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## Feds: Upstate NY Oneidas should get 13,086 acres for trust lands

**By William Kates**

Associated Press Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) ~ The Oneida Indian Nation would be allowed to place more than 13,000 acres of its ancestral upstate New York homelands into federal trust under a "preferred alternative" plan offered Friday by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 13,086 acres in Madison and Oneida counties would include the tribe's Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona and the nation's 32-acre territory near Oneida, where many of its

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# Audit reveals abusive spending at OHA

**By Nate Wisneski**

Kalihwisaks

A newly released federal audit shows the Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) board abused as much as \$100,000 for personal use. The newest audit was issued February 20 and released by the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) on February 21.

The audit outlines excessive spending for travel, board meetings, training sessions

and lodging costs. Non-compliant per diem payments, payments for hotels when no OHA training or business was taking place, room upgrades and rental vehicle upgrades were also highlighted by the audit conducted by Office of Inspector General for the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The OBC adopted a resolution on July 18, 2007 that dissolved the OHA Board of Commissioners based on

audit conducted under the direction of the tribe. The resolution was effective immediately and placed the housing program under the supervision of the tribe's General Manager, Debbie Thundercloud. The OHA will remain under supervision of the Tribe's general manager until a new ordinance is created that will define how the tribe will manage housing needs and development on the reservation.

The audit concentrated on time period dating from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2007. According to the report, the objective of the audit was to determine whether OHA calculated program income for Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) assisted properties with applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidance, regulations, and

requirements and to observe uses of revenue from NAHASDA-assisted properties.

Audit results show the OHA did not implement its accounting principles and procedures resulting in more than \$2.2 million in housing receipts dated July 1, 2002 to

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## DPW plowing through near-record snowfall

**By Nate Wisneski**

Kalihwisaks

Employees of the Oneida Tribe's Department of Public Works (DPW) have often been awake to see the clock strike 3:00 a.m. this winter.

This winter's drastically larger snow totals have been putting DPW employees behind snowplows, shovels and bags of salt much more often than recent memory, according to Bruce Danforth, DPW Area Manager.

"We haven't seen a snowfall like this since the early 1990's. It seems every third day we are out plowing," said Danforth.

Snow plowing on the reservation is planned out well before the first snowflake falls. "We have snow plow meetings in the fall and map everything out. Everyone knows their job and we go over the snowplowers and shoveler's routes," Danforth said.

A well devised plan is key in keeping the 100 parking lots, driveways, and 20 miles of road responsible to the tribe safe during and after snowfalls.

"All the plowers and shovellers have routes they are responsible for. The reserva-



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Department of Public Works employee Jerry Cornelius plows a path behind the Norbert Hill Center. This winter's higher than average snowfall has had the department's plows on the roads longer and more frequent. Many of the snow plow drivers spend entire nights plowing and then are expected to work their scheduled eight-hour shift.

tion is split up into quarters and all the trucks are assigned to certain areas. Some do just roads and some will do just parking lots," said Danforth.

Planning for individual snowfalls is not an easy chore for the DPW staff as well. "We will watch the (weather) forecast to see

when the snow is coming. I will meet with our Groundskeeping Department Manager, Redman Danforth, to kind of plan and see when and how much snow there is going to be. We utilize from all DPW departments (for snow removal). We have Automotive, Facility Management,

Groundskeeping employees. We have been lucky to have most of the snow falling at night. We usually will send everyone out around midnight," said Danforth.

Danforth's crew also  
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**DPW**

## Stabbing, beating suspects charged

**By Steven J. Gandy**

Kalihwisaks

2008 is off to a rocky start for some members of the House family, four of which have been charged pending in Brown County stemming from two incidents occurring in January and February of this year.

Douglas L. House, 50; Douglas House, 26; Thomas House, 22; Eric House, 18 and an unrelated 17-year-old male Meritt Stevens have all have various charges pending in Brown County Court.

According to criminal complaints filed by the Assistant District Attorney, Douglas L. Douglas, Eric and Merrit Stevens are all facing four counts: armed burglary, substantial battery, first degree reckless endangerment and battery. The maximum penalty for the charges carries a 31 year prison sentence.

The younger Douglas House is also charged with possession of a firearm by a felon. His charges carry a maximum penalty of 41 years in prison.

According to the criminal

complaint, on or about Monday January 14, 2008, the four men in question returned to the home of Rodney G. Reed Sr. following an incident earlier that night where Reed Sr. and Douglas House, 26, exchanged punches.

The men forced their way into the home of Reed Sr. and proceeded to find Reed Sr. and the Junior Reed, Rodney Reed Jr. The assault occurred in a bedroom of the home where Reed Jr. had gone to following the directions of his father prior to the break-in. In the bedroom with Reed Jr. were two "older" females and two young children who also lived at the residence. Reed Jr. said in the criminal

complaint that he saw five or six guys looking at him, of which he knew three of them. He stated that he was struck by a baseball bat and was hit by swinging fists.

Then, according to the complaint, Douglas House and his father, Douglas L. House entered the room along with Reed Sr. House pro-

ceeded to hit Reed Sr. with a hammer striking him in the forehead, the back of the head and in the legs twice while holding a gun to the face of Reed Jr.

The men left the house following a confrontation by one

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**Suspects**



Douglas L House



Douglas House



Thomas House



Eric House



Meritt Stevens

## Tribe walks away from negotiations with Hobart on service agreement

**By Steven J. Gandy**

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In a resolution passed by the Oneida Business Committee on February 20, 2008 the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will not renew its service agreement with Hobart.

The Oneida Business Committee took action this week at their regularly scheduled meeting to end discussions with the Village of Hobart. The Resolution to end discussions includes a history of the relationship and was approved unanimously by the OBC.

Chairman Gerald Danforth said, "It was not an easy decision and we do not take this action lightly. The Committee came to a point where we realized that it was fruitless to continue discussions in light of the Village Boards refusal to recognize and respect the Tribe's right to maintain our government and exercise our jurisdiction."

Key points of the Resolution:

- The tribe has attempted to maintain government-to-government relations with the Village of Hobart, and entered into a service agreement with the Village of Hobart in 2004.

- In 2007, the Village breached the terms of the agreement by objecting to fee-to-trust applications submitted by the tribe to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

- The Village of Hobart has recently asserted that it possesses the authority to condemn tribal property and to impose fees and assessments against the Tribe and tribal property, and the Village and the Tribe are engaged in litigation regarding these issues.

- The Village Board President has made militaristic references in relation to the Tribe, and has claimed that federal agencies working with the Tribe were "Jack booting" over residents of the Village, and that the

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## New Oneida Election Board and Oneida Police Commission members



Oneida Business Committee Secretary Patti Hoeft, back to camera, administers the oath of offices to Jodi Van Cuyk, far left, for the Oneida Police Commission and to Steve Mittag, Louise Cornelius and Racquel Hill for the Oneida Election Board on Wednesday, February 20. Linda Dallas, not pictured, was also elected to the Election Board following the semi-annual General Tribal Council meeting on Saturday, January 26.

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works with other departments within the tribe during snow-falls. "Its not just DPW plowing. The land office has plows that take care of houses leased, housing takes care of their homes and elderly services takes care of the elders. We all work together and help each other out if needed," he said.

When the snowfall stops the work is still not done. According to Danforth it takes two or three days to clean up after a snowfall, which includes maintaining sidewalks and actually removing snow from parking lots.

Like most communities across the state, DPW has had to clear the hurdle of a salt shortage. "That is our biggest problem this year and no one could have expected it. We get our salt from Outagamie County and they ran short in

early January so they cut us off then. We have been begging looking for salt. We got some help from Seymour and Green Bay," said Danforth.

According to Danforth, DPW is going to contract directly with local shipyards in the future in hope of combating future shortages. They currently use a chip and salt mix to stretch supply, but storage of large amounts of salt has also posed a challenge for DPW.

"We have a small salt shed

that holds enough salt for about one storm. We are looking at building a larger storage shed for salt," said Danforth.

"Our guys are constantly on the move and always on call. We are here to take care of the nation and that's what we do. Our guys go out and plow 10-12 hours, and then they pull their eight-hour workday the next morning. I am so proud of my workers, they're always there and ready," added Danforth.

### CORRECTIONS

In the February 14 issue of the Kalihwisaks, Neil Cornelius Jr. ment to identify the Pomo Band of Native Americans in his letter titled "A plea to our culture to rise up".

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## From Page 1A/OHA spending abuse

June 30, 2007 as being inappropriately classified as non-program income, which is far less regulated by federal guidelines, when it should have been classified as program income.

Abuse was found in both non-program funds and program funds, which are HUD funded and to be used strictly for housing needs in the Oneida community.

The audit revealed that \$120,000 was paid in meeting stipends for calendar year 2006. There were 987 stipends paid to seven board members, averaging 11 meetings per month. The acting housing ordinances during this time called for two meetings per month with a 24 hour notice for special meetings.

During calendar year 2006 OHA board members were paid \$200 stipends for meals and incidentals expenses during training in Honolulu, Hawaii, which was twice the federal rate, and may place the OHA board members as non-compliant with the Internal Revenue Service and its stipend policies.

Also, during training in Honolulu, six board members stayed three extra days at the OHA expense while no training or business was being conducted.

During calendar year 2006 ethics training in New England four of the five OHA board members rented vehicles with premium upgrades ranging from \$216 to \$1,067.

According to a letter from Susan House, Executive Director Oneida Housing Authority, "non-program related expenses incurred by the OHA board members during 2006 and 2007 have been

**"We will continue to work with federal officials to finalize the federal audit and to work aggressively to finish implementing corrective actions to the Oneida Housing Authority"**

~ Patricia Hoeft, OBC Secretary and Chairwoman of Special Audit Committee

calculated and will be considered payable to OHA. Efforts to collect the repayments from the former board members are ongoing."

First public knowledge of alleged spending misconduct by the OHA board originated in a public letter, dated January 16, 2007, from Kevin Fitzgibbons, Administrator of the Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The letter questioned issues of non-compliance and abuse involving local fund expenses for excessive travel and the use of stipends by the OHA board.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary, chaired the Special Audit Committee for the tribe that oversaw the internal audit.

"The federal audit is one piece of a larger response by the tribe's Audit Committee that began auditing the Oneida Housing Authority in March 2007. The federal audit supports the findings from our internal audit that there were board spending issues and financial records and processes that were not managed properly," said Hoeft. "The federal audit is encouraging too because it supports the hurricane of work that began six months ago by the General Manager, Controller and other key

accounting staff to get the program on the right track."

According to Hoeft, the tribe's actions will be evaluated by the Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs in the next 120 days and provide recommendations identified by the Office of Inspector General.

"We will continue to work with federal officials to finalize the federal audit and to work aggressively to finish implementing corrective actions to the Oneida Housing Authority," she said.

Hoeft is not certain if future criminal charges will be applied. "We don't know yet if there will be any criminal charges because that will have to be determined by the proper law enforcement authority. The Audit Committee plans to deliver a report to the Business Committee at its March 5 regular meeting recommending various reforms and calling for an investigation into possible fraud and violations of state and federal laws by the proper law enforcement authority," Hoeft said.

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Local



Passing On...



Robelia, Carol M.

February 15, 1934 – February 12, 2008

Carol M. Robelia, 73, of Green Bay, died Tuesday evening, February 12, 2008 at a local hospital. The daughter of the late Isaiah and Genevieve (Moore) Cornelius was born February 15, 1934 in Oneida. She married Richard T. Robelia on September 23, 1953 in Milwaukee. He preceded her in death in 2005.

Carol was an active member of the Oneida Community; she was a member of the Oneida Indian Singers, a lifetime member of the Robert W. Cornelius VFW Auxilliary Post 7784, Oneida Methodist Womens Society, and a past Sunday School Superintendent at Oneida Methodist Church. Carol worked for over 25 years as a coordinator at Oneida Headstart and was on the Tribal Personnel Commission. She enjoyed flower arranging and cake decoration.

Survivors include her daughter, Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee, one son, William (Jacqueline) Robelia, four grandchildren, Tamar, Tiara, William, Jr., and Melanie, seven great-grandchildren, Justin, Jordan, Christopher, Eric, Tianna,

Atxel, and Skyler. She is also survived by her sisters, Gwenevere Skenandore, and Madelyn (Roger) Genskow, and one brother-in-law, William Cornelius.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her siblings, Florence Elm, Vernon and Arlyss Cornelius, Willis and Winnfred Skenandore, and Geraldine Cornelius, Ervin and Isaiah, Jr.

Services were held on Monday, February 18, 2008 at the Oneida United Methodist Church, Freedom Road, Oneida. Rev. Walter Reed officiated with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Carol will be sadly missed by family and friends.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere assisted the family with arrangements. Please go to [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to express online condolences to the Robelia family.

*The Robelia family extends a sincere thank you to the staff at Divita Dialysis Center and the staff on the ninth floor at St. Vincent Hospital for their care and concern during the past 12 years.*



Caretakers Corner

2007 Division of Land Management Residential Census Summary

Questionnaire Design

The Division of Land Management Residential Census was designed to assess the residential needs of the Oneida tribal members living in Brown and Outagamie Counties. The results of this census will indicate how the Reservation should look in the future. The questionnaire was developed by the Division of Land Management with assistance from the Statistics Program.

Methodology

The questionnaire was sent to all tribal members aged 18 and over living in Brown and Outagamie Counties who wish to receive tribal mailings. A total of 3,121 questionnaires were sent out. The questionnaires were sent out in October 2007, and the respondents were asked to return them by November 9, 2007. A total of 645 questionnaires were returned completed giving a response rate of 21%. Given a 95% confidence interval, the margin of error is 3.6%. This means there is a 95% probability that the sample responses represent the population +/- 3.6%.

Sample Characteristics

Of the 645 respondents, 60% of the respondents live on the Reservation and 40% live off the Reservation. 60% reside in Brown County and 40% reside in Outagamie County. These figures are comparable to the Oneida Enrollment population data. The female

respondents make up 59% of the sample and the males make up 41%. According to the Oneida Enrollment data, 52% of members living in Brown and Outagamie Counties are female and 48% are male.

Respondents were asked to disclose what they pay for their living arrangements. 10% of the respondents live there for free, this includes people who own their homes free and clear and don't pay taxes. 34% of the respondents pay rent. 39% pay a mortgage. 11% own their homes free and clear, but pay at least a portion of taxes. 3% have other arrangements.

Basic Observations

1. Members who live on or near the Reservation are very happy with their living arrangements.
2. Strong family values are emphasized by who the respondents live with.
3. Members want to keep the rural atmosphere of the Reservation.

Next Issues

This article is just a rough summary of the responses received. In upcoming issues of the Kalihwisaks we will present the results. We will present: Key Findings, Personal Perceptions, Expert Speculations, and the Direction Forward.

Get ready for Microsoft Office Suite with the Oneida Nation Community Education Center

Submitted by Nathan Plitzuweit

Computer Instructor

Ben Franklin once said “By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail.”

Hopefully you have already heard this, but back in December of 2005, the Executive Management Team gave a directive to develop a transition plan to move from the Corel WordPerfect Office Suite to the Microsoft Office Suite. This meant that Corel was going to be renewed only until the end of the 2008 fiscal year, at which point the Microsoft Office Suite would be the standard office suite for the Oneida Nation. As of October 1st, 2008, the Oneida Nation will only be supporting the Microsoft Office Suite. Thankfully the Oneida Nation Community Education Center is here to help you prepare for this transition.

The ONCEC offers com-

puter classes for the novice users, the advanced users, and everyone in between. For the computer novice, we offer a “Computer for Beginners” course and an “Introduction to Windows XP” course that will teach you all the basics. Individuals looking to advance in specific computer programs will find many opportunities to learn about the programs available in the Microsoft Office Suite. Microsoft Word (word processing), Microsoft Excel (spreadsheets), Microsoft PowerPoint (presentations), Microsoft Access (database), and Microsoft Publisher (document publishing) are options for your participation.

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Master Instructor certification. One-on-one computer tutoring and assistance is available by appointment during our regular business hours. We also offer one large computer lab and other personal computers located throughout our GED area for general use during our regular business hours.

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The Oneida Nation Community Education Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Saturdays we are open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information on our computer classes, GED/HSED/P.A.S.S. Units department, or for assistance, call the Oneida Nation Community Education Center.

Dreamers and Doers celebrates Women’s History Month

Submitted by Jill Lauritsen

The Green Bay Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its Second annual Dreamers and Doers historical tour and award luncheon to celebrate Women's History Month on March 14 and 15, 2008.

The tour includes stops at four Green Bay sites where five historical women, featured in Women of Northeast Wisconsin: DREAMERS AND DOERS (AAUW-1994) and portrayed by community members, will explain their significant contributions to the local community. The tour will be conducted Friday afternoon, March 14th from 1:00-4:30 pm and repeated on Saturday, March 15th from 9:00-noon.

The cost of the tour is \$20.00. The Friday tour will include "Tea with Madam Tank". It will feature refreshments provided by businesses that are owned and/or managed by women. Anyone age 9 or older is welcome on the tour; moderate walking and standing are required.

The Award Luncheon, at noon on Saturday, March 15th at Heritage Hill, features a portrayal of Dr. Rosa Minoka Hill, by her granddaughter, Carol Smart of Waukesha. Dr. Hill was a Native American physician and 40 year provider of health services to the Oneidas through her "kitchen clinic".

The presentation of the 2008 Dreamers and Doers Award by Erin Davisson, WFRV-TV news anchor, will follow. Cost of the luncheon is \$35.00. Women artists' works, silent auction items,

and books about strong women and girls will be displayed and sold.

Women to be portrayed include: Nancy Cornelius Skenadore (Bay Beach Wild Life Sanctuary) by Justine Souto, great-great grand niece, Emmeline Casimira Andruskevicz (Bay Beach Wild Sanctuary) by Mryna Dickinson, Euphemia Jane Kay (YWCA) by Ashley Ramaker-Martin, Frederika Crane (Hazelwood) by Loretta Delvaux, and Caroline Louisa Albertina Tank (Heritage Hill) portrayed by Mary Eisenreich. Tour guide is Mary Jane Herber, local history dept., from the Brown County Library.

Seven women who were nominated from the community will be honored and added to the list of contemporary Dreamers and Doers who have had a positive impact on life in Northeast Wisconsin and the winner of the 2008 Dreamers and Doers Award will be announce.

Money raised from the tour and luncheon will help establish scholarships for AAUW Fellowships and local scholarships for women who are 25 or older, earning their first degree at Bellin College of Nursing, St. Norbert's College, UW Green Bay or NWTC/Green Bay Campus. For more information contact Jill at **920-592-9987** or pick-up registration forms at the Oneida Tourism Office located on Packerland Avenue, Butterfly Books, the YWCA, Heritage Hill, Brown County Central Library, and the Regency Suites (Hotel Sierra).

