky people. First, you have to write a letter to the principal stating why you would like to finish early. You will want to state that you have a job or are going to be taking college courses and you have to bring in some kind of proof.

Senior Evander Delgado, for example, asked for a shortened schedule and wrote that during his time off he would “be working at Oneida Recreation under supervision of Kyle Casper.”

Brett Favre: The Man, The Myth, The Legend!!!

By Jr. Stevens
ONHS Sophomore

Although people may blame the recent loss to the New York Giants on Big Brett, people may have failed to realize he has almost based his career on risky plays. Those plays came in the form of 288 career interceptions, but also paid off in the 442 career touchdowns. He also brought the Packers to the NFC Championship game 4 times, and won it twice.

Though I don't show any remorse for the Packers' loss, I believe people are wrong for putting the lost game solely in Favre's hands. Al Harris failed multiple times to cover Plaxico Burress and I don't think the Packers' defense was ready for a speedy back like Ahmad Bradshaw.

So people, LAY OFF FAVRE!

His request was not granted, because he still needed most of his credits and classes.

On the other hand, senior Sean Metoxen, was granted the entire semester to pursue credits at the College of Menominee Nation.

This school year, seven seniors applied for a reduced schedule for the second semester. Of that number, three had their schedules shortened and one, Metoxen, was allowed to finish up early.

So, for all you “young’ins” out there that don't think school is cool, it would be wise to get your work done now instead of waiting to the

Major Changes in store for Planet Earth

By Billy Webster
ONHS Sophomore

In science, we have studied a topic called “continental drift.” It turns out our planet hasn’t almost looked like it does now. Several experts have weighed in.

In the late 1970s, Dr. Chris Scotese, with some help, made detailed maps showing the past evolution of the continents and what things might look like in the future.

Dr. Robert Dietz wrote that in 100 million years, “ Los Angeles will be abreast of San Francisco.” And in another 50 million years, he added, Los Angeles will have moved up the west coast into Alaskan waters.

Other changes predicted include 200 million years from now, Newfoundland will

last minute and not being able to graduate. Better yet, you may find yourself ready

So Long, Sean Congrats!

By Evander Delgado
ONHS Senior

January 24, 2008 may have been the saddest day at Oneida Nation High School. Why? Because Sean Metoxen decided to graduate early and attend College of the Menominee Nation second semester to get a head start on college.

Many people will miss this 5'3” man because of his sense of humor and always willing to lend a helping hand.

to finish up halfway through your senior year and ready to do something else.

Some people say they are “mad” at him because he is left. Some say it was a selfish decision and that he “didn't think about everyone he was leaving behind” before he left.

But, all in all, Sean “The Muscle” Metoxen did what he had to do to get a head start on his life.

Sean, you will be missed by all at ONHS. Don't forget to come visit. Have fun at college and cleaning the toilets at your job.

smash into Africa and, a bit later, Brazil will smash into South Africa. In 250 million years, the continents will have merge into a new “superconti-

nent” some experts are calling Pangea Ultima. Major changes are also predicted for Australia and Antarctica.

Rockets for Schools

By ThunderHawk Times Staff

Are you an ONHS student?

Do you have classes with teachers Hayes, Nutt, Norton, Livermore, Zdrazil, Hanke or Anderson?

Do you want some major extra credit?

Do you like watching things race rapidly skyward?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, you're in for a real treat.

Beginning this second

semester, a group of ONHS students and teachers are shooting for the stars – with rockets that is. The group will be staying after school some days and going to the College of the Menominee Nation-Green Bay campus on some Saturdays.

The group will be launching its rockets skyward in Sheboygan, WI, on May 9 and 10. It sounds like a lot of fun.

If you are interested, see science teachers Mrs. Susan Hayes or Mrs. Becky Nutt

Soaking up the sun in Florida



ONHS photo

Students in the Ohuntsya-k#kha Kanunya>sh@ha class and their chaperones in Panama City, Florida for the christening of the USS Mesa Verde take some time off to enjoy the beach.

Kal<na>kehtskwas Brooks
ONSS Teacher

The Oneida Nation High School, Ohuntsya-k#kha Kanunya>sh@ha (Iroquois Music Class) was honored to accept the invitation to present our traditional music at the December 2007 christening of the U.S. Naval Vessel Mesa Verde in Panama City, Florida. This invitation was presented to us from the Oneida Nation Chairman, Gerald Danforth.

