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# Semi-annual GTC meeting reconvened

By Nate Wisneski  
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The General Tribal Council (GTC) reconvened its semi-annual meeting on February 9 at the Turtle School. With a limited agenda, over 600 GTC members were in attendance. The meeting began with discussion of the Treasurer's Report that was presented at the January 26 meeting. That meeting was recessed after four hours of discussion and presentations. Much of the discussion around the Treasurer's

Report focused on many requests from tribal membership to somehow clarify the budget for better understanding. GTC members also questioned the status of many current investments and assets the tribe is involved in. The Three Fires, Four Fires, past failed tribal investments and leased land dominated the questions. Membership asked percentages of ownership the tribe had in the Three Fires and Four Fires hotels and the amount of return the tribe

has received. Also, the amount the tribe was receiving from leased land was questioned. GTC mainly focused on the land leased to Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, and Festival Foods and even questioned if rent was being collected at all. The current status and cost to date of the land claim was also requested. Though the cost to date was not known at the time of the meeting the GTC was updated on the present state of the land claim in New York. The Oneida

Business Committee also addressed the speculation that a settlement has been reached on the land claim. According to leadership no settlement has been reached or near completion. The report was approved after one hour and 20 minutes of discussion. The newly formed 10 person committee designated to formulate a plan for the requested Office of the GTC made themselves available before and after the meeting for GTC members to express

ideas and concerns they have. The group also handed out the schedule of meetings planned to discuss and formulate ideas for the new office. Before the meeting was adjourned a motion was requested to check the status of all GTC directives given dating back to 1990. Membership was concerned that some directives given by the GTC were not followed. This motion passed overwhelmingly but no due date was given.

## Honor the Youth Pow Wow

Kali Photos/Nate Wisneski

The annual Honor the Youth Pow Wow was held February 2 at the Turtle School. There were 16 drums that participated in the event. The pow wow featured a feast and the host drum was War Party of Neopit, Wis. Grand Entries were held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The pow wow honors youth from all over Indian Country.

## New bridge span set for Duck Creek

By Nate Wisneski  
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People traveling through Oneida will soon have a new route over Duck Creek in the downtown area.

According to Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) plans, a new four lane bridge will be built about 150 to 200 feet north of the current bridge position. The

new bridge is scheduled for completion in 2010 but may be pushed back to 2011. "Our need as the WisDOT is the Duck Creek Bridge. It needs to be either repaired or

replaced. We also were made aware of some concerns of the Oneida community. Current access to Site 1 is not acceptable, they asked for a second access for emergency situations. No pedestrian safe crossings and overall speed of traffic was a concern," said Chuck Karow, Project Manager for the WisDOT. The plan calls for pedestrian walkways on the north and south sides of the new bridge, the south pedestrian walkway would use the present bridge and traffic calming, such as a roundabout, at the intersection of Highway 54 and the W. Service Road. According to WisDOT records the bridge was constructed in 1932 and is scheduled to be repaired or replaced by 2010. Age alone isn't the only concern of the WisDOT. "Traffic grows

Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

The current Duck Creek Bridge will soon be replaced with a new four-lane bridge that will be 200 feet to the north of the present location.

## DOI, Tribes Sign Historic Agreement to Promote Indian Businesses

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Carl J. Artman, Seminole Tribe of Florida Vice-Chairman Richard Bowers and Mashantucket Pequot Vice-Chairman Kenneth Reels have signed a partnership agreement that will utilize the tribes' purchasing power to promote Indian Country business development under DOI's intertribal economic consortium initiative. The initiative seeks to match federally recognized producer tribes and Indian-owned businesses with purchaser tribes, helping tribes explore opportunities to collaborate economically and connect participating tribes with Federal procurement opportunities and commercial markets world-wide. The signing took place at a ceremony held on Monday, February 11, at the Interior Department's headquarters. "This signing ceremony celebrates an historic step in Indian Country's economic development," Artman said. "I applaud the leadership shown by the Mashantucket Pequot and Seminole people in their approach to creating a tribe-to-tribe economic circuit where resource rich, cash poor tribes can be linked to tribal and Indian-owned businesses struggling to find markets for their goods and services. When tribes have the ability to chart their own success, economic prosperity is possible, and that is a goal we can all support." The agreement establishes a cooperative relationship between the Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) and the Mashantucket and Seminole tribes to foster and promote business transactions, joint ventures, and other economic development initiatives, such as using their significant purchasing power and broad-based commercial dealings to buy goods and services from Indian-owned businesses, as an economic stimulus for Indian Country.