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of the females in the room. She stated that her children were in the house.

Charges were filed by the ADA on February 13, 2008 for the incident on January 14. The next day, February 14, 2008 Douglas House, 26 and his brother, Thomas House, 22, allegedly assaulted John Metoxen and Norman Betters. Both, Metoxen and Betters were treated for stab wounds stemming from the incident, according to criminal complaints.

The brothers, Douglas and Thomas, are being charged with attempted first degree homicide and substantial battery. Those charges carry a maximum of 72 years in prison with the additional provisions added to the sentencing limits.

The “Use of a Dangerous Weapon” provision adds a possible nine years to the sentence.

According to the criminal complaint, Douglas House, 26, placed a phone call to Metoxen and Betters a few hours before the attack threatening the two victims. At approximately 2:15 am four men in a white SUV drove a house on Crestwood Drive where the Betters and Metoxen were at. The four men, two of which were identified by Betters and

Metoxen as Thomas and Douglas House and a third who was identified as a person they knew as “Gooze.”

Metoxen was struck by a baseball bat by one of the men and then stabbed in the abdomen, according to the criminal complaint.

Betters also was stabbed in the upper arm and also had a puncture wound under his left nipple.

As of February 15, Metoxen was still in the Intensive Care Unit at a local hospital.

Betters was treated for his wounds and released.

Douglas L. House, 50, is also facing an un-related drug charge stemming from a July 23, 2007 incident. He faces a max penalty of 12 years in convicted of the cocaine charge.

Due to the seriousness of the charges it was determined that the SWAT team would be used to take the subjects into custody.

Negotiations to have the subjects come out were unsuccessful and the SWAT team made entry and took the subjects into custody without incident on February 20.

Court Dates for the men are available online at <http://wcca.wicourts.gov>.

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February 29

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Pollock & baked haddock, coleslaw, baked potato or French fries, fry bread, dessert and coffee or beverage. \$9 adults, \$8 children 10 and under. Carry- outs available. For more information, call **920-869-2565**.

March-April

**Oneida Community Band**  
**WHEN:** Tuesday night rehearsals, concert April 15  
**TIME:** 6:30pm-8:00pm  
**PLACE:** Turtle School, N7125 Seminary Road  
The Oneida Community invites musicians of all ages and skill levels to join us in making music. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights, March 4 through April 8. Roger Ronowski is the conductor. Contact Beth Bashara at **920-869-490-3833** for more information.

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.

March 13

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, March 13  
**TIME:** 5:30pm-7:30pm  
**PLACE:** Site II Community Building  
Neighborhood Watch meeting and potluck dinner. For more information, contact Isabel at **920-869-6669** or **920-412-0396**

March 17

**2008 Shawano Food and Culture Fest**  
**WHEN:** Monday, March 17  
**TIME:** 5:00-8:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Shawano Community Hall, Division Street  
This family-friendly event promises to educate, entertain, and encourage development of cultural awareness in all who participate through food, fun and learning. \$3 per adult, \$1 per child. FMI - Tim Barthel at **(715) 524-8204** ext. 3220.

April 12

**University of Wisconsin - Green Bay Annual Pow Wow**  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 12  
**TIME:** Grand Entries: 1:00 and 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Phoenix Sports Center  
Honoring the new program of study First Nations Major. Feast Provided at 5:00 pm. Contact UWGB American Intercultural Center at **920-465-2720** 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. Cals 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 Community Library  
Speaker of the Month**

Mind, Body, and Soul:  
How to keep them happy and healthy  
**Thursday, February 28**

Displays from 5:30pm-730pm

Poetry Reading with Richie Plass: 5:30pm

Alternative Healing Presentation with Scott Lalonde from Social services: 6:30pm

Come join us for an evening of information from several Oneida Tribal departments to keep your Mind, Body, and Soul happy and healthy.

Departments: Oneida Health Center, WIC Program, Oneida Higher Education, Oneida Social Services, Oneida Community Library

**Mandatory training for the Oneida Tribe's Judiciary**

Oneida Tribal Judicial Officers are governmental officials elected to decide the case that come before them. As such, a high standard of performance is expected. To perform these duties and carry out the responsibilities requires in-depth knowledge of the principles of law, rules of procedure, regulations and policies. Skills are also needed, including listening, reading, legal analysis, decision making and judicial writing. We are submitting this article in order to share with the community how the Oneida Tribal Judicial System attempts to prepare its Judicial Officers to meet a high standard of performance.

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System has adopted an extensive and detailed training plan. The original Training Plan was approved on October 1, 1997. After several revisions aimed at improvement, the most recent version was approved on December 4, 2006. This revision followed a needs assessment that identified skills and knowledge that are necessary to satisfactorily perform the duties and responsibilities of a Judicial Officer.

The Training Plan provides a sole source document identifying the training subjects along with guidelines by which to train. The sequences of courses described in the plan have been arranged in a stepping stone fashion to guide the user toward progressive completion of each one of the levels of qualification. These levels are arranged in order of preferred progression and each is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the preceding level.

Our Training Philosophy is that judicial officers should be trained with the goal of making fair and just decisions based on the facts and law of the case. To do so takes knowledge and skill. None of the currently elected judicial officers possess a law degree. As a result, training and education are key components of a successful Oneida Tribal Judicial System.



Kali file photo

Back row left to right: Sandra Skenadore, Anita Barber, Leland Ninham, Stanley Webster, and Lois Powless. Front row left to right: Mary Adams, Winnifred Thomas, Jennifer Webster, Cristina Danforth, Jean Webster, and Janice McLester.

There are several types of training. Judicial Training ensures each Judicial Officer has a clear understanding of the law and procedures that govern Oneida cases. In addition, Judicial Officers receive training on the exercise of judgment and discretion in judicial proceedings. This training enables Judicial Officers to conduct pre-hearing conferences, perform legal research, conduct deliberations and fair hearings, manage case files, analyze evidence and write opinions and decisions. These functions must be performed while applying fairness and impartiality in the decision making process. This area of training also spells out the ethical responsibilities of a Judicial Officer.

General Training focuses on the overall function of the Judicial Branch of Government. The background of the Oneida Judicial System underlines the important role that the Judiciary plays in maintaining and enhancing Oneida Sovereignty.

Administrative Training provides Judicial Officers, Administrators, Clerks and support staff with the expertise to organize and account for all judicial proceedings. Accurate and organized

records are essential in every Judicial System. From the time a case enters the system until the final decision is written, clear, concise and accurate case files must be maintained.

In Audit Training Judicial Officers observe all aspects of proceedings in the Oneida Tribal Judicial System from initial review to final judgment.

Although education and training are extremely important, they must be provided within the limitations of available resources. Our Training Plan accounts for this and requires efficient use of resources. The Oneida Tribe is fortunate to have the resources to provide travel and lodging for out-of-state training. Out-of-state training provides access to national experts in a field and demonstrates how other judicial systems operate. However, where no sacrifice in quality is required, in-state training is preferred in order to keep costs lower. In addition to formal training in a classroom setting, the Oneida Tribal Judicial System supports informal training such as observing other jurisdictions' courtrooms.

Costs are furthered lowed when the Judicial Officers

take advantage of scholarships. Scholarships are available through several training agencies. They usually require an application. Various training agencies offer training at no cost or partial cost that cover tuition or transportation. The Judicial Officers are encouraged to apply for scholarships.

When away on travel for training, Judicial Officers must observe the highest standards of conduct. Tribal members have placed their trust in Judicial Officers to exhibit good judgment in the important affairs of people's lives. The public expects Judicial Officers to exhibit good judgment at all times, and particularly when they are representing the Oneida Tribe. All training is for the benefit of the Judicial Officer, the litigants who appear before the Court and ultimately the Oneida people. Therefore, misconduct while on training is hurting the Judicial Officer and ultimately the Oneida people.

We hope this information will be useful and helpful to you. Please look for future articles about the Oneida Tribal Judicial System in upcoming issues of the Kalihwisaks.

**The Judiciary**

**Past Present Future**

The Oneida Tribal Judicial System would like to invite the Oneida Community to a "Town Hall Meeting" on the Development of a Tribal Court.

**Guest Speaker:** Joseph A Meyers Executive Director of the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) Santa Rosa, CA.

Joseph A. Meyers was instrumental in the development of the policies and procedures of the Oneida Appeals Commission. The NIJC creates and conducts legal education, research, and technical assistance programs aimed at improving the administration of justice in Indian country.

**WHEN:** March 19 and 20 2008  
**WHERE:** Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Green Bay

**Topics of discussion:** Oneida Tribal Judicial Systems also know as the Oneida Appeals Commission established 8-19-91 by Resolution.

Past Present and Future

See next issue for additional details

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## Business



# BACKGROUND ON BUSINESS

## Business Assistance Center Helps Start-up businesses

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The Business Assistance Center will be holding its fourth annual Entrepreneur Connection conference at The Meadows in the I-43 Industrial Park on Kepler Drive.

It will be held on February 28 from 2:00 pm through 7:30 pm.

The E-Connection seminar is designed to provide resources to people who either want to start a business or grow a business they just started. It also provides access to educational materials and the resources and tools that are out there for start-up entrepreneurs.

Christina Trombley, Director of the University of Wisconsin's Small Business Development Center and Chairperson of the E-Connection conference said,

"We bring in speakers; we bring in business owners; we have some networking time and we also for the second year in a row have the elevator pitch competition."

The elevator competition is an exercise designed to get someone interested in a business opportunity in 90 seconds, or the average time in an elevator.

"Contestants...do a 90 second presentation ... based on the ride you'd have in an elevator and what they are trying to do is get someone interested enough in their business to either want to know more or to actually think about investing," Trombley said.

Cash prizes are awarded for the top two contestants; \$750.00 and \$500.00, and a third prize is awarded for the people's choice winner of \$250.00.

The E-Connection will be hosting keynote speakers, Jeff and Rich Sloan.

"They're serial entrepreneurs, they're latest venture is Start-up Nation and they're nationally known speakers. They've had several different companies. Now what they're really focused on is helping people get started. They have they're own set tips to help people think about what they need to know and how to really do it successfully," Trombley said.

In addition to entrepreneurs looking to start-up a business, there will also be various professionals attending looking to answer questions.

"Besides the people who are thinking about starting their business, we get bankers, real estate agents and, of course, all of the service providers so that they can have those real crucial conversations about what they need to know. We have about a 45 minute long networking reception where they'll have plenty of opportunity to find the people they need to talk to," Trombley stated.

Reducing the hassle of gathering information for start-up business entrepreneurs is a focus of the conference.

Trombley said, "One of the things that we constantly hear is that they're constantly running in circles. We tried to really put it all together for you right there."

She also stated that minorities and women are an ever larger piece of the clientele that the Business Assistance Center sees.

"Those are the two groups that are really looking at entrepreneurship so we hope this event is something they'll take advantage of," she said.

Starting a business is something that can be done in a person's spare time but still

requires many hours of hard work and planning.

"We see people all the time that have full-time jobs as they're trying to get their business going. We do say that it takes anywhere from six to 12 months of planning before the business should open. When you fast-track it that's where complications come in," Trombley said. "Everything comes back to the business plan. You need to have that forward vision of what it's going to look like and know what you need, not just to get your doors open, but to keep your doors open and a lot of people skip that step and so then it becomes much more complicated."

Trombley also issued this warning to new business entrepreneurs.

"A lot of people don't plan and so what happens is they're under-funded going in; they don't have enough cash to keep the business up and running in those crucial first years."

Walk-ins are welcome at the E-Connection conference with the cost being \$35.00.

Persons interested in more information regarding the Entrepreneur's Connection or the Business Assistance Center can call 920-496-9010.

## Sample Treats, Networking Opportunities at Business Expo 2008

Green Bay, Wis.-- (Feb 27, 2008)- The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to present Business Expo 2008, Connections that Count. The expo will allow businesses the opportunity to promote their products and services and network with their business peers. The March 11 event begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 7 p.m. at the KI Convention Center in downtown Green Bay. Tickets for the Business Expo are available through any of the event's exhibitors or you can pick up a ticket in person at the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce at 400 S. Washington St. in Green Bay.

That same evening at the KI Convention Center, the Business After Hours event sponsored by the Green Bay Area of Commerce, begins. Attendees of the Business After Hours may treat themselves to a wide variety of desserts and appetizers pro-

vided by the following organizations: Apple Spice Junction, Biebel's Catering, Frosted Delights Etc. LLC, Konop Food and Catering, Plae Bistro, LLC; Regency Suites, SC Grand, St. Norbert College, Supple Group/Fratellos, Titledown Brewing Co., and The Burger Co. Tasters then vote in a "People's Choice Award," and decide which dessert and appetizer they enjoyed most.

Parking for the Business Expo is provided free of charge by The Business News. Attendees should park in the Main and Pine Street ramps.

Tickets for the Business After Hours are \$5 for Chamber members and \$25 for prospective members. They must be picked up at the Green Bay Area of Commerce in person. For further information regarding these events contact (920) 593-3419 or members@titledown.org.

## Leaderfest Targets Young Professionals With Regional Event on March 20

Young professionals - tap into your potential at Leaderfest '08, a professional growth event in Fond du Lac on March 20, 2008 that is a collaborative effort by the young professional networks in Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Fox Cities, Green Bay, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Marinette. The annual event, the first of which was hosted by the Oshkosh young professional network in 2007 and drew 500 people, will feature keynote speaker Dick Leinenkugel of the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company. He'll share his experience in a motivational and informational presentation on how beer and business can mix.

"This is an incredible opportunity to network with peers throughout the region and offer professional and personal growth opportunities for our generation," said Brian Johnson, program manager for Current, the young professionals network in Green Bay. "Without this collaboration within our region, our ability to attract and retain young

talent is severely disadvantaged."

This year's event will also offer breakout seminars that focus on topics vital to career growth, including Selling Yourself, Leaders vs. Managers and more.

The event will be held at the University of Wisconsin - Fond du Lac campus at 400 University Dr. in Fond du Lac. The day's registration will be at 11:30 and continue with lunch at noon, kick-off at 1 p.m., the three breakout sessions at 1:15, 2:30 and 3:45, cocktails at 5 p.m. and the keynote speaker at 6 p.m. It's your choice how much of the event to attend - to attend lunch, the breakout sessions and snacks, it's \$50 per person. Attend the keynote speaker and enjoy food and beer tasting for \$25. Or participate in the whole day's offerings for \$75 per person.

For all the details, visit [www.yppfdl.org/leaderfest](http://www.yppfdl.org/leaderfest) today. Please direct questions to Brian Johnson, program manager for Current Young Professionals Network, at (920) 593-3408.

## Radisson brass earn Manager of Year award

On February 11, 2008 the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation management team took a little time out for some fun! After a luncheon and two games of bowling the Executive Committee recognized seven (7) hotel managers for their contribution throughout 2007. These seven (7) Manager of the Year nominees were: Brian Singer, Sous Chef; Patti McLester, Human Resource Manager; Denny Frigo, Executive Housekeeper; Dan Gwitt, Sales Manager; Jennifer Simonar, Sales Manager; Alison Hutchinson, Catering Director; Susan Jorgensen, Gathering Manager

The Executive Committee selected Dan Gwitt as the Front of the House Manager of the Year. Dan has been with the Hotel since August 1997 and has fulfilled the

roles of Guest Service Representative, Lead Reservationist, Assistant Front Office Manager before being promoted to his current role as the Bus & Tourism Sales Manager. Patti McLester was selected as the Heart of the House Manager of the Year. Patti has been with the Hotel since March 1986. In her 22 years with the organization Patti has filled the roles of Administrative Assistant and for the past 18 years she has held the position of Human Resource Manager.



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Patti McLester, Human Resource Manager and Dan Gwitt, Sales Manager, were named the Radisson Managers of the Year during luncheon on February 11, 2008. Pictured left to right: James Elm, General Manager; McLester; Gwitt; and Meg Waldo, Human Resource Director.

## Phone scams...What to look out for

By Dianne Zubella

Bay Bank

You must be aware of scams... the first phone scam was on Thanksgiving Day. The scam informed people that their Bank account needed to be reinstated. They provided a toll free number for customers to call to have it reinstated if the customer could verify their personal information. Timed to occur just before the busiest shopping day of the year, the criminals dialed 40,000 area residents and got 20,000 people. An educated, cautious consumer is the number one defense against any scam. When consumers receive phone calls from agencies claiming to be a financial institution and requesting verification of their personal information, consumers should do the following:

- STOP. Do not respond

immediately.

- THINK. Why would my bank need this information?
- CALL. The number on your bank statement or in the phone book.

No bank or legitimate business will request a customer to verify personal information such as PINS, bank account numbers or Social Security numbers over the phone. NEVER give this information out.

Personal information that you should never release in a conversation not initiated by you includes:

- Bank Account Numbers
- Bank Card Numbers – Credit or Debit
- Personal Identification Numbers (PINS)
- Social Security Numbers

If you receive this type of request over the phone, note the name of the caller and the contact information. Call



your Bank immediately and report all the information to them.

The incident should be reported to police, the misrepresented institution and the legal agencies. The same guidelines and suggestions apply to e-mail requests for personal information.

Criminals are constantly inventing new techniques or variations on old ones to steal personal information. If you are ever in doubt about a request, immediately contact the police and/or your financial institution. Both agencies can determine the legitimacy of the request and will be happy to offer assistance.

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# Legislative Review



**Chairman**  
*Gerald Danforth*

## Chairman's Corner...

approved by General Tribal Council, the Judiciary Act will engrain in law, an Oneida Tribal Court.

Creating a Tribal Court is significant step that brings new responsibilities. As we move forward in this process, such considerations as how the Judges and Justices of the new court will be selected, what Subject Matter Jurisdiction the Tribal Court will exercise and how we will transition from our current Appeals Commission structure into a new court system will need to be carefully considered and coordinated.

The proposed Judiciary Act is almost completed and while there are still some matters that are being worked out, I am confident that we are close to bringing General Tribal Council a comprehensive law that will fulfill the needs of the Tribe.

How the Judges and Justices are selected is one of the areas which need your thoughts. As currently drafted, the Judiciary Act is written so Judges and Justices

will be elected. Electing our Judges and Justices is a very good thing; however, we must consider what the qualifications are for those who wish to sit on the bench. The Business Committee has heard from the community, requirements that range from having a Juris Doctorate Degree to experience with no degree. We have shared during the community meetings, language that will hopefully bring us to a middle ground. A majority of tribal members who attended the meetings have stated they would support qualifications that include a mandatory bachelor's degree and an Oneida judicial qualifications test. Our work on this area still needs your input. I encourage you to read the proposed Judiciary Act and provide your recommendations.