A total of nine students and two adults traveled by plane for this exciting, but yet very informative trip. My class and I are thankful to Mr. Matthew Lester (male chaperone) for navigating us around Panama City and several trips to Wal-mart (of course.) There were four male youth, Daniel Gutierrez, Evander

Delgado, Evan John, and Lakwaho McLester and five female youth, Neset Vega, Rachael Ninham, Lauren Mills, Janene Skenandore, and Luanne Funmaker. I am very proud my students. They represented our community with pride, respect, and most importantly a sense of identity as strong Ukwehu=w# youth!

Although the weather did not permit us to swim in the ocean, we still enjoyed the sight seeing and bumming around the city. The students, Matthew, and I had the opportunity to go on a cruise on the Mesa Verde with Chairman Danforth and his wife. Mr. Danforth shared lots of information regarding his thirty years of experience being in the Navy.

Prior to this December trip, the Ohuntsya-k#kha

Kanunya>sh@ha Class worked extremely hard making Kustoweh's and Iroquois clothing. There are several Oneida community members that supported our class in one way or another and we are grateful! We would like to give a special Yaw<k% to the following people, Forrest Lohahiyo Brooks, Bob Brown, Randy Cornelius, Matthew Lester, Kanataloloks Skenandore, Sonny Hill, Chairman Gerald Danforth and the Oneida Business Committee, Phil Wisneski, Cindy Thomas, Sheri Mousseau, Dianna King, Tekka Green, Mr. Ganka, and all the parents and family members of the Ohuntsya-k#kha Kanunya>sh@ha Class. Your support was greatly appreciated!

My Scoop

Mid-Winter Ceremonies... Part of What Makes Oneida Schools Special

By RaeAnne Funmaker
ONHS Senior, Thunderhawk Times editor

This school year, the students at ONHS were released to attend the Mid-Winter Ceremonies. In fact, school was closed for three days – January 14, 15 and 16 – so that students and staff could attend.

Because of this, more students showed up at the ceremonies than in years past. Still, there could have been a lot more.

There were also a couple social dances afterward. I saw a lot of younger kids taking it upon themselves to go out and participate in the socials. It is truly a great thing to see kids go out to lead sing and lead dance at socials.

The Oneida schools were started to promote Oneida language and culture. Seeing Oneida students participating like this is another example of how the tribal school students learn their culture, tradition, language, songs and so much more about being Oneida.

Middle Schools Distribute Birth Control

By Maria Guerra
ONHS Sophomore, Thunderhawk Times assistant editor

Following the news that a middle school in Maine was passing out birth control to its students, came these thoughts:

It's wrong to be thinking that children at such a young age are doing this, but then we have to come to the realization that younger kids are becoming sexually active.

People must realize that times are changing. Most parents can't control their children's actions, and most of them trust their kids. There is also a lack of information.

I believe that children this young should never have sex. In my own mind set I believe you shouldn't have sex until you're seventeen or eighteen.

Though there is the problem with not wanting kids to have sex that young for fear of getting pregnant, but is providing children with pills to protect them from having a child at such a young age the only thing we can do?

Then there is the confusion of “if we give the middle school students birth control, will it actually make sexual activity go up? This is what we are trying to prevent!”

Or would the increase in sexual activity only prove that we should have done this sooner?

More Spring Sports Please

By Kylene Hill
ONHS Senior

It seems like the number of sports offered at ONHS gets lower and lower each year and we have to fight to keep them going.

Last year we had to fight to have baseball and softball but, unlucky for the girls, they didn't do so well. But the boys did get to have baseball.

This spring, ONHS athletes have three choices: track, golf (which has been around for years) and, a new sports, lacrosse. Lacrosse has been made a “club” sport this year, but who knows how long it will last?

I think we need more choices in spring sports. I also think that we should keep baseball and softball. It's also a great idea to add new sports like lacrosse.

In fact, the school shouldn't be afraid to add a couple more like maybe tennis or swimming. Even though we don't have a pool, we do have a pond in the back. So why not try new things for sports this year?