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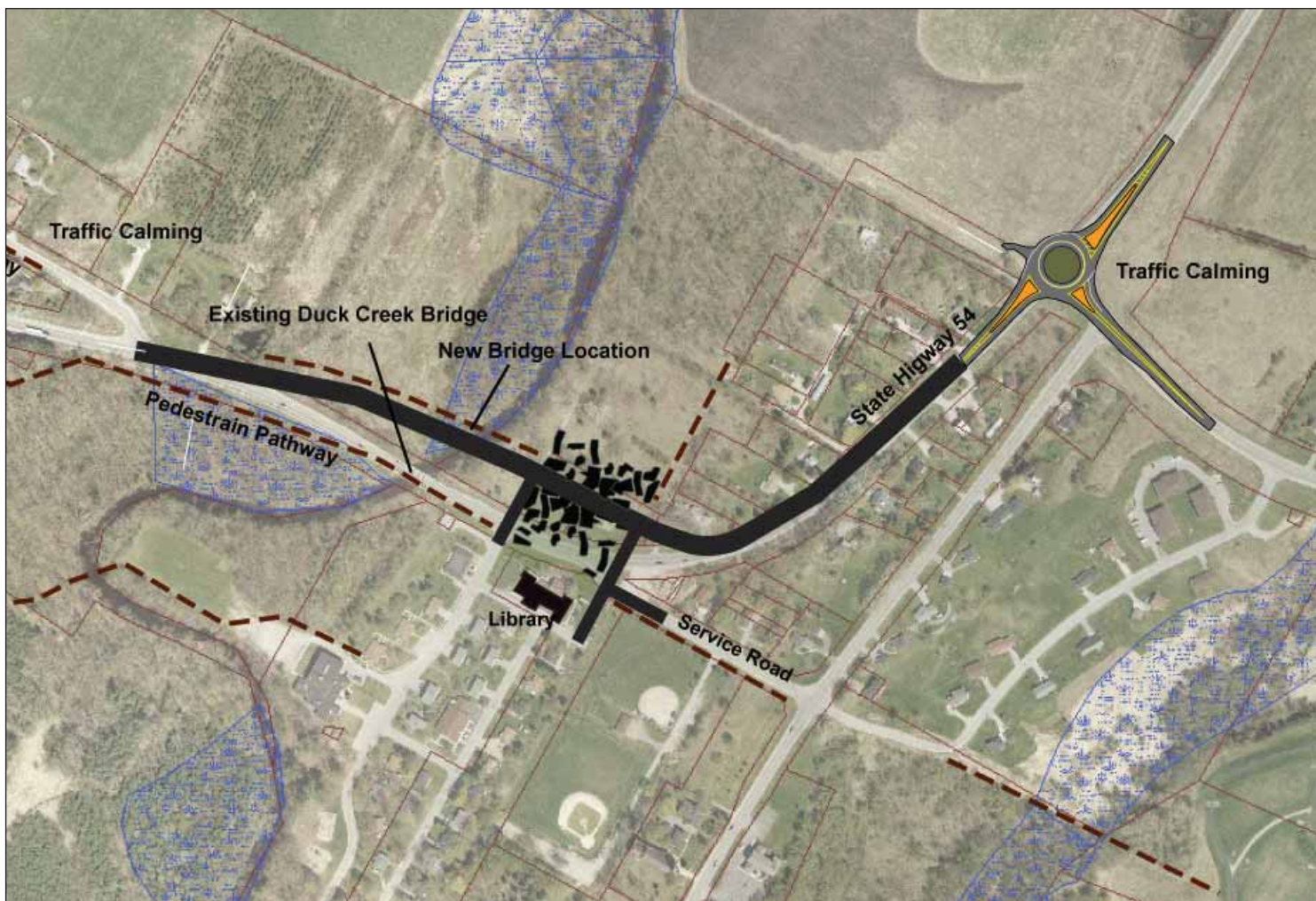
Under the agreement, the IEED will initiate and facilitate such commercial dealings between the two tribes and other tribal and Indian-owned enterprises.