Another area of the law that is being completed is the Oneida Tribal Court's Subject Matter Jurisdiction. Again, a wide range of input has been gathered with most feedback leaning toward either "broad"

jurisdiction which would authorize the Court to exercise the widest possible Tribal Court jurisdiction, or jurisdiction that is specially granted as Oneida passes and implements complimenting legislation like a Family Code (i.e. Indian Child Welfare). It is important to understand there are several important elements of jurisdiction that need to be well thought out as there are Federal laws and court cases that define and limit tribes' ability to govern. Some examples of types of cases that tribes cannot hear are bankruptcy cases and maritime cases.

There are advantages and disadvantages to having a Tribal court. I ask that you think about both. As we continue to make progress in this area, the Business Committee anticipates bringing forward to you the pros and cons of having a court, with focus on matters outlined above and additional considerations like full-faith in credit, (by which other courts – local, state, tribal – would recognize our

judicial decisions and we would recognize theirs) and the proposed new Administrative Procedures Act that would accompany the Judiciary Act.

Another matter that we have shared with the membership during the series of Community meetings is the transition process involved in implementing a Tribal Court. There are many questions community members have shared with us. Some of those questions are "what happens to my case in the Appeals Commission" "how long do both the Appeals Commission and the Court operate at the same time" and "how much money will it take to operate the new court?"

The team working on the proposed Judiciary Act understands that these are very important questions that need to be addressed. We will continue to do our best to respond to these and other questions as they come forward. Currently, we anticipate that once approved, the new court would be in a transition phase

for at least 12 to 18 months before the court is ready to hear its first case. During this time, the proper budgets will be brought forward to General Tribal Council for approval, as all budgets are brought forward.

As we move forward in completing the Judiciary Act, I will continue to provide you updates on the progress that is being made. Several hundred community members have already provided valuable and helpful input. I encourage each of you to join them. A copy of the proposed Judiciary Act can be found on Oneida's website at [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org) or by calling the Legislative Reference Office at 920-869-4376. Remember, if you have suggestions, please feel free to contact my office at **920-869-4478**, toll free at **1-800-236-2214** or email at **gdanfor2@oneidanation.org**.

Yaw<ko  
*Gerald L. Danforth,*  
*Chairman*

## Letters and opinions...

### NDN Avenue says thanks for support

*Thank you,*

On behalf of our Oneida Men's Basketball team "NDN Avenue" we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the support we have received from Best Built Inc. and Sharon House in regard to the Fourth Annual Iron Boy basketball tournament in Minneapolis, MN. It is also important for us as a team to honor our community by representing the Oneida Nation in the best way possible. One of our goals is to be mindful of the young men and women who are influenced by watching us play and the way we in which we conduct ourselves. We also hold education as a priority, most of our players are currently enrolled or are college graduates. Our team takes a unique approach to not only playing the game, but carrying ourselves with respect off the court as well. We are proud to be role models to the younger generation, and understand that we are standing on the shoulders of many people that came before us.

Thanks again for you support,

*Pete King III, NDN Avenue*

### Don't censor us, Kalihwsaks editor

*Dear Members of the Oneida Tribe:*

I just wanted you to consider some options as to how you can be fully informed, as to how you can receive all pertinent information (positive or negative). Currently, the Kalihwisaks censors some of our tribal members from informing the entire tribal membership of important information which may also be negative. You, as tribal members, may be extremely angry if you were to know all of the facts that are kept hidden from you, by keeping you unaware that they exist, that they are there. Yet, some of your elected officials are allowed, in the Kalihwisaks, to make negative statements.

The Kalihwisaks is for all the people of the Redstone. Let's have a paper which publishes all of the news and

events, either good or bad. A paper which will check the validity of the statements made to them, before printing those statements (*Editor's Note: We do*).

1. We, as the people of the Redstone, can mandate the Kalihwisaks staff, whose budget is paid for by the tribal members, to not censor any members editorials, by making a resolution.
2. When the Kalihwisaks budget comes up, check it out thoroughly, and question any line-items you are not sure of. Deny anything you do not approve of. (This goes for every departmental budget as unnecessary items/over-spending has gone amuck. Require line-items).
3. To have the staff, do a complete turn around and become compliant to our wishes, and have the staff issue a written published apology to those members they have embarrassed/offended or face termination and replace them with staff that is unbiased and neutral. We cannot have staff that is totally pro-Business Committee/government and anti-general tribal membership. There needs to be balance and equality. We are not the U.S. Government, we are the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

*Best regards,*  
*Elaine Doxtator*

### Cheers for civility

I commend Chairman Gerald Danforth and Trish King for their January 31, 2008, encouragement of Tribal Members to show civility, politeness, and respect at the General Tribal Council Meetings. Without these virtues a nation cannot long endure. It will implode. Good will will erode. Nothing good will get done.

For a nation to be enduring and endearing, productive and proactive, people need to listen and speak in a manner that demonstrates politeness, patience, and good order. To heckle, harass, and hollar does not serve any noble goal, does not promote the commonwealth of the Nation, and

is a poor example for young people. Good habits, virtue, and noble goals are some of the best things we can pass on to our posterity if true prosperity is really the goal.

For freedom to prosper there must be a balance of rights and responsibilities. Where rudeness arises people will manifest far more heat than light and sound reason will be passed over for penny-wise, pound-foolish gains. Tactics will trump truth and that always leads to contravention behavior. I hope many people will take time to affirm that which is noble, lovely, true, praiseworthy, and worth passing on to the generations to come. Thank you, Chairman Danforth and Trish King, for your good words.

*All the best,*  
*Dr. Peter M. Kurowski,*  
*California, Missouri*

### King George

Once upon a time there lived a greedy king,

Who wanted absolute power over everything.

He talked to his sorcerer who knew what to do:

"I think imaginary dragons will work well for you.

Tell them dragons are tricky, mimicking you and me;

We'll suspend personal liberties.freedom's not free.

While our plot is brewing and awaiting construction,

We will attest to his 'weapons of mass destruction.'

The threat is real and the dragon is near.

You can't lead with trust-they'll follow from fear.

We must create diversions to cover our tracks,

Spread rumors and panic and distort all the facts.

Then in the name of our 'National Security'

We'll alarm the masses by use of obscurity.

This dragon is not Christian and he hates those who are,

For he speaks of the infidels and comes from afar.

He's done heinous crimes and we'll provide details:

He preys on the innocent and abuses females.

Those daring to question things that we tell them,

Are dragon sympathizers

and we will expel them."

Now I'm not saying Al Qaeda's not bad,

Or we shouldn't keep the beliefs that we had.

But what are we really fighting for,

And what will the future hold in store?

The U.N. has backed away and won't condone

The actions we take for the reasons we've shown.

*Written by Tom and Sandy Hookham*  
*www.weeklyrhymes.com*

### In memory of Mr. Common Sense

My parents told me about Mr. Common Sense early in my life. They told me I would do well to call on him when making decisions. It seems he was always around in my early years but less and less as time passed by.

Today I read his obituary. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance. For Mr. Common Sense had served us all so well for so many generations.

**Obituary**  
**Mr. Common Sense**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons; protecting sovereignty, contribute to your community and plan for your future.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (be prepared for a crisis) and reliable long term strategies (look to the next seven generations).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Senior managers that need to sign off on \$10.00 purchase orders; long distance phone calls being scrutinized for cost savings; MIS blocking websites in the name of "security", only worsened his condition.

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**Letters**



## Kalihwisaks

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**2008**  
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**Norbert Hill Center**

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# State

## Senate passes bill to improve health care on Indian reservations

By Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) ~ American Indians would have better access to health care services, including screening and mental health programs, under legislation the Senate passed Tuesday.

The bill, approved 83-10, would boost programs at the federally funded Indian Health Service, prompt new construction and modernization of health clinics on reservations, and attempt to recruit more Indians into health professions. It also would increase tribal access to Medicare and Medicaid.

The legislation would authorize spending about \$35 billion for Indian health care programs over the next 10 years. Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., called it a first step in addressing a crisis in American Indian health care. The system is underfunded and inefficient, he said.

American Indians suffer

much higher death rates of most leading causes than the rest of the country. Alcoholism, drug use, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and suicide rates are especially high.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said American Indians have access “to some of the least adequate health care in America.”

“Far too many native children are diagnosed with diabetes, suffer from abuse and neglect, or die prematurely because of accidents or illness that could be prevented or cured,” Reid said.

Similar legislation cleared the House Natural Resources Committee and a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee last year. It still must be approved by the full Energy panel and the House Ways and Means Committee before it heads to the House floor.

The Senate bill includes provisions sponsored by South Dakota Sens. John Thune, a Republican, and Tim

Johnson, a Democrat.

A Thune provision directs the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to study tribal courts and identify weaknesses that exist.

A Johnson provision would require that the emergency room at the Indian Health Service clinic in Wagner stay open. The Yankton Sioux Tribe has been haggling over that issue with the federal government for many years.

A separate Johnson provision would make it easier to prosecute sexual assault cases on reservations.

The Senate bill also contains a resolution sponsored by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., that formally apologizes to American Indians for centuries of government mistreatment. The resolution acknowledges a long history of government misconduct against Indians, including forced relocation from tribal lands, theft of tribal assets and the breaking of treaties and

covenants.

Earlier this month, the Senate adopted an amendment removing some sections of the bill that faced strong objections from the Bush administration. The White House issued a veto threat in January, objecting to expanded labor provisions in the legislation.

Some say the bill doesn't go far enough.

Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn, a Republican and a doctor, called for a much broader overhaul of the system and labeled the legislation “morally bankrupt.” He argued that the money may not be there for new programs, saying the bill is like “taking out a new loan on a car when you can’t afford food for your family.”

Coburn offered an amendment that would have given American Indians more latitude in choosing clinics. That amendment was rejected, 67-28.

“Why are we putting off fixing the system?” he asked. “So we could tell everyone that we did something when in fact we did nothing.”

The Senate amended the bill to exclude most abortions at Indian health clinics and prohibit spending on programs that discourage gun ownership.

## Lac Du Flambeau faces financial woes

MILWAUKEE (AP) ~ The Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa may mortgage part of its reservation to combat a cash crunch caused by several multimillion-dollar investments.

The tribe’s lawyers were told last month to act quickly on a \$50 million bond “so that the contractors would not walk off the job in Mississippi,” according to a memo by Brian Pierson, a Milwaukee attorney representing the tribe.

Bond money would be used to refinance \$22 million in debt on the Mississippi project and the Lake of the Torches Resort Casino on the reservation in Lac du Flambeau.

Most of the remaining \$28 million would go to an effort to launch a casino boat in Natchez, Miss. The tribe has already poured \$8 million into that project.

That’s after it lost more than \$3 million on a gambling boat project in Cancun, Mexico. The boat, called The Dream Catcher, is sitting in dry dock in Florida, waiting to be sold.

Pierson sent a three-page memo to the Tribal Council earlier this month, blaming the financial problems on low seasonal revenue at the tribe's casino in northern Wisconsin, bond payments and a multimillion-dollar

investment in XIT Networks, a startup telecommunications security company based in Houston.

He urged tribal leaders to act fast to protect the tribe’s “credit rating, reputation and prestige.”

“It is important to convey calmness and cool-headedness to the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), the Tribe’s lenders, the business community generally, the State of Wisconsin and to the Tribe's neighbors,” Pierson wrote. “Indian country meltdowns are a source of delight to anti-Indian people. They do lasting harm to tribes.”

Lac du Flambeau spokeswoman Laura Stoffel predicted the 3,300-member tribe be in better shape by summer.

“The stars have clearly aligned in the wrong way at this time,” she said.

The problems - and the prospect of mortgaging Indian land - have angered some members.

Tribal police and Vilas County sheriff’s deputies were called to a community center last week when about 70 members had a heated argument over the tribe’s problems, Stoffel said. Spokesmen for the police and sheriff said the crowd

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## Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalihwisaks Managing Editor

## The Letters Policy, explained

As of late, there have been questions raised about the Kalihwisaks Letters to the Editor Policy.

First, I didn’t write the policy.

Second, I didn’t always enforce the policy.

It started innocently enough. We had received a letter well beyond the 500 word limit, but the topic was interesting and at the time, we averaged maybe one letter an issue. I didn’t see any harm in running the letter in its entirety.

Then came the Kalihwisaks issue with a page and a half of letters shrunk down in font size to get them to fit. I realized we needed to start following the policy.

Then as the Oneida Housing Authority audit started, accusations began to fly. The \$5000/\$10,000 garnered

more letters and more random accusations. There in lies the thin line between opinions and potential libelous or false information.

Here’s a basic primer on an opinion versus an accusation that needs to be verified; if you say the editor of the Kalihwisaks is a cootie head and should be fired, that is an opinion. If you say the editor goes around giving cooties to children in the Head Start program, that is an accusation that would need to be substantiated by both a head check on the editor and her contact with Head Start children and personnel.

Some have accused me of banning letters because they are derogatory or negative. A review of our past Letters and Opinions pages will show that there has been a variety of letters on several topics in several tones from many different authors.

Do I regret printing a letter that referred to a tribal mem-

ber as a Disney villain? Yes, I do, and I apologize. Does that mean the insulted party has a right to a letter being printed with even more insults and accusations? No, it does not.

Finally, I have been accused of being too negative in my columns. Yes, I admit I have a low irritation point and powerful tendency toward sarcasm.

Let’s set the record straight; I don’t write my editorials under the direction of the Oneida Business Committee or anyone else, they are my opinions. I don’t care if a vocal minority or even the majority of the General Tribal Council doesn’t agree with my opinions. I don’t write them to be popular, to win an election, or to keep my job. I write them in the hopes people will look at an issue in a different way, to express frustrations (entirely my own frustrations) and to seek solutions.

Do I want or expect everyone to agree with me? No, that’s where the Letters and Opinions Page comes into play. Now’s your chance to call me a cootie head.

## FREE TAX Preparation Assistance For Low – Medium Income Households

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, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

***\*\*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.

By Scott Bauer

Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) ~ More cooperation between tribal and state government leaders could help address health care concerns and improve economic development, the president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians told the Legislature on Tuesday.

Robert Chicks gave the State of the Tribes speech before a joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly, as well as representatives of Wisconsin's 11 American Indian tribes.

Calling for more than “ceremonial regard for one another’s role in government,” Chicks urged the Legislature to pass a joint resolution recognizing tribal governments.

Such a move, which would not confer any new rights or create a new law, would help bolster greater cooperation between the tribes and state government, Chicks said.

“This is something meaningful, not just symbolic,” he said. “It does pave the way for more productive discussions and meetings in the future and it should have been done a long time ago.”

Chicks also called for renewed attention to economic development on American Indian land, which he said would help address health care problems.

“We need to create a stronger, healthier, economic partnership,” he said. “What works best for all of us is when we do it together. Making Wisconsin strong is our business too.”

Chicks, who is also president of the Great Lakes Inter-

Tribal Council, called for the tribes to be included in discussions about the Great Lakes Compact. A list of the tribes’ concerns about the compact were going to be delivered soon to Speaker of the Assembly Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, he said.

Huebsch has expressed concern over the compact, which was designed to prevent thirsty regions from tapping the Great Lakes. The pact, signed by governors in eight Great Lakes states in 2005, needs approval from all eight legislatures and Congress to take effect.

It has not yet been approved in Wisconsin.

*On the Net:*  
*Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians:*  
<http://www.mohican.com>  
*Wisconsin Legislature:*  
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

## From Page 6A/Letters

Common Sense lost ground when GTC approved a per capita payment with the rationale that OBC was being fiscally irresponsible. It declined even further when a detailed line by line accounting of all financial information was requested; but those requesting couldn’t take the time to read what was in their hands.

Common Sense started losing the will to live when the \$100.00 stipend was approved; SOP’s were written; and over 700 people showed up. Common Sense took a beating when the chair was asked to step down because he couldn’t control a meeting, when the reason it was out of control was the one asking.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live when

after a five hour meeting with minutes left to go, GTC recessed for two weeks and another \$100.00 will need to be paid.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepsisters and one stepbrother; I Know My Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I’m a Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

*Inspired by Anonymous*

Agree or not – things to thing about.

**Lloyd E. Powless, Jr.**





## From Page 1A/NY Oneida

government and cultural offices are located.

The Oneidas had asked for 17,370 acres in federal trust, which exempts the property from state and local taxes and laws. Government leaders from Madison and Oneida counties wanted no more than about 1,000 acres of trust land.

In its long-awaited final environmental impact statement, the BIA said its alternative was a compromise and “reflects a focus on the immediate and shorter-term needs of the Nation to re-establish a sovereign homeland and on the New York State and local government requests to consider a more compact and contiguous trust land group.”

A final decision on the trust application by the Department of Interior is due on or after March 25. A 30-day appeals period would follow. The department can accept BIA's preferred alternative, or choose another of the alternatives the agency considered, which ranged from placing 35,000 acres in trust to no trust lands at all. It can even select an alternative not included in the final draft.

“That's totally unacceptable,” said Oneida County Legislator Mike Hennessy, one of several local leaders who were briefed Friday in Washington, D.C., by interior officials.

“I am extremely disappointed about the acreage involved in this recommendation, and urge the Department of the Interior to reject it,” said state Sen. David Valesky. “This proposal will not solve the issue, and does nothing to address the local concerns about loss of local tax revenue and the impact on local businesses.”

“We are grateful for the Department of Interior's hard work during this process,” said Mark Emery, a spokesman for the Oneida Indian Nation. “Now is a good time to move beyond the negativity and toward a better community for all of us.”

The proposed trust land sits in “two relatively condensed clusters,” one centered on the casino and the other on the nation's 32-acre reservation, the report said. The land consists of 234 parcels in an area of about 9 by 14 miles.

The parcels “are, for the most part, located within a reasonably short driving time of around 15 minutes from each other,” the report said.

The area contains about 80 percent of the nation's housing, the majority of its government services, the casino and its four golf courses and four of the tribe's 13 SavOn gas stations and convenience stores. It also includes 9,789 acres of farmland.

The proposal would set

aside 8,833 acres in Oneida County and 4,253 acres in Madison County - in both instances, about 1 percent of the county's total area, the report noted.

According to the BIA's analysis, the exempted land would cost the counties about \$2.19 million in annual property taxes - not including the contested assessment on the casino, which the counties say owes \$12.2 million a year in taxes.

But the BIA report found that loss would be offset by the growth in the income, sales and property taxes paid by Nation employees resulting in “net benefit revenues to New York state and local governments.” In 2005, that trade-off amounted to about a \$16.8 million benefit for the state and local governments, the report said.