One of the biggest problems over the years has been player participation and follow-through. In order to have all these sports we need the support of the high schoolers and parents need to encourage their kids to go to practice and to keep going to the end of the year.

Having more spring sports is mostly up to the students because they are the ones to keep the sport going. They have to keep attending practice.

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Education

Green Bay area recognized as great for young people

Competition Showcases Successful Efforts by U.S. Cities and Towns to Help Young People Succeed

Green Bay, WI- America's Promise Alliance (the Alliance), the nation's largest alliance dedicated to children and youth, in partnership with Capital One, today announced the Greater Green Bay Area has been named a

Preparing for a Campus Visit

It's important to visit campuses you might want to attend. Visiting a campus gives you a close-up look; a chance to focus on the details and actually experience the college before you make a commitment.

How many schools you visit depends on your time and money. You may not be able to visit every school you're considering, but try to at least visit schools that'll provide a variety of experiences. For example, check out a large and a small school or go to one urban and one small-town campus. Consider visiting colleges in your area (even if you aren't interested in attending them) to get a feel for campus life. For those campuses you can't visit, do the best you can by surfing college Web sites.

Here are tips that take you far beyond the home page:

1. Browse the school newspaper online – you'll get a feel for campus life, student concerns, and the caliber of student thinking and writing.
2. Go clubbing – look for links like Student Life to find out if there are campus clubs you'd want to join.
3. Patronize the arts – click on events, museums, arts etc. to learn about plays, art shows and other cultural events.
4. Check out the library – you'll probably find a Libraries link on the home page.
5. Check into housing – you might be surprised at the many varieties of on-campus housing although your choices as a freshman might be more limited.
6. Enlist academic support – campuses offer a wide-range of support services, which can include everything from drop-in writing assistance and peer tutoring to time management mini-courses. You might find a description of these services in a section called Student Services or simply Students.
7. Grab a tray – while some campuses offer only school-run cafeterias, others rend space to private businesses selling everything from pizza to garden burgers. Look for a link to Dining Services.
8. Log on to computing services – Are dorm rooms wired? Can you buy a discount computer through the college? Look for an information Technology link on the home page.

winner of its 2008 100 Best Communities for Young People (100 Best) competition. The 100 Best competition recognizes the 100 outstanding communities across America-large and small, rural and urban-that are the best places for young people to live and grow up. More than 300 communities in all 50 states applied for the honor this year. The 100 winning communities span 37 states.

The Greater Green Bay Area is a 2008 100 Best winner because of the way residents have come together to help young people. This com-

munity work plan has allowed educators, businesspeople, and government officials, among others, to create a network that develops and maintains a system of programs and opportunities to help young people succeed. The Brown County Anti-Bullying Conference educates the community on school violence and anti-bullying, while a local business developed a school safety training video and guide to safe schools. In addition, the Green Bay Partners in Education partnership serves 10 school districts-urban, suburban, and

rural-with an objective to assist all students in developing the skills and values necessary for successful transition from school to an eventual career and active community life.

"The prosperity of every community and this country depends on how well we care for our children and youth," said Marguerite W. Kondracke, president and CEO, America's Promise Alliance, "Although no place is perfect, when we have

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Cornell University Summer College Programs for High School Students

Cornell University Summer College is offering several partial scholarships to deserving high school juniors who could not otherwise attend the Summer College six-week program. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, and availability of funds, and include tuition, room, and board. We can only award aid to students accepted to our program and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., Canada or Mexico.

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- Explore majors and career options,
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- Make friends from around the world, and much more.

Students also can take advantage of special workshops that emphasize college study skills and demystify the college application process.

If you think you might be eligible for financial aid and would like to apply, please have your parents or guardians compete and return to us the 2008 Family Financial-Aid Form (found on our Web site or by calling is) together with the required

financial documents and your other admissions materials. **No financial aid applications will be processed after April 4.** Admissions decisions are made independently of financial-aid decisions; an application for financial aid ahs no bearing on your Summer College admissions status.