Among a gathering of over 50 Federal, tribal and business representatives attending the event was Councilwoman Melinda Danforth of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, who, along with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians of Oregon and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians of California, has joined the consortium. A designated free-trade zone, the Oneida Tribe’s holdings include agricultural products and livestock, both buffalo and cattle. Located just a few miles west of the city of Green Bay, the tribe has access to a deep-water port, an airport and major highways (U.S. 41 and I-43).

According to Danforth, the Oneida Tribe hopes to explore through the consortium business opportunities with other tribal nations.

Both tribal signatories expressed their interest and support for tribes struggling to bring economic development to their communities. Mashantucket Vice-Chairman Reels spoke of the need for creating more opportunities for tribal members, protecting the environment, and assisting other tribes through the marketplace. Seminole Vice-Chairman Bowers reflected on the possibilities that have resulted from his tribe’s success in business. “Today we have the power and the opportunity to fulfill our dreams,” he said. “We can help [other] tribes to stimulate their economies. We believe in taking care of our own.”

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Submitted Rendering

Map showing the new bridge that will cross Duck Creek and also shows the additional entrance into Site 1. The project will be completed in 2010 or 2011.

historically at two to three percent per year and the current design is behind traffic capacity. Traffic is congested and data backs that up. If you can’t change traffic you need to add lanes,” said Karow. “The traffic for the present two lanes is above what is recommended.”

According to Jeff Witte, Oneida Tribe’s Community Planner, the bridge has a sentimental value to tribal members and should be kept in tact. “The bridge is considered an historical feature and moving it to another location

would be expensive. The Tribal Historian, through the Cultural and Heritage Department, encouraged preservation of the bridge. Many communities have saved bridges as Pedestrian trails; or as part of parks. The saved bridge will provide a safe pedestrian crossing of Duck Creek separated from the highway,” said Witte.

Witte also stated maintenance on the bridge should be minimal due to it being used solely as a pedestrian bridge.

A tribal concern was the overall speed of traffic that travels through the downtown Oneida area. “The current plan has a round-a-bout as the traffic calmer at the Highway 54 and W. Service Road intersection. The DOT’s researches shows the most effective way to slow traffic is round-a-bouts,” said Karow.

Karow stated the round-a-bout is not the final calming tool chosen, but the device the DOT is leaning towards.

The DOT and tribe worked on many options in regards to

the Duck Creek Bridge and it took one year to develop the current plan. “The plan was a joint planning project between the Tribe and the DOT over a year. An unprecedented amount of input was provided. The DOT was very responsive to issues and concerns raised by the Tribe over numerous meetings. In addition, a large number of special Oneida community meetings were held to gather community input,” said Witte.

# GET OUT THE VOTE

## Why Your Vote is Important

Oneida citizens, Oneida employees and the Oneida Community in general, are at a critical turning point. For too many years, we have faced attack after attack on our sovereign rights, some subtle, some unwittingly and some deliberate. Today we are faced with a broader more complex set of circumstances than ever before. The situation today demands an Oneida presence at local, state and national arenas. Serious questions loom about our economic and cultural well being for the years to come. Will we be able to continue to govern our own communities, making decisions to best serve the needs of our people? Will we have vital governmental services, healthy communities and people, with strong and proud cultural roots?

The time has come for us put the power of the ballot - democracy's true trump card - to work for the Oneida Nation citizens, employees and community at large by electing those individuals who will work cooperatively with the Oneida Nation leaders, and also respect the inherent SOVEREIGN rights of the Oneida Nation.