The BIA determined placing the land in trust would pose no greater demands on local community facilities and services.

The Oneidas filed their trust application in April 2005 in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision against the tribe in a long-running dispute with the city of Sherrill over unpaid taxes on Indian-owned property.

In that decision, the Supreme Court decided ancestral land re-acquired by the nation was not sovereign and, as a result, was taxable and subject to governmental controls like zoning and use regulations. However, the justices suggested the tribe consider placing its re-acquired lands in federal trust.

The counties and state steadfastly opposed the Oneidas' application. One of their biggest concerns was creating a checkerboard of jurisdictions that would seriously burden local governments, taxpayers and landowners.

The nation claimed rejection of the application would threaten the future of the tribe's successful casino and resort, which provides about 4,000 jobs, as well as the welfare of the approximately 1,000 nation members.

The final impact statement released Friday is a revised version of the 1000-plus-page draft released in November 2006, and which had been under review by the BIA since that time. The preferred plan was not in the original draft.

The draft was the subject of a number of well-attended public hearings in the two counties where numerous opponents and proponents spoke out, sometimes heatedly.

## From Page 7A/LDF woes

dispersed without problems and no one was arrested.

Tom Maulson, a tribal leader running for Lac du Flambeau president, said the problem is that the tribe has yet to see a return on its investments.

“Every deal they’ve made so far has not brought any money back to the Lac du Flambeau,” he said. “It’s going to take at least a year to see any light at the end of the tunnel. ... We’re just in a big hurt.”

Still, he said, many believe a mortgage is “a big no.”



**Submitted by Judith L. Jourdan**

OLCC Record Technician

How many of you can remember your parents or grandparents saying to someone they just met, “Who's your folks?”, or about a new boy/girlfriend, “Who's their folks?” Did you ever wonder why that question was so relevant? I did, but it wasn't until I was much older that I realized the importance of so innocuous a question. As a community we are all related in more ways than just our cultural identity or community affiliation. We are all related by blood. That little question was our parents way of keeping track of our blood relations.

As a genealogist, one of the things I've discovered is that most of us, as Oneida people, can trace our ancestry back to one of three known Oneida commissioned officers of the Revolutionary War; John Skenandore (Oskanondonha), James Powless (Wakarantharaus), or Honyery Doxtator (Tehawenkaragwen). That doesn't take into account for the ones related to men who served in the Revolution who were not commissioned officers and there were many. As an example, my great grandfather was Henry “Duke” Doxtator who was the grandson of Daniel Doxtator, who was the grandson of Honyery Dachstetter. That makes me an eighth generation descendant of Honyery. After many years of working as a genealogist, what I've found out is just how closely we are all connected to each other. Let

### Land Claims Commission Corner

## Who's your folks?

me share with you some of what I found in my search for who I am and where family blood roots began.

Honyery Doxtator, also known by his Oneida name Tehawenkaragwen (or Thewahangaraghkwen meaning He Who Takes Up The Snow Shoes), was perhaps the most famous of all our Oneida ancestors. According to some accounts, he was born about 1745 to Cornelius Doxtator and a Mohawk woman named Catherine. (Based on the ages of his children, he was probably born much earlier.) It is believed that his father Cornelius was the son of Tee-Yee-Neen-Ha-Ga-Row, one of the four Iroquois chiefs who went to London in 1710 and that he was raised by the George and Anna Elizabeth Dachstetter family. It was not uncommon to back then place a child with a prominent family in order for the child to get an education and learn the white ways. Cornelius Doxtator's “parents”, George and Anna Elizabeth Dachstetter were both of German/Dutch descent.

The spelling of the name Doxtator was in constant flux throughout history. There are more than 20 different spellings for the name including, Dachstetter, Dochstaeder, Dockstader, and the list goes on. I chose to use “Doxtator” in my research because it is the spelling most commonly used now in this community.

Most descendency records list Honyery as being born with the name Johan George Dachstetter. If you follow the change in his name throughout the research records, he was also known as Johan Jury, Hon Jury, Hon Yury, Honyerry, and Honyere. You can see how his name transitioned over time.

Honyery was a fearless leader and warrior and during the American Revolution he fought in many battles on the side of the colonists including Fort Stanwix and the Battle of Oriskany. His wife, Sarah Martin/Montour, (Tyonajanegen or “Two Kettles”) fought at his side along with his brother Honyost and his son Peter. There were many accounts of Honyery's heroism and fearless leadership in war, yet he was known as a gentle man of his word. Honyery was commissioned a Captain in the American Army in 1779. He was honorably discharged in about 1782 and was given a land bounty of 1800 acres. By many accounts, he was regarded as too old for military service which again, implies an earlier date of birth. Dates also differ as to exactly when he died. Some say he lived to age 94 putting his date of death about 1839 (if he was born in 1745). Other accounts say he died around 1807 which would have put his date of birth in 1713.

Honyery was married twice. According to the Lyman Draper manuscript, he married Sarah Montour in 1754 when she was about 18 years old. Together they had three children. His oldest son Cornelius was born about 1754. Cornelius had three sons, Daniel, George and William. Honyery's only daughter Dorothea, also known as Dolly, was born about 1756. She married John Denny, the son of French captive Louis Denny, and had six children. Jacob was born about 1758 and had four children. On August 20, 1774, Honyery married Dolly Cobus and had a fourth child, Peter born 1787. Peter married Lucretia Calvin and lived

thereafter on the Stockbridge reservation with his seven children.

And the list goes on and on. The twenty grandchildren and umpteen grandchildren and great grandchildren of Honyery went on to marry into the Oneida families of Powless, Skenandore, Hill Swamp, Archiquette and Cornelius. They also married into the non-Oneida families of Scippio, Nellis, Mytop, Quinney and Gerlach, to name a few. Bottom line is, their roots all lead back to Honyery Doxtator, John Skenandore, or James Powless of the Revolutionary War. So when an elder says to you, “Who's your folks?”, take pride that they are asking you to identify your place in our Oneida history.

Do you know who your folks are?

*Oneida Land Claims Commission Mission Statement: The purpose of the Oneida Land Claims Commission is to make recommendations to the G. T. C. on ways to facilitate and involve their participation in the decision making process regarding the settlement of the Oneida Land Claims in New York State.*

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## Reservation elders compile recipes in cookbook

**By Candace Renalls**

Duluth News Tribune

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) ~ Wendy Savage recalls waking up at night to the smell of wild rice cooking.

As children, the aroma would rouse her and her five siblings. They would get up and creep cautiously toward the kitchen and peek in.

“My dad would laugh and say, ‘I can never get away with it,’” Savage recalled. “He could never get away with making a bowl just for himself. It became the family joke. We would smell it and get up.”

Soon, her mother would be setting the table and they would all sit and eat little bowls of rice again.

For Fond du Lac Reservation elders such as Savage, the wild rice they and their ancestors harvested in late summer on the Cloquet area reservation was a food staple.

Although Savage, 56, grew up in Duluth, her parents had grown up on the reservation and Savage spent much of her summers and weekends with her grandparents, who still lived there. Savage began harvesting wild rice at age 11. She would go picking wild blueberries with her mother. And the deer her father and uncles hunted was cooked for family meals.

These native foods had been staples for Ojibwe people for centuries, as had maple syrup, squash, dandelion greens and other foods foraged from nature, such as bitter root, wild rhubarb,

mushrooms and huckleberries.

To help keep these food traditions alive, a committee of elders, including Savage, has gathered recipes from other tribal elders to create their first cookbook. The result, “Favorite Fond du Lac Reservation Recipes,” contains nearly 200 recipes. While many are not particularly American Indian, the cookbook includes old family recipes for cooking rabbit, moose, wild rice and dishes that call for fruits and vegeta-

bles indigenous to northern Minnesota. Recipes include Bannock (Indian biscuits), Indian pudding, Indian Succotash and Chippewa Sweet Meat.

The cookbooks sell for \$10, and the money raised will help send Fond du Lac elders to the National Indian Conference on Aging, to be held Sept. 5-9 in Nokomis, Wash., according to Sharon Shuck, who was part of the cookbook committee. The national organization works to improve the health and

welfare of American Indian elders. Fond du Lac band members who are 52 or older are elders.

Tribal elder Phyllis Stott of Duluth remembers her grandmother's big gardens on the reservation, brimming with squash, cucumbers, onions, beets, potatoes and corn. She remembers eating fresh tomatoes, just picked from the vine. She would snare rabbits with her grandmother, while her parents hunted venison.

“For generations, it was really healthy,” she said.

## FY2009 COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETINGS

**When:** Monday, March 3, 2008

& Wednesday, March 5, 2008

**Where:** Business Committee Conference Room, Norbert Hill Center

**Time:** 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

- Why:**
- Provide information on the Tribe's FY 2009 priority initiatives
  - Update on Divisions' community input received throughout last year's budget process
  - Update on Divisions' upcoming initiatives and how they align with our tribal priorities and benefit community members
  - Gather recommendations from the community

**The March 3rd updates will be provided by the following Divisions:** Development, Internal Services, Health, Environmental, Land

**The March 5th updates will be provided by the following Divisions:** Enterprise, Governmental, Gaming and General Administration

**Please contact Jennifer Skenandore, Budget Director, at (920) 869-4242, or 1-800-984-8902 ext. 4242 with any questions.**



# Culture

Song: I Know an Old lady Who Swallowed A Fly. A fun way to incorporate your animal vocabulary.

I know an old lady who swallowed a tsí·ks. I don't know why she swallowed a tsí·ks, but now she squeaks.

I know an old lady who swallowed a kátsi. It made her feel funny when she swallowed a kátsi. She swallowed the kátsi to catch the tsí·ks. I don't know why she swallowed a tsí·ks, but now she squeaks.

I know an old lady who swallowed an otsi'ta·ha. Oh how neat-a to swallow an otsi'ta·ha. She swallowed the otsi'ta·ha to catch the kátsi. She swallowed the kátsi to catch the tsí·ks. I don't know why she swallowed a tsí·ks, but now she squeaks.

I know an old lady who swallowed a takós. Oh how gross to swallow a takós. She swallowed the takós to catch the otsi'ta·ha. She swallowed the otsi'ta·ha to catch the kátsi. She swallowed the kátsi to catch the tsí·ks. I don't know why she swallowed

a tsí·ks, but now she squeaks.

I know an old lady who swallowed a é·lhal. She had a lot of gal, to swallow MY é·lhal. She swallowed the é·lhal to catch the takós. She swallowed the takós to catch the otsi'ta·ha. She swallowed the otsi'ta·ha to catch the kátsi. She swallowed the

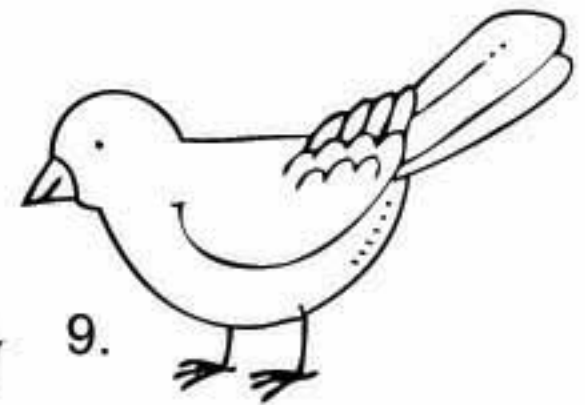
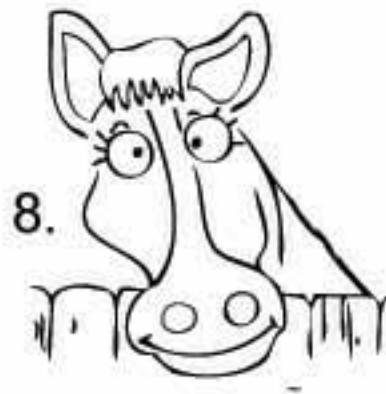
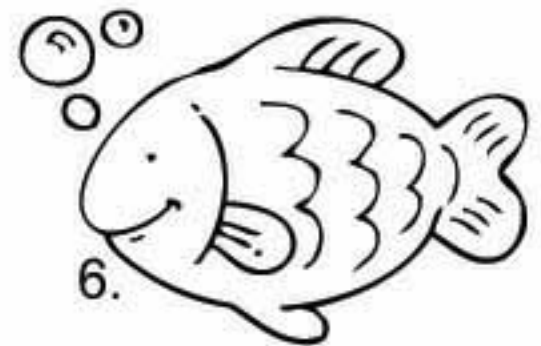
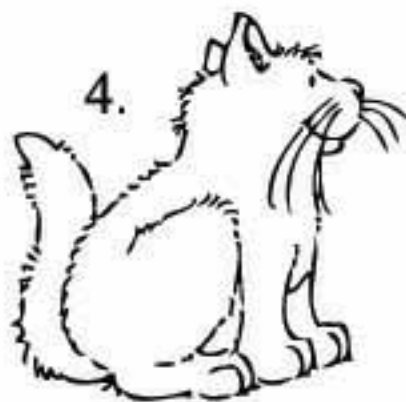
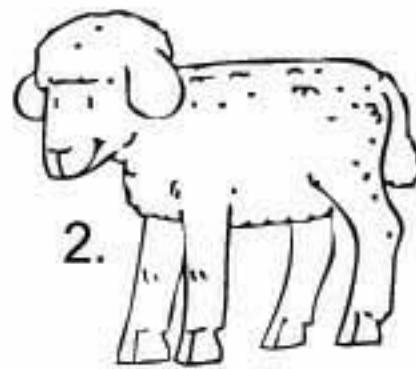
kátsi to catch the tsí·ks. I don't know why she swallowed a tsí·ks, but now she squeaks.

I know an old lady who swallowed a kohsa·tás. Right in front of us, she swallowed a kohsa·tás. She swallowed the kohsa·tás to catch the é·lhal. She swallowed the é·lhal to catch the takós. She swallowed the

takós to catch the otsi'ta·ha. She swallowed the otsi'ta·ha to catch the kátsi. She swallowed the kátsi to catch the tsí·ks. I don't know why she swallowed a tsí·ks, but she still squeaks.



## Name The Picture



tsí·ks kátsi otsi'ta·ha takós é·lhal kohsa·tás kóskos siksik kitkit

Answers: 1.kitkit 2.siksik 3.é·lhal 4.takós 5.kóskos 6.kátsi 7.tsí·ks 8.otsi'ta·ha 9.kohsa·tás

You're Invited!...

Ohuntsya·kékha kanunya'shúha

### Community Social Dance

Hosted by Oneida nation High School Iroquois Music Class

Thursday, February 28th  
Parish Hall 5:30 to 8:30  
Corn Soup and Flat Bread  
Bake Sale

(Sponsored by ONHS Iroquois Music Class)

## 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, A, ?

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



# South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services News

## For Your Info...

### Housing Information

If you have any questions regarding housing in Oneida, please give the Housing Authority a call. Call **1-800-236-2214** and ask for the Housing Authority and ask to speak with Lisa Vega or Julie Cornelius.

### For Your Information - Sweat Lodge

Women's Sweat Lodge in the community is held weekly by a community member. For information call **414-383-7072** and ask for Dona.

### Information around the city

211 Impact - Simply call 211 for help with life/food/shelter/health/crisis intervention, etc.

Pow Wow AA Group - All Welcome - Thursday's - 8:00pm, 1st Baptist Church, 1576 So. 78th

Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center: **414-383-9526**  
Milwaukee Indian Manpower at Spotted Eagle High School **414-342-0706**

Domestic Violence - Milwaukee Women's Center: **414-272-5132**

Domestic Violence Task Force Contact Person - Bagwajikwe Madosh **414-345-8688**

Indian Community School **414-345-3060**

American Indian Council on Alcoholism **414-671-2200**.

**The SEOTS events calender is on the world wide web**  
Go to... **www.oneida-nation.org**  
Click on... **Oneida Nation News**  
You will find the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Calender of Events

## Focus...



## Calendar

## Special Events March 2008

### Roberts Rules of Order Workshop

Have you been going to GTC Meetings and possible don't understand the phases, "Call for question? or Point of Order?" Take a trip up to Oneida and attend an informal explanation on Roberts Rules of Order. Learn the ins and outs and be informed for your next meeting. This will be the first workshop, with more to follow. Van will be leaving at 8:00am. After the workshop we will have lunch and return after lunch. You

### SEOTS Mission...

*Our mission is to provide for the well-being of On-yote-a-ka in southeastern Wisconsin; preserving our culture and environment for the next seven generations.*

The Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) staff is here to serve you! Check your Kalihwisaks for SEOTS News once a month for a listing of events. The office is located at: 2778 South 35th Street. Phone: **(414) 384-7740**

## The staff at the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services office



Anne Kreutzinger, Deb Ushakow and Carmen Flores are your SEOTS staff.

### SEOTS Office Hours:

M-T-W-TH-F: 8-4:30PM,  
CLOSED NOON TO 1:00PM  
FOR LUNCH

Call for available week-end hours, **414-384-7740**

### Regular Events...

#### Oneida Singers

Date: Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Time: 6:30pm

Place: SEOTS - Contact person John House **(414) 443-0301**

#### Diabetes Support Group

Date: Thursday, March 20th

Time: 10:30-12:00 - Potluck

Place: SEOTS - RSVP - **414-384-7740**

#### Oneida Language Class

Date: Saturdays, March 1, 15 & 29th

Time: 10 - 12pm

#### Circle of Healing Group Information

Please Call Rodney Pearsall for registration, information, and time of meeting  
Rodney Pearsall - Milwaukee Vets Center - **414-536-1301**. Meeting will be held at SEOTS.