For more information, see your guidance counselor or contact: Cornell University Summer College, B20 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-2801 **607-255-6203** **summer_college@cornell.edu** **www.summercollege.cornell.edu**

Launchpad – Welcome to the Spotlight

Call for High School Musical Groups

You got a band? You wanna play, pounce, rock, jam, leap, shred, wail or jam? Then get your group into Launchpad, the country's only music competition of its kinds for high school students. The only criteria is that at least one member of each band must be in a school music program and all members must be currently enrolled in a Wisconsin high school. You'll compete against other bands in your region of Wisconsin. In each competition, up to 15 bands will compete. The top three bands from each region will compete together in Madison for the grand prize: recording studio time in Madison, a Summerfest appearance in 2008, and the Les Paul Launchpad Award. All bands that apply to Launchpad will receive a free \$25/six-month subscription to the music web site Broadjam.com.

Application Deadline: February 6. Go to **www.launchpadwisconsin.org** for the application. Then play.

Contact the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music, **(608) 850-3566, 1-800-589-9762.**

NWTC offers First Generation Parent Orientation

Oneida Higher Education Rep to attend program

A representative from the Oneida Higher Education Office will be part of a college orientation program given by Northeast Wisconsin Technical College on February 12, 2008, starting at 4:30 pm. The program will start with a dinner and social,

and will include information about choosing and applying for college, and how to finance college. Special emphasis will be given to the Oneida Higher Education grant program during the financial aid portion of the event. Participants who bring their 2007 taxes and W2 forms may be able to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which is required for students who plan to attend college for the

fall 2008 term. NWTC will provide transportation to the event and child care for those who need it.

For questions regarding financial aid at this event call Donna Gee, Oneida Higher Education Advisor, at **920-869-4332**, or **800-236-2214**. For general information about the event call the NWTC Multicultural Resource Center at **920-498-5720** or **800-422-NWTC** ext 5720.


Parents: Will your child be the *first* in your family to go to college?


Attend NWTC's First Generation Parent Orientation

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Learn how you can help your child make good decisions about college. Friendly staff will share ideas, provide information and answer your questions, including: What is college? Is it right for my child? How do I pay for college?

This is a **FREE** event.
Dinner, transportation and child care provided by NWTC.


For more information or to register call (920) 498-5720 or (800) 422-6982, ext. 5720



Scholarship Opportunities

Loretta V. Metoxen Education Scholarship

The **Loretta V. Metoxen Scholarship** will be awarded to an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin 2008-2009 high school graduate student.

For consideration, the following application materials must be received by the Oneida Higher Education Office **by August 1, 2008:**

- ✓ Loretta V. Metoxen Education Scholarship Application
- ✓ Oneida Land Claims – one page essay
- ✓ A statement that outlines your leadership and commitment to citizenship
- ✓ Tribal Certification
- ✓ High School transcript of grades
- ✓ College Acceptance Letter

One Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$455.

Loretta V. Metoxen developed this scholarship program with awards generated from her personal funds and other fund raising events while Vice Chairwoman in 1995.

For an application, please contact the Oneida Higher Education Office at **869-4033** or **1-800-236-2214** ext. **4033**.

Minority Health Care Scholarship Program

St. Mary's Hospital is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the hospital's Minority Health Care Scholarship Program. The objective of the program is to provide financial assistance to individuals with interest and commitment to pursuing a health care profession. Scholarships will be awarded to two minority students who meet the eligibility requirements.

The program provides tuition scholarships up to \$2,500 annually for minority students enrolled full time in a baccalaureate or associate degree program at Edgewood College, Madison Area Technical College or University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Scholarships are available in the areas of:

- Dietetics
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Nursing (undergraduate non-registered status)
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Radiography Technology
- Respiratory Therapy

The next scholarships will be awarded for the fall semester of 2008. **Application deadline is March 1, 2008.**

For information on eligibility requirements or to receive an application form please call: Ester Lowery at 608-258-6632 or 800-236-6101, Or contact: Human Resources Department, St. Mary's Hospital, 700 So. Park Street, Madison, WI 53715 **608-259-5566**.



COME JOIN US... At the 2008 Adult Education Fair

Earn Your College Degree!

WHERE: Grand Council Ballroom
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI

WHEN: Friday •February 15, 2008

TIME: 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: To provide Oneida Nation Employees and Community Members with information on adult-friendly college programs in the area.

Your Goal of a College Degree Can Begin Here!