#### Computer Lab

Open Daily for use (unless reserved for class)

**SEOTS Board Meeting**  
Community is Welcome to Attend

Date: Tuesday, March 11 & 25th. Second meeting to be announced

Time: 6:00pm

#### Van Trip

Date: Wednesday, March 19th  
Time: Departs SEOTS at 8am and returns by 6:00pm

#### Med Pick-up

Dates: Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19 & 26th

**MUST BE CALLED IN the Friday BEFORE the Wednesday Pick-up.**

**Events are open to all Oneida's wherever you may live!**

## Volunteers are special and we thank all for serving SEOTS in 2007!

|                       |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Kayla Christjohn,     | Rick DeNomie, Roy     | Skenandore, Opal       |
| Dorothy Danforth,     | Huff, Jim Kelly,      | Skenandore, Bonnie     |
| Mike Danforth, Mike   | Connie Kelly,         | Smith, Charlene        |
| Debraska, Isabel      | Mindymoye, Alice      | Smith, Naomi Smith,    |
| Denning, Sawyer       | Ninham, Tommy Old     | Glady's Smith, Bob     |
| Denning, Taylor       | Coyote, Oneida        | Ulrich, Pat Ulrich,    |
| Denning, Roberta      | Language Helpers,     | Veteran Group, Gloria  |
| Doxtator, Mary Elm,   | Laura Parks, Alan     | Wheelock, Huston       |
| Al Fabian, Robin      | Parks, Randy Parks,   | Wheelock, Jay          |
| Fleischer, Roberto    | Rodney Pearsall, Pink | Wheelock, Ben          |
| Flores, Geraldine     | Shawl Ladies, Anna    | Yahola, Priscilla      |
| Grunwald, Rob         | Perlono, Mark         | Zakhar.                |
| Grunwald, Laura       | Powless, Danny        | <b>Thank You-Thank</b> |
| Harrison, John House, | Preston, Janice       | <b>You-Thank You!</b>  |
| Rick House, Leon      | Prohaska, Kim Reyes,  |                        |
| House, Rick Bouche,   | Bruce Reyes, Joyce    |                        |

will need to reserve your place. There is room for 10 people. Call **414-384-7740**.  
Date: Wednesday, March 26th  
Time: 8:00am departure  
Place: Van leaves Seots for Oneida

### Indian Summer Pow-wow on March 1st and 2nd at the State Fair Grounds

Date: March 1 & 2nd  
Time: Grand Entry 1pm & 7pm Saturday - 1pm Sunday  
Place: State Fair at the Wisconsin Products Pavilion

### Craft Class

Craft Class is a time to make something new, work on existing projects and socialize. Come for an evening of fun and bring a snack if you would like to share!  
Date: Wednesday, March 5th and 12th  
Room for 6 people, please reserve your spot  
Time: 6-8pm  
Craft: Dream Catchers

### We Indians Program for Youth 5th - 12th Grade

After school program with the Woodland Pattern Book Center to include monthly guests, field trips, weekly prizes, free snacks and bus tickets. Come and join in the

fun!  
Dates: Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19 & 26th  
Time: 4 - 6:30pm

### Cultural Heritage Class

Randy will be teleconferencing the class.  
Date: Thursday, March 20th  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

### Veterans Outreach

Rodney Pearsall a Veterans Benefits Coordinator will be available at Seots on Thursday,  
Date: Thursday, March 6th  
Time: 10 - 1pm  
Veteran's contact person for Color Guard - Leon House (414) 543-1622

### Indian Council for the Elderly

Meals and bingo twice a week. Come to socialize and meet new people.  
There is a small fee for lunch.  
Dates: Monday and Friday - 11:30am,  
First Friday of the month the meal is at 5pm.  
Place: 631 N. 19th St. at Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Phone **414-934-8096**

### Contact List for SEOTS

SEOTS Board would like the community to sign up on a

contact mailing list. This would help the office to inform you of any changes and or short notices for meetings and classes etc.  
Please call SEOTS at **414-384-7740**

### Interested in a New Career? How about Plumbing?

Call Oneida Tribal Member Mike House - 414- 359-1310 or 1-888-248-3392.

Send your email to  
**Kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org**



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.

## From Page 1A/ Hobart

Village will be "the point man on the rifle squad."

• The Village Board President has expressed the sentiment that the Tribe may celebrate its culture and traditions, but that the Tribe should not be allowed to exercise self-governance or self-determination, and should instead fall under state jurisdiction and control.

• The Village Board sponsored a forum on the Oneida Reservation at which the disestablishment of tribal governments was advocated.

• The attitudes and opinions expressed by the Village Board harken back to the past assimilationist policies of the federal government which were abhorrently destructive to Indian tribal government, tribal culture and the well-being of tribal members, and have long since been repudiated.

• The Village Board has paradoxically expressed the desire to enter into a new service agreement with the Tribe and the Oneida Business Committee finds it unreasonable and counter-productive to engage in service agreement negotiations with any entity which seeks the subjugation and disestablishment of the Tribe's government.

With all those points in mind the OBC resolved:

"That the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will not enter into service agreement negotiations with the Village of Hobart until such a time as the Village Board formally recognizes the right of the Oneida Tribe to maintain its own government and exercise jurisdiction within its Reservation, and the Village Board abandons assimilationist rhetoric and attempts to change federal Indian policy to the detriment of the Oneida Tribe."

**The SEOTS offices will be closed on Friday, March 21 for the Holiday**

**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).**

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# Thunder players roll on following loss

**By Steven J. Gandy**  
Kalihiwisaks

Looking to continue what has become a tradition in Seymour Basketball, the Boys team fell short of making the State tournament for the first time in nine years.

Two Oneida Seniors, John Nicholas and Derick Denny had every intention of getting Seymour to the tournament once again this year.

Nicholas is a 6-foot-6 260 pound force that filled the lane and pulled down

rebounds.

“I’m out there to rebound and pick-up what ever they miss...get (Denny) open,” said Nicholas.

Denny is the team's leading scorer despite having missed five games this season to a second torn anterior cruciate ligament in the same knee.

The team was knocked out of the post season run to the State tournament on Thursday February 21. They lost to the Freedom Irish 67 - 69.

The Thunder's streak has ended at eight State title runs.

“It's kind of a big thing on your shoulders because you don't want to be that first team not to get there. It's a tradition that you want to keep going,” Denny said before the team's loss to Freedom.

So why do these student athletes feel so much pressure?

“Basketball here is like oxygen, pretty much. It's just fun coming out and playing in front of everybody, family,

and past alumni. Our support out here is just ridiculous,” Denny said.

Both Denny and Nicholas attribute Seymour's successes to team chemistry and everybody knowing their roll on the court.

“(Players) don't do things that they aren't supposed to do. Everybody knows what their job is out there,” Denny said.

Although the senior's high school basketball careers are now over, they still have a lot to look forward to after graduation.

Denny is hoping to commit to a junior college in Northern Illinois. Kas Kas Kia is a nationally ranked Division 1 Junior College program.

“I want to comeback after a year and play at (the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay) after a year, but I have to get my knee healthy,” Denny said.

Nicholas is planning to attend a University of

See Page 7B  
After Seymour



Kali Photos/Steven J.Gandy

Top: Nicholas eyes a rebound during a free-throw attempt against Notre Dame Academy on February 19 in Seymour. Right: Derick Denny pulls up for another three-point-attempt.





## Breakfast and the Bunny!



**Saturday, March 15, 2008**  
at the Civic Center  
from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and a drink. After breakfast, receive a photo and gift from the Easter Bunny!

All families with youth 12 years old and younger are welcome!



If you have any questions or would like more information, please call 833-0010 or 869-1088.





# 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   |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Every Monday &amp; Wednesday</b><br>2/18, 2/20, 2/25, 2/27, 3/3, 3/5, 3/10, & 3/12 | <b>6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Community Education Center</b><br>2632 Packerland Dr<br>Green Bay, WI 54313 |
| <b>Every Monday &amp; Wednesday</b><br>3/24, 3/26, 3/31, 4/2, 4/7, 4/9, 4/14, & 4/16  | <b>6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Community Education Center</b><br>2632 Packerland Dr<br>Green Bay, WI 54313 |

## Oneida Recreation News

### New Arts and Crafts Specialist

**Submitted by Servilla Van Dyke**  
Oneida Recreation Department

My name is Servilla Van Dyke and I am the new Arts & Crafts Specialist for the Oneida Recreation Dept. I have an Associate Degree 3 dimensional art. I enjoyed learning about pottery and beadwork.

The projects that the youth are currently working on in the art room are making plaster and learning how to do raised beadwork on picture frames. The plaster has been a favorite for the youth, so I will continue to have more plaster projects this spring. I am continually having the youth participate in small, short projects as they are continuously in and out of the classroom.

Activities to look forward to in the fall include designing their own outfits, sewing classes, and quilt making.

On a more personal side, I have three children and was Miss Oneida 1992-1993. If you have any questions about my programs, please contact me at **920-869-6282**. I look forward to meeting the youth and their parents of this community.

### Umpires needed for Youth Baseball

**Submitted by Kyle Casper**  
Recreation Supervisor

The Oneida Recreation Department is currently looking for umpires for the upcoming youth baseball season. Umpires are needed for Little League games, which will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5:30 and 7:15. Some baseball experience or officiating experience is preferred by I am willing to train umpires for the Little League level.

Babe Ruth and Pony umpires will be played on various nights from late May through mid-July. For this level, previous umpiring experience is necessary.

Little League umpires will receive \$20 per game, while Babe Ruth and Pony umpires will be paid \$40 for behind the plate and \$30 for the bases. Anyone interested is asked to contact Kyle Casper at **920-869-6288**.

### Open Gym at the Civic Center

**Submitted by Kyle Casper**  
Recreation Supervisor

Starting on Thursday, March 6th the Civic Center will have open gym for ages 16 and Older. Open Gym will be from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Please come and join us for this exciting opportunity to be active and socialize with your friends. Open Gym will run every Thursday from March 6th through the end of May. Recreation memberships are required to participate. The membership is \$5 for the entire year; 55 and over the fee is waived. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Riesenberg or Kyle Casper at **920-869-1088**. We are looking forward to seeing you.

## Introductory Tae Kwon Do offered


Oneida Family Fitness is happy to announce their latest beginner Tae Kwon Do class! You and your children can learn the Korean martial art that teaches self defense, confidence and discipline. Tae Kwon Do is the world's most popular martial art and now is your chance to find out why.

The eight week beginner Tae Kwon Do session will be starting Monday, March 3, 2008. The class meets every Monday from 5:00-6:00pm and is for anyone ages 6 and up. Class size is limited, and due to the popularity of this program it is recommended that you sign up early to reserve your spot.

Call today to register for beginner Tae Kwon Do at Oneida Family Fitness, **920-490-3730**.

Oneida Martial Arts - Nobody does it better!





## ONEIDA RECREATION

### 2008 YOUTH BASEBALL

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH BASEBALL FOR THE 2008 SEASON IS NOW UNDERWAY. WE WILL BE OFFERING LEAGUES FOR THE FOLLOWING AGES:

| T-BALL        | AGES 5-6   | MONDAYS        |
|---------------|------------|----------------|
| PEE-WEE       | AGES 7-8   | WEDNESDAYS     |
| LITTLE LEAGUE | AGES 9-12  | TUES/THURS     |
| PONY          | AGE 13     | VARIOUS NIGHTS |
| BABE RUTH     | AGES 14-15 | VARIOUS NIGHTS |

\*AGES WILL BE BASED ON YOUTH'S AGE AS OF APRIL 30, 2008. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CIVIC CENTER, ON THE INTRANET, OR YOU MAY REQUEST ONE VIA EMAIL OR FAX BY CONTACTING KYLE CASPER AT 869-6288 OR [KCASPER@ONEIDANATION.ORG](mailto:KCASPER@ONEIDANATION.ORG).

\*Anyone interested in coaching or umpiring, please contact Kyle Casper at 869-6288.



Environmental

# Check out what’s new at the Oneida Farm

By Patricia A. Cornelius  
Farm Manager  
Denny VanVreede  
Farm Supervisor

Triple Stacked,Projected E.P.D., BT, Put Guidance Ready, RFV Relative Feed Value, and Seed firmer.

The above are all terms used in today’s fast moving agriculture. With today’s volatile markets, all of these simple terms play huge parts on the day-to-day profitability. It’s not simply farming anymore.

Market outlooks for 2008 are looking very interesting. It appears the fed beef market will remain steady for the first quarter, with prices going up the rest of the year. Cash grain prices will remain strong the next few years, being driven by the alternative fuel market.

Corn is probably the most efficient Bio-fuel product at this stage of the game.

Out at the Oneida Nation Farms, we are always being faced with new technology and are happy to say we are doing our best to keep up with the changing time.

Thank you to everyone involved in this spring’s fertilizer purchases, which were purchased last October for cost savings purposes. And to let you know with the price hikes since then, we have saved approximately \$60,000.00 and prices are still rising. “This takes a lot of planning” to know your needs before year’s end. Some of the more interesting things we do in planning for the future is plot and field days. Each year the farm plants many different varieties (hybrids as they are called). Each hybrid that we plant reacts to Mother Nature and its surroundings very differently. The trick is to place or plant the correct hybrid in the correct field to get the highest possible yield for profitability. Each field may have a different soil type, yield potential and environmental conditions (rainfall, weed and insect pressure, water drainage). So what we do in agriculture is plant many different hybrids in one field next to each other, which is called a “TEST PLOT.” What this does is determine which hybrids work best in that particular soil profile. The reason we can determine this is because by putting these hybrids in the same field all environmental factors, insect and weed issues, should be about the same throughout the whole field.

This last December, we confirmed our seed orders for the 2008 crop year. Varieties that are popular in our zone and show a good history, are getting hard to purchase, but we have locked in enough and received good discounts. In



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The buffalo observation deck is located on Cooper Road just off of Highway 54.

talking to marketing people, with the market price of corn and soybeans, so far it still makes corn the crop to go with, just because of the yield.

As you are aware of, when fueling up your vehicle, fuel prices are very high and fertilizer is derived from fuel, consequently those prices are high also. This also makes all the liquid manure that we receive from a local Dairy at no cost, worth even more. A cost analysis was not done this year, but compared to last years this showed a \$40,000 savings on commercial fertilizer.

Equipment costs are going up annually and over here at the farm, we do a lot of preventative maintenance to help make things last and keep them in nice shape, so if we were to trade in our equipment later on, we would receive a better trade in value. Oneida Nation Farms does most of the maintenance ourselves. We do oil testing and keep records on all filters and the work done, so we are always on top of what’s going on.

Another area we are utilizing is alternative fuel. We have been using a 10% soy diesel blend for two years with very good results. We have noticed increased power and better fuel efficiency out of our big diesel engines and by using this, we are conserving on energy.

Agriculture is a fast changing field with new technology coming every day. When we started this article, we listed seven (7) terms that are used daily in the field so we wanted to let know their meaning.

1. Triple Stacked: protection against corn root worms, traits bred into corn
2. Guidance Ready: equipment is equipped with the necessary parts to

hook up with Global Position System, (GPS) we would have to purchase the software.

3. Projected E.P.D.: terms used in cattle production, progeny is offspring, predictions of how future progenies are expected to perform in the traits listed. Each E.P.D. is accompanied by accuracy value that indicates the degree of reliability. Accuracies range from 0-1.0 - the higher the accuracy, the more reliable the E.P.D.
4. RFV: Relative Feed Value is the digestibility of the feed you are feeding the cattle, which in turn reflects your rate of weight gain and we continuously test our feed.
5. BT: Cornbore protection, Cornbore is an insect in the stalk of corn that can weather the winter season and severely affects yield and standability.
6. Seed Firmer: This is on our planter equipment, and eliminates all air pockets in the soil, so you get good seed to soil contact to get best germination.
7. Put: An option for downside protection in the grain market. Like an insurance policy, hence a take is for upside protection.

On the cattle side, we are starting to be in the position that we will sell our beef as All Natural Black Angus, as well as Point of Origin. This just means the animal was born on the site and its entire life is spent at the Oneida Nation Farms. This just gives us the ability to say we know everything there is about the

animal and can feel very secure about our product.

The Oneida Nation Farms is a conventional farm, we are not organic and we produce healthy, nutritious beef and buffalo products. Today all farmers are working together because agriculture today is economically challenged. Farmers would not survive in the business long if they did not take the best possible care of their animals. So when you buy meat, buy Local Oneida Nation Farms Black Angus Beef, All Natural, or Oneida Buffalo Meat. Call the Farm to place your order, 1-920-833-7952.

The Buffalo head count is more than 100. These bison are what we are working with and that is the amount of head that can utilize the acreage available for this project. With the weather permitting, we try to harvest monthly and the processed meat is sold at the Oneida Nation Orchard. We believe in producing, distributing and selling the finest quality of natural bison to our community and surrounding communities. We are trying to reconnect our community members and our youth back to the land and the food that we eat.

It is important for youth and adults to see how the magnificent Bison is an important part of the Oneida Tribe future. Recognizing and educating youth is important and the Oneida Farm helps provide education about Bison, helping them to become more familiar with the Bison. The Oneida Tribe has realized the need too further continue to diversify by expanding the herd of Bison on our reservation. Like the eagle, the Bison is a symbol of power and spiritually for Native American. It symbolizes the strength of a people, and has been a way of life for the Native American Indian since creation. The Oneida Buffalo Project is located just west of Oneida on Hwy. 54, go north on Cooper Road, with two pastures, one on each side of the road. The west side pasture offers a Bison Viewing Area.

Please enjoy The Oneida Nation Farms web site, which can be found on the web page oneidanation.org and then click on departments, go to Farm, this will give more information on the farm activities. To better educate our youth, again this spring we are hoping to host another Career Day here at the farm and the orchard.

So as you can see Agriculture is a very exciting and ever-changing field. If you have some time give us a call or stop out and see your farm, things are always changing.

# Remembering people that left their mark

By Bill Koonz  
Specialist -Environmental Protection

Are there unforgettable people in your life? It might be a parent, a teacher, a relative, or a friend who has made a huge difference in shaping who you are. These people are few and you are lucky to encounter them. I have been blessed with knowing two people who have contributed immeasurably to my life.

Walter Cook was one of those people. He lived in the small Reservation community of Grand Rapids, Manitoba. Grand Rapids is just north of the 53rd parallel, along the Saskatchewan River where a power dam was completed in 1964. Prior to building the dam there had been no roads to the community. People who lived there made a living by trapping and fishing in the River or in nearby lakes. The nearest town was over 100 miles up-river. A winter road was established each year to bring in supplies by caterpillar train and an air strip provided emergency flights and some tourism. The dam changed the local water regime, the community, and the lives of all those who depended on fishing, hunting and trapping for their livelihood. It eliminated the spawning area for sturgeon and altered or eliminated areas used by local fish populations. With the dam came a road that provided access to ‘civilization’. The road also brought alcohol, drugs and an end to a way of life. Adjusting to the change was difficult and many people there now live in poverty and suffer from alcohol and drug abuse.

My friend Walter was born long before the dam was built. Growing up in the area, Walter learned about his surroundings. He knew where the fish spawned, where they congregated and how to catch them. He knew the ways of woodland caribou, where and when they calved. He knew the ways of the moose, wolf, and bear and where the min-

eral licks were. He also knew how to trap lynx, marten, fisher, beaver, otter, muskrat, and fox. He read the land and weather for his daily planning. He even knew where the endangered piping plovers nested and where the rare unrecorded bat caves were.

I met Walter soon after going to Grand Rapids to initiate small mammal and snowshoe hare live trapping in 1970. My job was to gather information each fall on small mammal and hare populations to be used in setting trapping regulations years in advance. Walter initially thought it a joke to trap small mammals, but over time bought into the idea. Each fall I would visit Walter’s house where a 50-gallon drum of tanning solution with deer and moose hides sat next to the doorway. It took 15 minutes or more for Walter to speak, once he started I never wanted to leave. He taught me more in those evening sessions than did all the books I ever read. My good fortune was that my study continued for many years.

Over my 21 years of listening to Walter each fall, the learning was all in my direction with one exception. Walter was a keen observer who was well known for his ability to trap lynx. He knew when and where to catch them even when they were low in their cycle. One of the biggest joys in my life was seeing Walter’s eyes light up after explaining the lynx/hare cycle to him. It was my only chance to give back to the teacher.

Walter died of liver cancer, his wife from a stroke. His 17 children live throughout Manitoba, most are teachers, one is a lawyer, one is a boat captain, several are commercial fishermen, and at least one is a medical doctor. Walter grew up in humble surroundings, but left a legacy that will be passed down for many generations.



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

An adult buffalo with a calf is shown at the buffalo pastures on Cooper Road. Much like the eagle, bison are considered symbolizes power and spirituality.

SPRING INTO ACTION



3rd Annual Family Fun Night

Sponsored by: Oneida Community Health Center Diabetes Grant

Where: Turtle School

When: March 12th, 2008

Time: 4:00-7:00 PM

Join us For Fun Fitness Activities:

DJ with Dance

Inflatable's

Wii Game Challenge

Fisher Price Smart Bike

Basketball Shoot

Color your own T-shirt

Gardening Booth with TsyunhehkwA

Cooking Demo featuring Healthy After school snacks

Face Painting

Snacks & Popcorn

Games & Giveaways

Parent Signature required to participate in the inflatable's



# Education

## Oneida Nation Elementary School Honor Roll – 2nd Quarter, Grades 3-5

**Honors 3.00-3.49**  
Jade Cornelius-Daubon-3.482  
Angalee Powless-3.457  
Yetsityahawe Van Bostel-3.429  
Michael Robinson-3.420  
Karissa Cornelius-Waupoose-3.419  
Yakira Tate-3.383  
Noelia Ramirez-Gilsoul-3.383  
Isis Croston-3.377  
Akacia Muscavitch-3.376  
Nicholas Metoxen-3.355  
Elianna Jimenez-3.334  
Shantel Wilber-3.334  
Cortnie Schabow-3.333  
Yohnehtote Danforth-3.284  
Dylan Waupekenay-3.260  
Brianna Bissonette-3.259  
Tessa Stanton-3.137

Damien Schuman-3.107  
Toni Bodway-3.050  
Florence John-3.049  
Pe-Wab-Bec Menomin-3.032  
Riley Waubano-3.022  
**High Honors 3.5-3.79**  
Michaela Welch - 3.755  
Brianna Duxtator- 3.743  
Synala Smith-3.724  
Taliah Frederick-3.704  
Aleena Escamea-3.655  
Makayla Duxtater-3.605  
Gavin White-3.555  
Ruby John-3.527  
**Highest Honors 3.8-4.0**  
Sophie Skenandore-Wheelock-4.0  
Shantel Vandyke-3.936  
Sandra Torres-Mejia-3.927  
David Duxtator-Hill-3.817  
Saquoia Metoxen3.809

## Oneida Nation Middle School Honor Roll – 2nd Quarter, Grades 6-8

**Honors 3.00-3.49**  
Anthony Cornelius-3.281  
David White-3.264  
Michael Santiago-3.228  
Arthur Wilber-3.196  
Phillip Star IV-3.177  
Cody Cornelius-3.168  
Jesse Stevens-3.168  
Jonathan Danforth-3.167  
Diego Metoxen-3.167  
Sequoyah Morgan-3.134  
Kaylyn Powless-3.126  
Devan Little-3.105  
Josanna Cornelius-Daubon-

3.099  
Brandon Andrews-3.052  
Fredrick Miller-3.037  
Annaluisa Skenandore-3.021  
Kylene Welch-3.018  
Denver Dean-3.000  
**High Honors 3.5-3.79**  
Colleen Cornelius-3.724  
Guadalupe Martinez-3.709  
Kalene Beechtree-3.589  
Haley Hill-3.537  
**Highest Honors 3.8-4.0**  
Cayman Berg-Morales-3.808

## ONES Perfect Attendance – 2nd Quarter

**Kindergarten**  
Conner Cornelius-Batiste  
Chayton Mousseau  
**1st grade**  
Justin Hill  
Lanuhkwat Vandyke-Cornelius  
Iselena Torres-Mejia  
Lanuhkwat Vandyke-Cornelius  
**2nd grade**  
Joseff Cornelius  
Kiandra Gerald

Christian Thomas  
**3rd grade**  
Michael Robinson  
Sandra Torres-Mejia  
Riley Waubeno  
Gavin White  
**4th grade**  
Wayne Waubeno  
**5th grade**  
Mitchel Cornelius  
Shantel Vandyke  
**8th grade**  
Colleen Cornelius

## Book Review: Sisters in Spirit: Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on Early American Feminists

**Submitted by Kymberley E. Pelky**  
Children's Liaison, Oneida Community Library  
Sisters in Spirit was written by Sally Roesch Wagner, a Doctor (with the first Ph. D. or Doctorate for work in Women's Studies;) a teacher of women's studies. She didn't start her research specifically to write this book. What she was researching was how the suffragists came to their vision of equal rights being possible for both men and women. She found it was because these EuroAmerican leaders of the Women's Suffrage Movement knew liberated women: Haudenosaunee women. Haudenosaunee women could own their property and belongings after marriage, had a say in their government, and their children came with them if there was a marital separation. At the time in America, if a white man lay dying, on his deathbed he could will his children to other people, and he got all the property, assets, children, everything, even if it had belonged to the wife before

they were married, if the couple were to divorce. This is why the women's movement had to happen, but knowing that it could by being close friends with Haudenosaunee women, made it possible for these women, such as Matilda Joslyn Gage and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, to fight the oppression. Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, Ms. Gage joined the movement in 1852 with Susan B. Anthony. Ms. Gage was adopted in the the Wolf Clan of the Mohawk Nation. Her name was Karonienhawi, or "She who holds the Sky (Sky Carrier)." This meant she could have a voice in Mohawk Nation politics, even though she could not vote or own property in the state of New York. This book also clearly shows the cultural tradition of how much respect men and women had for each other, and how much honor was shown to the mothers/women in the Haudenosaunee communities. This book is recommended

## Promoting Language, culture in Oneida

**Submitted by Forrest Brooks**  
Oneida Language and Culture Curriculum Coordinator  
Oneida Child Care Department  
There are many characteristics that define what a nation is. A nation should have its own set of laws, distinct boundaries, and its own unique language and culture. The Oneida nation of Wisconsin is fortunate in that there are programs which promote the learning of both the language and culture. There are programs in Child care, Head start, the Oneida Nation school system, and the Oneida revitalization program. Each area is working to learn and to provide Oneida language experiences that can benefit the Oneida people as a whole. The best language experiences a child can have is to hear his parents speaking. Parents are the first teachers of children; so much of a child's first language learning comes from their parents. Child language development comes in stages. The first

stage is the listening stage, which usually lasts from birth to age twelve months. During this stage a child will begin vocal play in which they will produce sounds such as cooing. It is important for parents to talk as much as they can with their new children as they are acquiring the sounds of the language of his or her parents. Around one year of age first words will appear, and around 18 months of age the child will go through a language explosion. During the ages of 18 months to two years a child will acquire a vocabulary of roughly 250-300 words. From the ages of two years to three years, a child should acquire a vocabulary base of 900-1000 words. At the age of three a child should be able to produce most of the sounds of a language, and approximately 90 percent of their language production is intelligible. The language development of a child will depend on the language

experiences that he/she is exposed to. If the children of the Oneida Nation begin to hear Oneida language at a young age, then they will have an easier time to continue learning to speak Oneida language as they continue to develop. The Oneida nation does have the characteristics of a nation, and any Oneida language that parents can learn and teach their children will contribute to maintaining our

distinction as an indigenous nation. One of the ways to learn our language is to teach our little ones, and then to encourage everyone to learn as much Oneida language as they can. The last step is to use what you have learned. At Oneida child care we encourage everyone to begin learning. The following words are a few words that parents can learn and use with their children everyday:

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Wastehtsi>sli-y% | – (It's a) Good Morning    |
| She-k& ky^       | – Hello my child           |
| On^ ki>w@h       | – Goodbye                  |
| Kunol&khwa>      | – I love you.              |
| Takny@hsa        | – (You) Give me a hug!     |
| Taktsi>kw@ni     | – (You) Give me a kiss!    |
| Sahtsy%hale      | – (You) wash your hands    |
| Satekhu=n\$-     | – (You) eat a meal!        |
| Satnawil%hale    | – Brush your teeth!        |
| Ka=tsh\$         | – Come here!               |
| S<=t@w           | – (You) go to sleep!       |
| Sawehnisliyo=hok | – (You) have a good day!   |
| Sahsutiyo=hok    | – (You) have a good night! |

## Porsche Skenandore-Wheelock Wins Full Scholarship To Semester In Washington Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. Porsche Skenandore-Wheelock, a sophomore at Ithaca College, has been accepted to participate in the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) at The George Washington University in Washington DC, sponsored by AT&T. This program brings together undergraduate and graduate Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native students from around the country for an intensive semester of coursework, hands-on skills practicum with political professionals, and meetings and events with key national leaders and organizations. For example, a recent group of NAPLP students met with Barry Jackson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives as well as Justice Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court, and

Commissioner Michael Toner of the Federal Election Commission. NAPLP students take advantage of their time here by interfacing with national Indian leaders, including those at the National Congress of the American Indian, National Indian Education Association, the Smithsonian Museum, and the US Congress. Students this semester will continue to meet with national leaders



Porsche Skenandore-Wheelock

and organizations, but with an added eye toward the competitive Presidential election. Students are volunteering for campaigns, attending events and rallies, and taking full advantage of their time inside the beltway. Skenandore-Wheelock has accepted an internship with Senator Herb Kohl and will participate in the program's legislative practicum in which

she will work as part of a team of students under the tutelage of a professional lobbyist in developing a lobbying plan for current revisions to No Child Left Behind. The Semester in Washington Program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study and earn credit toward their degree at The George Washington University, while experiencing the nation's capital and developing career direction for their post-graduation endeavors. For more information on the Semester in Washington, call **1-800-367-4776** or check the program's web site at **http://www.semesterinwashington.org**.

## Summer Youth Employment, ages 14-18

The Oneida Job Training Program is recruiting youth for summer employment. There are three funding categories: federal, tribal, and TANF. **FEDERAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM** requirements are:  
1. Enrollment in a federally-recognized Tribe, and  
2. 14 - 18 years of age, and  
3. Attending school full-time and has not completed senior year, or have an approved plan to return to school full-time, and  
4. Meet federal household poverty-income family guidelines, or  
5. Medically-diagnosed cognitive, emotional or physical disability (documentation required). May include:

ADD, ADHD, LD, and ED, or  
7. Youth living out-of-home through court-ordered placement.  
**ONEIDA TRIBAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM** requirements are:  
1. Enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, or a youth who is a son or daughter of an enrolled Oneida member, and  
2. 14 - 18 years of age, and  
3. Attending school full-time or have an approved plan to return to school full-time.  
**ONEIDA TANF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM** requirements are:  
1. Must be a member of a TANF-eligible family, and

2.14 - 18 years of age, and  
3. Attending school full-time or have an approved plan to return to school full-time.  
The Summer Youth Work Experience Program runs from June 16 - August 23, 2008. Youth will work 24 hours a week at \$5.90 per hour. Call Sandi Skenadore at **920-490-3789**, or Patricia Summers at **920-490-3796** for an application; or pick one up at the Oneida Job Training Office, Center for Self-Sufficiency, 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay. **THE PRIORITY DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 2, 2008. INITIAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED BY LOTTERY ON APRIL 4, 2008.**

## Oneida Head Start...

Is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2008–2009 school year. Please bring your child's...  
• Birth Certificate • Child/Parent/Grandparent Tribal Enrollment • Current Physical • Immunization records • Parent/Guardian household income.  
**(We must have all of the information above to process your child's application.)**  
**Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2008.**

### We Offer...

- Free Preschool
- Creative Curriculum
- Family Fun Events
- Parent Education
- Transportation (for those on route)
- Family Literacy
- USDA Approved Meals
- Oneida Language Curriculum
- Family Goal Setting

**You are welcome to stop by our Three Sisters or Norbert Hill Center Sites and pick up an application or call and we will mail one to you.**

**Our goal is to service low-income families and children with special needs!**

If you are not sure if your household meets the income guidelines, please call Lisa Aho at **(920) 869-4369** or **1-800-236-2214**. Full consideration will be given to applications received before May 30, 2008.



# DRUMS Across ONEIDA

Oneida Elderly Service  
2907 S. Overland Rd.  
Oneida, WI 54155  
  
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Fx. 920.869.1824



Senior Center-Meal Site  
134 Riverside Dr.  
Oneida, WI 54155  
  
Ph. 920.869.1551  
Fx. 920.869.1526



## Elderly Services extends thanks for making Christmas party success

The staff of Oneida Elderly Services would like the thank the following businesses, departments & individuals for their generous contributions & assistance in again making our December 15th, 2007 - Elder's Christmas party a huge success:

Bear Paw Keepsakes, Blackhawk Co. Inc., Don's Quality Market, Neil Cornelius (Santa), Melinda Danforth - Oneida Business Committee Member, Oneida Business Committee Member Assistants, Merci Danforth - Oneida Tribal Treasurer, Patricia Hoeft - Oneida Tribal Secretary, Lorna Doxtator, Gitchi Gaming, Green Bay Packers, Flying Feather Band, Moon Hill, Ray & Joyce A. Johnson, Menard's, Mohican North Star Casino, Oneida Area Faith In Action Program, Oneida Center For Self-Sufficiency, Oneida Communications, Oneida Department Of Public Works, Oneida Elderly Services, Oneida Elder's Activity Group, Ron Summers & Bev Anderson - Oneida Gaming Division, Oneida Nation Commission On Aging, Oneida Nation Museum, Oneida Nation Farms, Oneida Nation Retail, Oneida One Stop, Marena Pamanet, Parmentier's Ninth Street Floral, Pdq Carwash, Potowatomi Bingo & Casino, Oneida Nation Turtle School - 5th Graders & Teacher's; Beverly Skenandore, And Dellora Cornelius, James Smith, Richard Summers, Tsyunhehkwa, And Walmart Store

May you all have a blessed & wonderful New Year. The Director of Oneida Elderly Services Florence Petri & Staff: Tina P., Joyce J., Angela O., Cheryl A., Claudia S., Lorna C., Connie V., Dale W., Michelle C., Sandy S., Joanne C., Lorleen J., James S., Glory L., Rita S., Marty B., Carmen P., Wayne M., Jean D., Barbara S., James H., Todd H., Brenda J., Loretta M., Betty J., Pat B., Alfrieda G., Robert L., Richard S., Lee D., Lloyd D., Lisa H., Don B., Harold D., Jeannine L., and Marena P.

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>MARCH 2008</b>  |  |   |   | <b>*Activities due to change without notice.</b>   |
| <b>3</b><br>Puzzles 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services Bingo<br>Site II 1:00                        | <b>4</b><br>Crafts<br>Elderly Services 9:30 – 11:30  | <b>5</b> Oneida Language 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services Bingo<br>Hwy H 1:30  | <b>6</b><br>Price is Right<br>Elderly Services 9:30<br>Visit “Dragon Fly” Book Store<br>Green Bay 1:30            | <b>7</b><br>Banks<br>Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00   |
| <b>10</b><br>Shuffle Board 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services<br>Salvation Army<br>Green Bay 1:30   | <b>11</b><br>Crafts<br>Elderly Services 9:30 – 11:30 | <b>12</b><br>Board Games 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services Bingo<br>Hwy H 1:30  | <b>13</b><br>Cooking<br>Elderly Services 9:30<br>Elder “Spring Training” Baseball League”<br>Oneida Library 1:00  | <b>14</b><br>Banks<br>Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00  |
| <b>17</b><br>St.Patrick’s Party 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services Bingo<br>Site II 1:00            | <b>18</b><br>Crafts<br>Elderly Services 9:30 – 11:30 | <b>19</b> Oneida Language 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services Bingo<br>Hwy H 1:30 | <b>20</b><br>Banks<br>Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00   | <b>21</b><br>Breakfast Only 9:00<br>Senior Center ½ day<br>Good Friday   |
| <b>24</b><br>Yahtzee 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services<br>Rubber Stamping<br>Elderly Services 1:00 | <b>25</b><br>Bingo<br>Methodist 9:30 – 11:30         | <b>26</b><br>Cards 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services Bingo<br>Hwy H 1:30        | <b>27</b><br>Big Lots Store<br>Green Bay 10:00<br>Birthday Lunch 12:00<br>Bowling<br>Ashw. Lanes 1:30             | <b>28</b><br>Banks<br>Shopping Lunch Out 10:00 – 3:00  |
| <b>31</b><br>Scrabble 9:30<br>Pace Exercise 11:00<br>Elderly Services<br>Movie<br>Elderly Services 1:00          |  |   | <b>*Please sign up for trips at Senior Center Main Office.</b><br><br><b>*All trips leave from Senior Center.</b> | <b><u>*Is this your Birthday month?</u></b><br><b>* You must <u>sign up</u> in Birthday book at Senior Center, Main Office receive your gift</b><br><b>*Must be <u>present</u> at th Birthday lunch.</b> |

| MENU MARCH 2008  |   |   |  |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| ONEIDA SENIOR CENTER, 134 RIVERDALE DRIVE, ONEIDA, WI., 54155 PHONE : 1-920-869-1551 |   |   |  |   |
| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  |
| All meals are served with coffee, milk or tea.                                       | Menu is subject to change.  |   |  |   |
| 3 Spaghetti<br>Garlic Bread<br>Salad<br>Pineapple Tidbits                            | 4 Corn Soup<br>Fresh Bread<br>Juice<br>Jell-o W/Berries           | 5 Beef Tips<br>Noodles<br>Brussels Sprouts<br>W/W Bread<br>Ice Cream          | 6 Chef Salad<br>Ham, Turkey, Eggs, Cheese, Tomatoes & Cucumbers<br>Cottage Cheese<br>Pears   | 7 Ham<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Carrots<br>W/W Bread<br>Pudding        |
| 10 Chili<br>Cucumber Salad<br>W/W Bread<br>Ice cream                                 | 11 Tomato Soup<br>Egg Salad & Ground Bologna Sandwiches<br>Yogurt | 12 Bratwurst<br>Red Potatoes<br>Sauerkraut<br>W/W Bread<br>Applesauce         | 13 Chicken Gordon<br>Seasoned Potatoes<br>Peas<br>W/W Bread<br>Peaches                       | 14 Fish<br>Red Potatoes<br>Cole Slaw<br>W/W Bread<br>Mandarin Oranges |
| 17 Beef Stew<br>Biscuits<br>Juice<br>Pears   | 18 Bean Soup<br>Fresh Bread<br>Juice<br>Strawberries              | 19 Liver & Onions<br>Potatoes<br>W/W Bread<br>Sherbet                         | 20 Salisbury Steak<br>Potatoes<br>Carrots<br>W/W Bread<br>Applesauce                         | 21 Chop Suey<br>Rice<br>W/W Bread<br>Oranges Slices                   |
| 24 Chicken Breast<br>Wild Rice<br>Carrots<br>W/W Bread<br>Cookies                    | 25 California Blend<br>Cheese Soup<br>Fresh Bread<br>Sherbet      | 26 Chicken Pasta<br>W/W Bread<br>Berries                                      | 27 Birthday Day<br>Pork Roast<br>Potatoes, Corn<br>W/W Bread<br>Strawberry Short Cake        | 28 Chicken Ala King<br>Biscuits<br>Rice<br>Mandarin Oranges           |
| 31 Hamburger Patties<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Beans<br>W/W Bread<br>Yogurt            | .   | <b>BIRTH STONE:</b><br>Aquamarine/Bloodstone<br><br><b>FLOWER:</b><br>Jonquil | <b>HOURS:</b><br>8 A.M.-4:30 P.M.<br><b>Lunch Is Served Monday-Friday 12:00P.M.-1:00P.M.</b> |   |

# FYI

## For our elder consumers:

Starting February 2009 television broadcasting will be changed from analog to digital. This is supposed to provide better viewing and help emergency responders protect the community. In order for this change to not affect your television viewing a TV converter box must be purchased and connected to your television. Most converter boxes will be priced from \$50 to \$70. Any televisions connected to cable, satellite, or services of the sort do not need a converter box to receive broadcasting.