Light refreshments will be provided

DOOR PRIZES

FREE ADMISSION
General Public Welcome

Call 920-869-4471 for more information

Sponsored by Oneida Higher Education

Health

Native American Service Center is open

Green Bay, WI - The Green Bay Press Gazette called our administrative office at America's Dream, Inc. on Monday, January 14, 2008, to request comments regarding the United Amerindian Center closing at 4:00 PM that day. The UAC closing was a total surprise to both America's Dream, Inc. and the Native American Service Center. There was no time to prepare for such a sudden change.

Mixed and inaccurate messages were received by the native community when the United Amerindian Center (UAC) closed its doors on Monday, January 14th. Many people believe the Native American Service Center also closed its doors for business.

There are rumors that America's Dream, Inc. pulled away from the Native American Service Center and the center lost its funding from Indian Health Services (HIS). None of these rumors are true. The Board of Directors of America's Dream, Inc. fully supports the endeavors of the Native American Service Center and confirms its funding is intact.

The January 14th closing of the United Amerindian Center was unforeseen to not only our operation, but the Native American community at large. A large number of urban Native Americans utilize services health services provided by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

We are working with the Oneida Health Center, Oneida Behavioral Health, and Oneida Administration to determine what services were previously offered by the United Amerindian Center (UAC) in order to find ways to offer immediate assistance and possibly prevent breaks in service to the community members who utilized UAC services. We are asking for patience from the community as we assess the situation and prepare a variety of plans to assist the community during this transitional period.

The mission at the Native American Service Center is to develop and maintain an urban center in the Green Bay area to service the needs of Native American, Alaskan Natives and all other persons who need services in the area of health, social, economic, educational, and cultural enhancement with community involvement encouraged.

The Native American Service Center has limited services available at this time. We have an Clinical Supervisor (CSAC, ICS) and a AODA Counselor (SAC-IT) on site. Our AODA Counselor provides AODA Assessments, individual sessions, family therapy (if requested), group therapy, and referrals to other treatment providers. Culturally based AODA treatment is also available.

We are currently accepting applications for a Certified N u r s i n g

Assistant/Community Health Representative (C.N.A./C.H.R) that will carry out an outreach/referral and AIDS/STD program that provides services designed to assist members of the urban Indian community in accessing health care. An emphasis will be placed on health education and support services to individuals, families and the community in improving the overall level of health.

Other services and activities currently offered by the Native American Service Center include a Wellbriety Movement Group on Tuesdays from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, the Red Road AA Group with open meetings on Tuesdays from 7 PM to 9 PM, singing and drumming on Thursdays from 4:30 PM to 6 PM, beading on Fridays from 2 PM to 4 PM, and a Women's Talking Circle on Saturdays from 11 AM to 1 PM. We are looking for someone interested in starting and maintaining a Men's Talking Circle. Coming soon will be a blood pressure checks, sugar checks, TRAILS program for the children, educational groups, sewing, crafts and other family and community orientated activities.

The Native American Service Center is open Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. Please feel free to call the center at (920) 445-0388. Our center is an alcohol and drug free facility with a Zero Tolerance Policy.

Cold weather breaks pipes at OCHC



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

A ladder and removed ceiling tiles show the progress of repairs that needed to be made at the Oneida Health Center following a pipe break in the Dental/Optical wing of the facility. The break caused the need to re-schedule many appointments at the center. Things have since been cleaned up and operations have returned to normal.

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communities that make young people a priority and are working to make sure they stay in school and have all the resources necessary to lead healthy, productive lives, we must recognize them and by extension inspire other cities and towns to follow their lead."

"At Capital One, we are committed to building stronger communities, one neighborhood at a time," said Carolyn Berkowitz, Vice President of Community Affairs for Capital One. "That's why we're proud to partner with the Alliance on the 100 Best competition to recognize the tremendous work in communities across the country to create environments where children and families have boundless opportunities as well as the support systems necessary to champion their growth and encourage their success."

Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt will attend a reception for winning communities Thursday evening in Washington, D.C., while attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "It's a great honor for America's Promise to continue its recognition of the Greater Green Bay Area for

our extraordinary level of collaboration among public and community agencies in supporting the healthy development of our children," said Schmitt, adding "Nurturing healthy, safe, smart and happy kids is about the best investment we can make in the future of our city, state and nation, and I think this award speaks volumes for our community's support." Schmitt concluded, "We must remain motivated to make Green Bay the place that we all believe it can and should be for our young people. That's our mission, to leave it better than we found it."