Since new equipment must be purchased to accommodate the broadcasting change the government is offering a program to help lower the cost for consumers. You can apply for a \$40 coupon via telephone, online, mail in, or by fax. There is a limit of two coupons per household. The remaining balance of the converter will be the consumer's out of pocket cost.

To get more information or complete an application you can visit the website <https://www.dtv2009.gov/> or contact Angela Ortiz, Elder Benefit Specialist at (920) 869-2448.

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## DRUMS

# 2007 Community Service Awards Nomination Elder Of The Year

**Name:**

Oneida Nation  
Commission on Aging  
Dellora R. Cornelius,  
ONCOA Chairwoman

**Phone #:**

920-819-9104 or 920-869-2448 ofc

**Address:**

Oneida Nation  
Commission on Aging  
2907 Overland Drive  
P.O. Box 365 Oneida, WI 54155

**Person you are nominating:**

Pearl Marie McLester

**Nomination Category:**

Elder of the Year



Kali Photos/ Steven J. Gandy

Representatives present Pearl McLester with a Pendleton blanket and flowers during the Annual Community Achievement Awards Banquet sponsored by the Oneida AmVets.

The banquet was held at Doxbee's Supper Club on January 24, 2008.

McLester was honored as the elder of the year.

kindness and Pearl had plenty of this to offer. After 19 years as a cook Pearl retired.

During the late 1950's Pearl initiated the first Miss Oneida pageant. Rosa Hill was the reigning Miss Oneida that year. Sometimes we forget those who came before to smooth the way or to create the good things we currently enjoy.

Over the past decades Pearl has actively served on boards, committees and commissions. She regularly attends the General Tribal Council and Business Committee meetings. She is never at a loss of words when it comes to advocating for the elderly or has an opinion on tribal matters.

Anna John Nursing Home Board: Pearl is currently the Chairwoman of the AJNH Commission and has been an active board member for nearly 30 years. Her dedication to the residents of the nursing home is evident not only by her years of service on the Board but also her dedication to the fund raising efforts to benefit the resident Activity Fund and the countless hours she has spent visiting residents and attending nursing home functions. Pearl is a champion for those who need the services of the nursing home. She reminds everyone of the duty we all have to care for the fragile people in the community. She remains a positive and tireless Board Member and visitor to AJNH.

Oneida Health Board: Pearl served a number of terms on the Oneida Health Board. She is an inspiration to all of us for her commitment and dedication to the improvement of health of the Oneida Nation.

Oneida Personnel Committee: In the 1980's Pearl served on this committee for 5 years. This may have been during the times when no stipends were paid to boards, committees, and commissions. This is an appointed body of community members who represent the community in personnel matters. Members participate in interviews and hearings.

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging: ONCOA advocates for all services that place priority on the well-being of our Elders. This is an elected nine member board that serves three year terms. All members must be 55 years or older. Pearl has served almost continuously since its inception in 1978. For the past fourteen years Pearl has advocated for Oneida elderly housing options which includes the elderly independent living apartments by Elderly Services and the proposed Assisted Living/New Anna John Nursing Home. On-going training is a critical component of this commission and Pearl attends conferences and workshops to keep abreast of elder issues on the local, state, and national levels.

Oneida Trust & Enrollment Committee: Pearl served two terms on the Trust/Enrollment from 1984 to 1990. The committee works with the Enrollment office and the Trust office. The Trust responsibilities include providing due diligence for safe guarding and maintaining the trust funds of the Oneida Tribe. Enrollment duties include maintenance of the Tribal rolls.

Faith-in-Action: Faith-in-Action was started in



2002, Pearl has served on this committee since its inception. This committee is a group of people of faith helping people in Oneida. This group of volunteers provides a variety of services such as home visits with elders in the community, transportation to doctor appointments, delivers medicines from pharmacy to client, makes phone calls to check on individuals living alone, does respite service.

Oneida Nutrition Board: Pearl has been on this board since 2005. She attends on-going training as part of this board. This Board advises the Oneida Elderly Nutrition Direction on all matters relating to nutrition supportive services and the delivery of nutrition.

Membership in the following organizations:

Great Lakes Native American Elders Association - This is a regional organization of Native American Elders which meets bi-monthly and reviews elder related issues. Pearl has been a member for past 10 years.

National Indian Council on Aging - This is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. Pearl has been a member for the past 16 years and attends the biennial conferences.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups - This is a state elderly advocacy group. Pearl attends the annual CWAG conventions and has also received her degree as Advocate for the Senior Statesmanship program in Madison.

Other Emergency Contact Numbers: 911  
Oneida Police Department: (920)869-2239  
Oneida Health Center: (920)869-2711  
Poison Center: 1(800)222-1222

*Please watch for more services we provide in future articles...*

## Contract Health Services

Thursday  
March 20, 2008  
12:00 noon

Senior Center/M Meal Site

134 Riverdale Dr.  
Oneida, WI 54155

WHO: Patti Denny & Margaret Valencia  
Contract Health Medical Benefits  
Supervisor Coordinator

WHAT: Oneida Contract Health

- Who qualifies
- What services are offered
- How to obtain a referral / "voucher"
- Who to contact

*Any question please contact Angela Ortiz, Elderly Benefit Specialist at (920) 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.

**Come Get Away To Mackinac Island!**

Join us on a 5 day fun filled trip to, Mackinac Island!

We are looking for 30 to 40 lucky people to join the fun!  
The trip includes:

- Motorcoach transportation Equipped with Restroom & Video
- 4 Consecutive nights lodging in Northern Michigan.
- 8 Meals include: 4 Breakfast & 4 Dinners
- Visit to Mackinac Island, including a Guided Carriage Tour.
  - Visit to historic fort Mackinac on Mackinac island
- Boat Ride through the Soo Locks & Free Time & Sight seeing.
- Guided tour of Mackinaw City!!

We'll be gone from:  
June 16 through the 20th  
The Deposit Due: \$75.00 by April 11, 2008  
Payment Due In Full by May 2, 2008!!  
The Total Cost: \$475.00  
If we don't meet the minimum of 30 People, the trip will be canceled and money refunded!!!!

**THANK YOU!**

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT GAVE DONATIONS FOR THE ELDERLY SERVICES VALENTINE PARTY THAT WAS HELD Feb. 14th, 2008 AT THE SENIOR CENTER ON RIVERDALE!

TSYUNHKWA RETAIL OUTLET, GRAM'S DINNER, FESTIVAL FOODS, WAL-MART, RON SOMMERS FOR THE MATCH PLAYS, DALE WEBSTER DOOR PRIZE, JANE SALZMAN DOOR PRIZE, LISA METOXEN, KATHY JOHNSON, AND JUSTIN HUFF DONATED SAMPLE LIPSTICKS, AND POCKET CALENDERS, ALSO TO ALL THE STAFF AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS STAFF THAT TOOK AN ELDER TO LUNCH AT THE RADISSON. THEY HAD A LUSCIOUS LIPS CONTEST, BINGO, AND DOOR PRIZES. They HAD A GOOD TIME.

THANK YOU,  
CHERYL AULT

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





# 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 our elders 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.

**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 at (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.

Community elders are you tired of cooking everyday? Come 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. 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 + | Donation |
| 55 - 59    | \$1.50   |

Your donation helps support our Congregate Meal Site and Home Delivered Meals. Please watch for more services we provide in future articles...

We encourage socialization and family participation. If you have family members under 55 years old, joining you for lunch, call ahead let the cooks know in advance. All non-elders are required to pay \$5.00.

# Wanted: Elder Volunteers

Elder Volunteers work with children in needed for the Foster our Schools, Libraries Grandparent and Senior Companion and Day-cares and can Program. Individuals work up to 40 hours a must be sixty (60) week. Senior Companions work years of age, meet with home bound income guidelines and elders and can work up complete a preliminary physical exam. Both the Foster to 20 hours a week. Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions can get paid mileage at meet the income guidelines are eligible the rate of \$0.35 per to receive a stipend mile for travel to and that is non-taxable and If interested in will not affect Social becoming a Foster Security Benefits, Grandparent or Senior Supplemental Security Companion please Income, Food Stamps contact Elderly or other benefits an Services Benefit individual may be eli Specialist, Angela gible for. Ortiz at 869-2448 for Foster Grandparents an application.

Elder Support Options

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ELDERS AND EVERYONE  
DRUMS CONTACT

From the desk of: Linda Douglas

I am 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@oneidation.org

Thanks go to the Creator of this puzzle by Grace Griffey

SPRING SING 2008

- **Spring Sing B**  
(We will be attending the Spring Sing to watch several Choir Groups perform... including our Oneida Singers, have fun and fellowship.)
- **Lunch will be provided**
- **Ice cream social**

**Where:** Two Rivers, Senior Center  
**When:** Thursday, May 15th, 2008  
**Time:** Singing will start at 10:00 A.M.  
**Cost:** \$8.50 PER PERSON (On our own)  
*Due by March 31, 2008*

- Please sign up at the Senior Center main office if you are interested it attending.
- Only 15 seats available; Bus will be leaving the Senior Center at 8:45 and returning at 4:30.

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  
www.sheratoncoma.com  
.37 miles about 2 minute walking distance from convention center.

**FOR CONFERENCE DETAILS VISIT  
WWW.NICOA.ORG OR CONTACT SHARON  
HODGE AT 505-292-2001 OR  
SHODGE@NICOA.ORG**

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 accep-tation 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!

GLNAEA

Great Lakes Native American Elders Association

When: April 3 & 4, 2008  
Where: Oneida Radisson  
Hotel Wolf Room

Agenda Items:

- Continental Breakfast
- Speakers and Presentations on Elderly Issues

Entertainment:  
Thursday evening from 7 - 10 pm.  
Raffles, Door Prizes, Vendors and Other Activities

- Please Remember to bring our tribal enrollment card •

Future 2008 Meetings  
**June 5 & 6** - Forrest Co. Potawatomi  
**August 7 & 8** - Stockbridge-Munsee  
**October 2& 3** - Lac Vieux Desert  
**December 4 & 5** - Mole Lake Ojibwe

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, care-givers, and everyone interested in learning more is welcome to attend the free meet-ing. *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



# Health

## OCHC Immunization Clinic Changes its Hours

Submitted by Jenny Jorgensen, RN, BSN

Community Health Department  
Effective March 1, 2008, the walk-in immunization clinics held at the Oneida Health Center will change its hours. To better serves our clients, we will no longer hold walk-in clinics and are taking appointments only. The immunization clinics will be booking appointments on the following dates and times:  
Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
First and third Fridays of each month from 8:30am - 10:30am  
The immunization clinics are moving to an appoint-

ment-based system for the following reasons:  
• To allow greater flexibility in appointment times for clients/parents.  
• To reduce the long wait times associated with walk-in clinics.  
• To reduce overall time away from class, activities and work.  
• To improve customer service by allowing for longer appointment duration and time spent with each client to answer any questions as needed.  
• To ensure adequate vaccine supply.  
To book an appointment, please call the Community Health Department at **920-869-4840**.

## From Page 1B/After Seymour

Wisconsin school to play football.  
“I’m looking at Oshkosh or La Crosse right now. If I had the grades I’d be going to Minnesota State right now,” Nicholas.  
Nicholas and Denny both expressed the importance of achieving good grades while playing high school sports.  
“You don’t really think about it because you’re playing, but the academics, now-a-days are huge for college. If you don’t have them, it’s your own fault; you don’t

qualify,” Denny said. “Concentrate on school work; be a student-athlete not just an athlete.”  
The starting duo knows that they are not only representing Seymour; they also know that they represent the Oneida Community.  
“It feels good to represent Oneida...it’s cool that we have a whole other community supporting us as opposed to just (Seymour),” Deny said.  
“We feel good representing the purple and white,” Nicholas concluded.

## Blastomycosis - a potentially lethal fungus

Submitted by Michelle Myers

Community Health Nursing  
Blastomycosis is an uncommon, but potentially serious fungal infection. It primarily affects the lungs and skin and is caused by the fungus Blastomyces dermatitidis.  
In spite of recent widespread publicity, blastomycosis is a relatively rare disease. From 1992 to 2000, an average of 86 cases of blastomycosis were reported to the Wisconsin Division of Public Health annually. It is likely that other persons are infected with the fungus but only develop minimal symptoms and are not diagnosed or reported to the Division of Health. Almost all cases of blastomycosis occur as isolated events and only rarely have outbreaks or clusters of cases been reported. Although cases of blastomycosis have been reported from all areas in Wisconsin, there appears to be an increase in the number of reported cases occurring in the northern and central counties. While B. dermatitidis is widely distributed geographically, the actual area infected with the fungus is likely to be small and may be limited to one rotting log or several square yards of infected soil. Depending upon environmental conditions, the area may be infected for only a brief time.  
*What are the signs and*

*symptoms?*  
Some persons infected with Blastomyces fungus never develop symptoms. Evidence of their infection is only found by chance on a chest x-ray or blood test. Other individuals may develop an acute lung infection that begins with a fever and dry cough and may progress to weight loss, chest pain, and a persistent cough associated with the production of a thick sputum. Other symptoms may include muscle aches, night sweats, coughing up blood, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. The time from a person's exposure to the fungus to the time that symptoms develop can vary from three weeks to several months. Signs or symptoms and the infection may disappear spontaneously without treatment. However, in a small percentage of cases the infection may spread by blood to the skin, bone, or other organs.  
*How is blastomycosis diagnosed?*  
Infected symptomatic individuals usually have abnormalities present on their chest x-rays. However, these abnormalities are not unique to blastomycosis and may occur with many other respiratory illnesses. The diagnosis of blastomycosis can be confirmed by the identification of the fungus B. dermatitidis in a culture of the sputum, skin, or biopsy specimen of infected tissue. Blood specimens may

also be used to determine if an individual has had a previous blastomycosis infection; however, blood tests will not identify all cases and on occasion may be falsely positive.  
*How does a person develop blastomycosis?*  
Blastomycosis cannot be transmitted from person-to-person. Blastomycosis develops when spores of the B. dermatitidis are breathed in and establish a primary infection in the lung. In nature, the fungus probably resides in the soil in decaying foliage and vegetation. Only under quite specific conditions of humidity, temperature and nutrition can the fungus grow and produce the infecting particles, the spores. The spores become airborne when the soil in which the fungus is growing is disturbed. This aerosol is then inhaled by humans or other mammals. Thus, activities that involve disrupting the soil are likely to put a person at increased risk for acquiring blastomycosis.  
Dogs may also develop blastomycosis because they also inhale the spores following disruption of the soil. Infected dogs cannot transmit the disease to humans, but do serve to indicate that an area may be infected with the fungus.  
*How is blastomycosis*

*treated?*  
Once blastomycosis has been diagnosed, the disease can be treated with one of three anti-fungal drugs - itraconazole, amphotericin B, or fluconazole.  
*How can blastomycosis be prevented?*  
Currently, there is no way to identify areas where the organism exists. Therefore, until more is known about the existence of B. dermatitidis in nature, it cannot be successfully controlled in the environment. More effective skin and blood tests are needed to diagnose blastomycosis and to survey individuals in areas where blastomycosis is suspected to be prevalent. Through such surveys, high risk areas in the environment could be identified and hopefully the necessary environmental conditions for the growth B. dermatitidis characterized. Control efforts may then be possible.  
Reference:  
Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Service, <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov>  
Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), <http://www.cdc.gov>

## Senate delays rule that would cut millions for at-risk kids

WASHINGTON (AP) ~ The Senate has voted to delay a new federal Medicaid rule that would cut funding for neglected kids, elderly and the mentally ill.  
Minnesota lawmakers are trying to block the rule - because it could cost the state tens of millions of dollars in aid.  
The delay, for one year, was included in an Indian health bill. Minnesota Sens. Norm Coleman and Amy Klobuchar won passage of the delay in an amendment about two weeks ago. The Senate

then passed the full bill Tuesday.  
The House has yet to take up legislation by Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison to delay the Medicaid rule. Without congressional action, it's slated to go into effect next month.  
The rule would clarify the definition of a program called “Targeted Case Management,” by prohibiting federal payments for certain services.

**Oneida Community Health Center**

**Vision:**  
The future of the Oneida Nation requires healthy citizens

**Mission:**  
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Are you...  
• An enrolled Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin member  
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Then ask us about our  
Oneida Tribe Hospitality Management Development Program  
Human Resources Department  
920-405-6432

**Blood Drive is a success for Red Cross**



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy  
Ray Terrien from DPW donates blood during the Red Cross blood drive on Friday, February 22, 2008. The drive was from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Oneida Family Fitness.  
This was the first blood drive that was coordinated by Rita Kamps. Kamps took over the responsibilities from Dawn Krines-Glatt of OFF. It was very successful with 48 donors showing up to donate. If you have any suggestions for improvements or other changes contact Kamps at rkamps@oneidanation.org.  
Kamps would also like to acknowledge Pat and Brenda Buckley for the donation of the Subway sandwiches.

**Native American**

**Twelve Steps to Walking the Good Red Road**

☛ 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**  
**Study Group Facilitator: Gina Moede, CSAC**  
**Every Thursday • 6 – 8 PM**  
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For more information, please contact Oneida Behavioral Health at (920) 490-3790. Light refreshments will be served.

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Legal Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
Setting Time and Notice to Creditors: request for information. The Following estates are being prepared for probate by the United States Department of the interior and/or the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Appeals Commission, Office of Hearings and Appeals. All creditor claims must be filed on or before March 31, 2008  
**Delores Skenandore**  
03/21/1927 - 11/21/2007  
**Gary Wieseler**  
09/30/1954 - 10/16/1988  
**Sheila Steele**  
12/18/1955 - 01/05/1996  
**Hannah Stead**  
12/28/1933 - 10/15/2000  
**Francis C. House**  
07/07/1922 - 12/15/1990  
**Bernard Webster**  
07/07/1917 - 08/01/2001  
**Mavis Duxtater**  
02/24/1919 - 09/21/2003  
**Benjamin J. Jordan**  
11/06/1927 - 12/27/2007  
**Melba Monegar**  
05/20/1916 - 12/26/2007  
Send all creditors' claims and information relating to the decent to the following address:  
Tina L. Figueroa, Probate Clerk, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Division of Land Management, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 Dated February 18, 2008

Public Notice

**Agricultural Land for Lease**  
*Premise considered for bid:*  
  
**Reference Number:** 3-7-2008-3  
**Total Tillable Acreage:** 22.5 acres  
**Located At:** Section 24, Township 23 North, Range 18 East  
**Length of Lease:** 5 years  
  
**Reference Number:** 3-7-2008-1  
**Total Tillable Acreage:** 328 acres  
**Located At:** Section 28 & 29, Township 23 North, Range 19 East  
**Length of Lease:** 5 years  
  
**Reference Number:** 3-7-2008-5  
**Total Tillable Acreage:** 29.89 acres  
**Located At:** Section 4, Township 22 North, Range 19 East  
**Length of Lease:** 5 years  
  
**Reference Number:** 3-7-2008-2  
**Total Tillable Acreage:** 39 acres  
**Located At:** Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 19 East  
**Length of Lease:** Limited to 3 years with Limited Crop  
  
**Reference Number:** 3-7-2008-4  
**Total Tillable Acreage:** 9.81 acres  
**Located At:** Section 33, Township 23 North, Range 19 East  
**Length of Lease:** 5 years  
  
Applications to be Picked-up and Dropped-up at the D.O.L.M. office located at: Division of Land Management 470 Airport Drive Oneida, WI 54155  
  
All application must be turned in by march 7, 2008 no later than 4:30 p.m. no applications will be accepted after this date and time. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked with the reference number.  
Method of determining who will be awarded the lease:  
  
Application and Sealed Bid  
If the case of a tie, Tribal Member & Tribal Department will be given priority  
Credit score of 550 or better  
Following the SOP: Distribution of Tribal agricultural leases  
  
**Minimum Bid:** \$125.00 per acre  
  
**Special Note:**  
If bidding on more than one property, each bid must include the application and a sealed bid with the reference number clearly marked.

Public Hearing


**Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice**  
**Purpose:**  
**Repeal of the Snow and Ice Removal Policy**  
• also known as **POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL** in order that it may become a standard operating procedure.  
  
**When: March 18, 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.  
  
**B. Written:** For those who cannot attend the scheduled public hearing or do not plan to speak at the hearing, the Oneida Tribe encourages those to submit written testimony. 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.

Board Vacancies

**Oneida Arts Board:**  
Three (1) Vacancy  
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.  
  
**Oneida Environmental Resource Board:**  
Three (3) Vacancies  
Qualifications:  
• Shall be Oneida Enrolled member  
• Shall serve a three year term  
• Shall participate in all required training within one hundred eighty (180) days of appointment  
• NO ERB member may be employed within the Environmental Health and Safety Department of the Oneida Tribe  
  
**Seven Generations Corporation Board:**  
One (1) Vacancy  
Qualifications:  
• All board members must have at least five (5) years of experience in one (1) or more of the following areas: real estate, commercial development, business management, risk management, finance, tribal government or accounting.  
• The majority of the members must be voting members of the General Tribal Council, the amount of non-Oneida board members will not exceed two (2)  
• The term of office will be five (5) years with the exception of the non-Oneida Board member who are limited to one (1) five (5) year term.

Commission Vacancies

**Purpose:**  
• The membership may not be such that a conflict of interest or nepotism is created as defined in these by-laws: A. Nepotism is created by the following relationships: father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, daughter, son, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, step-children, step-parents, or significant other. B. Conflict of Interest is a conflict between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust. A or any other recognized hearing body within the Oneida Tribe.  
  
**Oneida Pow Wow Committee:**  
One (1) Vacancy  
Qualifications:  
• Shall serve a three (3) year term  
• May be required to perform the supervisory duties in regard to a Pow Wow.  
  
**Oneida Nation Veterans Affair Committee:**  
One (1) vacancy  
Qualifications:  
• Must be a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who has served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America  
**Qualifications shall also include the following:**  
• *Honorable Service*  
a) A person who has been inducted into or voluntarily entered into active duty in one of the services branches and who did not receive a discharge from active duty with that branch due to "less than honorable conditions"  
b) Active duty is having served 181 days or more continuous duty unless discharged early for a service-related disability  
c) Served as a member of the Selected Reserve and who has completed at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard or who was discharged early because of a service connected disability  
• *Shall be a citizen in good standing*  
• *Shall serve a remainder of term ending November 2009.*  
  
**The deadline date for receipt of applications for all Committees, Boards and Commissions listed here is no later than Thursday, March 13, 2008.**

Community Banking the Way it Used to Be.

Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Available at Bay Bank

Homeownership in Indian Country

In 1992, Congress established the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program. The program was designed to offer homeownership and housing rehabilitation opportunities for eligible Native American individuals, families, tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities. (Including Indian Housing Authorities) on their native lands and within and approved Indian area as defined in HUD P.I.H. Notice 2004-19.


**Section 184 Program Highlights**

- Nationwide program on trust land, allotted trust, or fee simple land. In the State of Wisconsin, Tribal Members may obtain financing through the 184 Program for properties located **on** or **off** the Reservation.
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**To obtain additional information or to apply for a Section 184 loan, please contact a mortgage specialist at Bay Bank.**

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Peace



# Good News



## New Arrivals

If you have a birth announcement, please send it to the Kalihwisaks Newspaper, PO Box 365, Oneida WI 54155 or call Yvonne Kaquatosh at (920) 869-4280 for more information. There is NO CHARGE for birth announcements. Please include baby's full (first, middle & last) name, parents (first & last), d.o.b., weight (lbs. & oz.), length, grandparents (maternal/paternal), siblings (names only). Also, if the baby was given an Indian name, please include the correct spelling and meaning. Please include phone number where you can be reached during the day!



## Hayden David Gard

Hayden David Gard was born to proud parents Heather Smith and Kevin Gard on January 28, 2008 at 9:20PM. Hayden was 7lbs, 14 oz and 19.5 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are David and the late Marie Smith, Oneida.

Paternal grandparents are Sharon and Dennis Gard, Seymour.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Patricia and Ambrose Skenandore, Oneida.

Proud siblings are Shandra, Hyason and Shalliyah.

**kalihwisaks**

**NEXT DEADLINE**

is...**Wednesday**  
**March 5, 2008**  
**@4:30 p.m.**

with a  
**PUBLISH DATE**  
of...**Thursday,**  
**March 13, 2008**

Questions, please call:  
**920-869-4277, 4279,**  
**4280 or 4090**  
or email us at:  
kalihwisaks@oneidanation.org

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Miranda  
on February 21



All our love  
Daddy, Mama,  
Grandparents, Aunties &  
Uncles

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Miranda  
on February 21



It's your first birthday,  
Miranda – Wow!  
I love you – Always  
Xoxo – Daddy

## Happy Birthday

Chey and Lissa  
You both have grown into some fine young ladies!

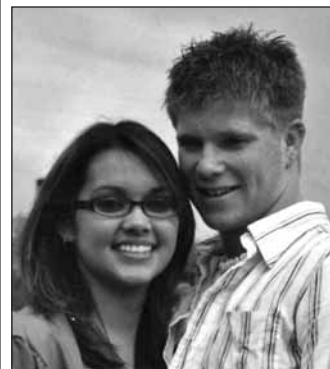


Love your moms, Georgia and Ginna

## Happy Birthday

Happy Golden  
Birthday

"21"  
and Congratulations on  
your engagement.



Love  
Your family

## Happy Birthday

To my son Rob...  
Wishing you the Best on  
your Birthday ~ March 1<sup>st</sup>



Love Always, Mom & your  
siblings... Trevor, Liana &  
Kristi (Craig) and your #1  
niece Mella

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

to our great grand-  
daughter  
**Kyah Rae**  
on February 28



Love ya bunches,  
Great Grandparents  
Richard & Marlene  
Summers and Arlene &  
Allen Pamanet

## Happy Birthday



To my great  
grandma  
**Marlene  
Summers**  
on February 28  
I love you!!!!  
Kyah Rae

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Giovoni Guy!  
on March 1



Love Gramma Nancy, Uncle  
Bruce and Uncle Bobby

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Kyah Rae  
on February 28



Love you sooo much!  
Gamma Sharon &  
Pa-Pa-Los

## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

To our little sweetheart  
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## Fundraiser for ONHS Lacrosse Sticks

By Josh Skenandore

ONHS Junior

The lacrosse season is about to begin and ONHS athletes are going to try to raise some money for lacrosse sticks for our new team. One of the ideas discussed so far was holding Indian taco sales.

Since this year is our first for having lacrosse games, our players are thinking of buying sticks for the whole team. The sticks that we plan on getting are called Harrow and we also plan on getting them custom made. We plan putting the Thunderhawks logo on them and an Iroquois wampum belt, too.

These sticks are going to



Kali photo/Dawn Walscinski

Thunderhawk students are raising money for custom made lacrosse sticks for the spring club team.

be looking good with the uniforms we are going to receive. Those uniforms will have the Iroquois belt running down the sides and the

uniform will be black with purple lettering.

The team doesn't plan on just wearing the uniforms to look good, it plans to WIN!

## Things that are cool about playing lacrosse

By Louis Guerra

ONHS junior

ONHS athletes begin organized lacrosse practice next Monday, March 3 under coach Sonny Hill. This week, players began working on conditioning that will help them when they compete in lacrosse as a club sport against other schools.

As many of our readers know, ONHS has had lunch time lacrosse tournaments. I personally love to play lacrosse at lunch time. It is something that I and every other player look forward to on their game day. Everyone looks forward to playing to get better and having some good competition. It is very cool to play for fun and provide entertainment for the people watching. Also, it helps a lot for the upcoming lacrosse season this spring.

## My Scoop

### Get Behind Class Fundraisers

By Rachel Ninham

ONHS senior

The ONHS class of 2008, this year's seniors, are doing fund raisers to help them toward taking an end of year field trip. The trip would help them celebrate all the work they've done for last twelve years of school.

Senior year is actually a special time because the seniors are moving on in life and, in some ways, starting a brand new life. This will be the very last field trip they will go on with their elementary, middle and high school friends.

The class hasn't decided exactly where to go yet but they are trying very hard to figure out where to go and that's why they are getting together to have fund raisers to help them out.

One of the senior fundraisers is coming up are on March 22. It is a taco sale and a rummage sale at the parish hall.

Another fund raiser is set for March 24. That will be a bake sale at the Bingo Hall.

As one of the seniors this year, I would just like to say if you see us the class of 2008 having one of these activities going on, please try to help out. We try very hard and deserve somewhere that will save our last high school field trip together.

## Sky Rockets in Flight!

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Plans continue for ONHS students to participate in the launching of... rockets!

"Spaceport Sheboygan" has been the home of Rockets for Schools since the program began in 1995. Since then, over 300 students from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan have successfully launched rockets there.

This year, blastoff takes place on May 9 and 10 with ONHS students participating. They include Frank Clary, Lakwaho McLester, Nic Cantu, Evander Delgado, Lauren Mills, John Callahan, Eli Ninham, Brandon White, Danny McKinney, Durant Summers and Dominic Lau

along with science teachers Susan Hayes and Becky Nutt.

At the Rockets for Schools program, student teams build a rocket using a powerful motor. They also design a payload experiment to fly their rockets. Besides the hands-on portion of the program, student teams must give an oral presentation and prepare a visual display of their experiment.

Through the program, students learn about aerospace technology and science experiments. Organizers hope the experience will encourage students to explore space-related careers.

This is the first year that ONHS has participated in the program.

## Upcoming Powwows

By Ashley Ninham

ONHS senior

**March 2nd:** 19th Annual United Amerindian Traditional Powwow, Location: Green Bay, WI @ the Riverside Ballroom, Info: (920)436-6630.

**March 1-2:** 17th Annual Indian Summer Midwinter Traditional Powwow, Location: Milwaukee, WI @ the State Fair Park, Info: (414)604-1000.

**March 8-9:** 21st Annual Trails Traditional Powwow, Location: Mole Lake, WI @ the Sokaogon Bingo Hall, Info: (715)478-5115.

**March 15th:** 34th Annual Northland Traditional Powwow, Location: Ashland, WI @ the Northland college campus, Info: (715)682-1204.

## Meet Jerzee the Journalist

By Thunderhawk Times staff

Joslin ("Jerzee") Skenandore is currently attending at the Oneida Nation High School. He is an 11th grader and is on the honors list "most of the time."

Some of the music he enjoys listening to is pow-wow, hip-hop, and some rock.

He first attended the Oneida Nation High School at 9th grade. He says he went to "plenty of schools before here, Menominee Elementary and Middle School, Bowler Middle School, Freedom Middle School, and Lombardi Middle School."

Some of the things that he likes doing out of school are "hunting, fishing, exercising, pow-wow trailing, eating, messing around with people, and other stuff."

Some of the classes Jerzee likes are World Geography, Graphic Arts, and Lunch.

His favorite colors are black, blue, red, and green.

Some people might wonder how Josh got the nickname "Jerzee." It seems he was given the name by a former student who didn't know how to pronounce Josh's real name, "Joslin." But he knew it started with a "J" and Josh was on the football team. So "jersey" or "Jerzee" it was.

One of Jerzee's goals after high school is to join the Army!



Joslin Skenandore

## Thank you for the chance to sing

The chance to sing your traditional songs for people belonging to different races, cultures, or tribes is wonderful, but the opportunity to travel to another state, not to sing for just anyone, but for the armed forces and for a cultural festival is like a dream come true. I was one of nine students from our Iroquois Music class to do exactly this.

The best part of Florida would definitely have to be the warmer weather. There was no snow on the ground, which made it hard to believe that it was almost Christmas down there too. I'd also have to say that being on the Mesa Verde was another great thing about going to Florida.

There are many people that need to be thanked for allowing us this experience. First off, I want to thank the Oneida Business Committee for funding this trip. I also want to thank Gerald Danforth for all of his efforts towards this. Thank you to Phil Wisneski for arranging everything and making sure that we arrived in Florida smoothly. I'd like to thank all of the people in Florida for their part in arranging our trip and for their hospitality. Becky Anderson deserves some thanks because she whipped up my dress the day before we left. Thanks Matthew Lester for taking time away from your family



Photo courtesy of Kal'na Brooks

Lauren Mills, left, with Kal'na Brooks in Florida.

and agreeing to be the male chaperone. Much thanks to my mom and my family for supporting me through this. A big yaw<ko goes out to Lohahiyo Brooks for teaching our class to make kustowes and to Bob Brown for our tobacco burning. He also taught us how to makeoccasins. Last but not least, I would sincerely like to thank

our teacher, Kal'na Brooks for being with us every step of the way, for never giving up on us, for helping with last minute outfits, and most importantly, teaching us the songs!!

Again, thank you very much to everyone who made this trip possible.

~Lauren Mills

## ONHS Annual Ski Trip

By Randall Danforth

ONHS senior

On Wednesday, February 20, ONHS took a group of twenty-five students on an incentive trip to Ski Brule. The students got to go based on the criteria of: 1. No F's, 2. Good attendance, and 3. Good behavior.

A total of 29 people went, including staff members Lynn Adrian, Denis Gullickson, Susan Hayes and Laura Neuens.

The group left a cold and dark Norbert Hill Center about 6:10 a.m. and returned about 7:10 p.m.

"It was pretty sweet, better than last year," said ONHS junior Joslin Skenandore. He also said he "can't wait until next year" because he loves the annual ski trip so much.

It was very cold and the wind chill was very cold. There were a lot of red faces and cold bodies, and just about everybody was sore the



THT Photo/Michael Stevens

ONHS social studies teacher Laura Neuens takes a break from skiing on Wednesday, February 20.

next day.

There was also some minor injuries for junior Lakwaho McLester and senior Michael Stevens who were both snow boarding.

## Cell versus Cell

By Brittany Bateman

ONHS senior

Today's teenager needs to be in touch. With busy schedules, busy parents and a lot of "peeps" to keep track of, a cell phone has nearly become "a must."

I know you're wanting to know different plans to meet your needs. We will take a look at a couple of the more popular plans for high schoolers. So, here goes!

First, the biggest questions are "Does your cell phone get coverage anywhere you go and does it cost anything to get your plan without 'roaming?'"

With Einstein Wireless, you do need to pay extra out of your area and you could only go so far with it for the \$39.95 package. With Virgin Mobile, you could go anywhere out of state and receive

calls. This ranges from \$20 and up.

I say Virgin Mobile wins on this point because it can get coverage everywhere.

Second, "Does your phone bill rise more and more every month?"

With "Einstein," you pay a flat bill of \$39.95 a month and receive "anytime calls." With Virgin Mobile you pay your bill and run on minutes. After they're up, you will need to pay for more. So, for this one, Einstein wins.

A final suggestion: When you go to pick out your phone, please be sure to ask the salesman to explain exactly how much it's going to cost you every month. And make sure you write it down, so you don't get ripped off. And also make sure you write down the salesman's name.