"The rest of the nation has just discovered what everyone in Green Bay has known for generations: the quality of life in Tittletown is fantastic. Green Bay, we are working together to build a better future for all of us," added Congressman Steve Kagen, M.D.

Communities that completed entries in the 100 Best competition were required to submit detailed information to the Alliance on existing community programs and initiatives that help deliver the Five Promises-resources identified by America's

Promise as being critical to the development of healthy, successful children: caring adults; safe places; healthy start; effective education; and opportunities to help others; to their young people. Applicants were also asked to describe how different sectors of their community come together to deliver the Five Promises and specific efforts and programs developed to ensure that their young people graduate from high school prepared for college and/or the workforce.

In addition to Mayor Schmitt attending an evening reception for local elected officials from winning communities on January 24 at The University Club, Washington D.C., a larger community delegation will attend the National Forum & Celebration in Washington DC on September 22 & 23. In addition, each of the communities that applied for the 100 Best award will be eligible to apply for \$300,000 in grants from the Alliance next month.

For more details about the 100 Best competition and to see a complete list of the 2008 winners, please visit www.americaspromise.org.



Are you, a friend or relative in need of Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

If you reside in the Milwaukee area please contact the G.L.I.T.C. (Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council).

G.L.I.T.C. in coordination with the State of Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), has developed a program specifically geared towards Native Americans living with disabilities. It is designed to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or improve employment.

If you live in Milwaukee County and are interested in more information about this program, please feel free to call Lynette Paull (414) 389-6451 or Oralann Caldwell (414) 389-6454.

Women's Health Talk: Midwifery with Guest Speaker Bev Scow

February 13, 2007

12:00 pm—1:00pm

Oneida Community Health Center Conference Room

Free and Open to Everyone

Light Lunch Provided

Contact person: Sylvia Cornelius-Waupoose (920) 496-5352



Native American

Twelve Steps to Walking the Good Red Road Study Group

- » Step 1: Honesty
- » Step 2: Hope
- » Step 3: Faith
- » Step 4: Courage
- » Step 5: Integrity
- » Step 6: Willingness
- » Step 7: Humility
- » Step 8: Forgiveness
- » Step 9: Justice
- » Step 10: Perseverance
- » Step 11: Spiritual Awakening
- » Step 12: Service

Open Study Group Every Thursday 6-8 p.m. Oneida Behavioral Health 2640 Westpoint Rd., Green Bay

Study Group Facilitator: Gina Moede, CSAC For more information, please contact Oneida Behavioral Health at (920)490-3790. Light refreshments will be served.

Lacrosse offers lessons in community, Native American culture

By Felicia Fonseca
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – On Tracy Goodluck’s office wall are two sets of sticks central to a game that has long been used to train Native Americans for war, solve disputes between tribes and bring out the competitive spirit.

She talks about the days when lacrosse was played to bring tribal ceremonies to an end.

The sport is immensely popular among tribes in the eastern United States and in Ivy League schools. And Thursday’s scrimmage between students at the Native American Community Academy could be a sign that the sport is attracting a following in the Southwest.

“It was really neat to see a bunch of Native American students playing an indigenous game but not really indigenous to the Southwest,” said Goodluck, the dean at the academy. “This is something I never thought I’d see.”

Nearly 50 players and coaches from Dickinson College, a liberal arts school in Carlisle, Pa., traveled to New Mexico to teach young tribal members the basics of the game.

They spent the last week of their winter break conducting lacrosse clinics at the academy and at Laguna and Taos pueblos. They also planted trees along the Rio Grande and made a walkway and garden area at the academy.

“It was a decision we made as a team,” said head coach Dave Webster. “Part of the commitment we’re making is to make a difference on and off the field, and this is part of our learning experience.”

The team also donated 20 sets of equipment, including sticks, gloves and pads, to the American Indian charter school that represents students from 45 tribes.

Before the school opened in August 2006, officials brainstormed to come up with sports that could be taught that also would offer lessons in culture and community.

Few of the students knew about lacrosse but easily picked up the game, said James Simermeyer, who coaches lacrosse in an after-school program at NACA.

Through readings and discussions, students learned that the origin of the game varies from tribe to tribe and region to region. Most often it’s seen as a gift from the creator and tribes use it to teach children about fair play and acceptance, Simermeyer said.

Thomas Vennum, who has written two books on the subject, said today’s college game is similar to that played by Mohawk Indians in the 1850s and 1860s. School children in Montreal copied what they saw on the nearby Mohawk reservation, he said.

In New York, six Indian reservations have lacrosse teams that compete against one another, said Gary Sundown, president of the



(AP Photo/Tina Larkin)

A member of the Dickinson College men's Lacrosse team heads for indoors after a scrimmage with students in the Native American Community Academy after school program Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008 in Albuquerque, N.M. Lacrosse is immensely popular among tribes in the eastern United States and in Ivy League schools. And Thursday's scrimmage between students at the Native American Community Academy could be a sign that the sport is attracting a following in the Southwest.

North American Minor Lacrosse Association.

For Sundown, the game he has played since he was a toddler represents tradition, pride and honor. Even though his son hasn’t learned to walk yet, Sundown has placed a lacrosse stick in his bassinet to get him familiar with the

equipment.

“There’s certain things you teach your kids, and lacrosse is one of them,” said Sundown, a member of the Tonawanda Seneca tribe.

At NACA, between 20 and 40 students participate in an after-school program that allows them to play lacrosse

at least twice a week. By springtime, school officials hope to have a team assembled.

Brittany Lucero, 12, of San Felipe Pueblo, said she’s thinking about joining the team.

As the Dickinson lacrosse players left Thursday, she

handed them a letter she wrote to say thank you for the walkway and for teaching her how to play lacrosse.

“It was fun because they taught us how to pass and scoop up the ball, which was really easy,” she said. “I hope they come back one day.”

Seymour Area Parkinson Support Group
Where: Good Shepherd Services • 607 East Bronson Road, Seymour, WI
Meet in the Community Center
When: February 5th, 1:30 PM

Our speaker will be Carrie Venderaa, with Westhill Home Medical who will be doing a presentation of Adaptive Equipment

Everyone is welcome to attend! Please Join Us! Individuals with Parkinson disease, caregivers, and everyone interested in learning more is welcome to attend the free meeting. For more information about Parkinson disease, please contact the Wisconsin Parkinson’s Association at 1-800-972-5455 Please RSVP to Mary Beth at 920-833-6856, ext 117

Living Wills, Power of Attorney for Health & Finances
Thursday • February 21, 2007
12:00 NOON AT Senior Center / Meal Site
134 Riverdale Dr. • Oneida, WI 54155

Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Living Wills, Power of Attorney for Health, and Power of Attorney for Finances

- ✓ Differences between the forms
- ✓ How they will benefit you
- ✓ Where to locate forms

Any question please contact Angela Ortiz, Elderly Benefit Specialist at (920) 869-2448

TAXES
Tax Preparation *BY APPOINTMENT ONLY*

Oneida Elderly Services will be serving as a **FREE TAX SITE** for our elder’s once again this year. We will have a certified AARP representative from Bay Area Agency on Aging, Annette Loeberger preparing taxes. The tax preparation will be held at Oneida Elderly Services 2907 S. Overland Rd. Oneida, WI 54155. The dates and times are:

Tuesday • February 12, 2007
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
&
Tuesday • February 19, 2007
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

If you want to set up an appointment call Angela Ortiz, Benefit Specialist at Elderly Services 869 – 2448.

ONEIDA Elder Longhouse Apartments
Independent Living for Seniors
at the Lee McLester II Building Elder Complex
* 4 Openings Available *
2907 S Overland Rd. • Oneida, WI 54155
1-920-869-2448 • 1-800-867-1551
Ask for Robert Lagest

The Elderly Services Program of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin mission is to assist our Elders to maintain an independent, healthy, productive and quality lifestyle through love, caring and respect by the services we provide.

Breakfast and the Bunny!

Come join Oneida Recreation on Saturday March 15th, 2008 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am for pancakes, sausage, and drink. Receive a photo and gift from the Easter Bunny! All families with youth 0-12 welcomed! Questions please call 833-0010 or 869-1088.