### Native Vote means Native Power

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• Town of Oneida	920-833-2211	• Village of Pulaski	920-822-5182
• Town of Lawrence	920-336-9131	• Town of Seymour	920-833-7961
• Village of Ashwaubenon	920-492-2302		

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## Local

## Passing On...

## King, Arlene C.

May 11, 1923 – February 4, 2008

Arlene C. (Krueger) King, age 84, of De Pere passed away with her family by her side on Monday, February 4, 2008. She was born May 11, 1923 to the late Gustave and Ella (Pietzel) Krueger. Arlene enjoyed crafts, cooking, watching Lawrence Welk, and especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cooked at the Multi Purpose Center and worked at Jack's Greenhouse. She was an avid member of Oneida United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children: Carol (Bob) Olson, Mt Prospect, IL; Audrey (Bob) Littlefield, Appleton; Dale "Peewee" (Lynn) Metoxen, Oneida; Terry (Lisa) Metoxen, Seymour; Raymond (Connie) Cox, Seymour; Donna Tank (Alan Wieseler), De Pere. Arlene is further survived by: her special friend Judy John and 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death



by her brothers and sisters: Howard Krueger, Laurance Krueger, Ruth Lemke, Rosemary Gehrt, Mildred Cox; Dorothy Krueger; her grandchildren: Joshua Webster, Christopher Cox and RaeAnn Cox.

Funeral services were held at 11AM on Friday, February 8, 2008 at Oneida United Methodist Church. Pastor Earl Smith and Liturgist, Doug Skenandore officiated with burial in the parish cemetery.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour assisted the family with arrangements. You may visit [www.muehlboettcher.com](http://www.muehlboettcher.com) to send online condolences to the family.

Special thank you to: the nurses and staff at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Fresenius Dialysis Center, Kaukauna, her daughters Donna and Audrey, Al, Emily, Dan and Cassie for all their extra care and help.

## Reed Sr., Douglas J.

March 16, 1968 – February 9, 2008

Douglas Joel Reed Sr., 39, born March 16, 1968, unto George and the late Shirley (Metoxen) Reed. He married Christine Skenandore on September 1, 1990. Doug enjoyed watching Packer games, fixing cars, spending time with family and friends, working outdoors, loved to pick on everyone (He would never discriminate). He had attended school in Pulaski, and was employed by the Oneida DPW.

He is survived by his wife Christine, his son; Douglas Reed Jr., his dad George Reed, his siblings; Lynn (Isais) Vital, George Reed Jr., Rodney Reed Sr., Christopher (Kim) Doxtator, and Dale (Noreen) Reed. Doug is further survived by his Aunts and Uncles; Theresa Reed, Robert (Shandra) Reed, Leona



(Arthur) Charles, Walter Reed, Judy (Gordon) Skenandore, Eugene (Yogi) Metoxen, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mom, Shirley, his brother; Stephen Reed, parental grandparents; Vincent and Christine (Wheelock) Reed, and maternal grandparents; Gilbert and Lorena (Doxtator) Metoxen.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 11, 2008 at 1:00PM with Rev. Walter Reed officiating. Burial immediately followed the service at Holy Apostles Cemetery.

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 family.

## Reed, Allen "Jim"

August 8, 1936 – February 10, 2008

Allen "Jim" Reed, 71, of Oneida, passed away on Sunday February 10, 2008 in Oneida. The son of the late Arthur and Ruth (Hill) Reed was born August 8, 1936 in Green Bay. Jim was a 1954 graduate of West High School. He married the former Arletta Pansch-Beyer and she preceded him in death on April 4, 2004. Jim had lived and worked in Milwaukee for many years prior to moving back to Brown County. He worked at Paper Converting for many years prior to retirement. Jim enjoyed sports, especially softball and football.



Phyllis "Phyl" Skenandore, three nephews, Ronald, Kerry and Danny, one niece, Ellen Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and one sister, Arleen Williams.

Funeral services were held at 1:00PM Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at the funeral home with Deacon Edmund Powless officiating followed by the burial in Holy Apostles Cemetery.

RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit [www.ryanfh.com](http://www.ryanfh.com) to send online condolences to the Reed family.

Survivors include his sister, Allen "Jim" Reed, 71, of Oneida, passed away on Sunday February 10, 2008 in Oneida. The son of the late Arthur and Ruth (Hill) Reed was born August 8, 1936 in Green Bay. Jim was a 1954 graduate of West High School. He married the former Arletta Pansch-Beyer and she preceded him in death on April 4, 2004. Jim had lived and worked in Milwaukee for many years prior to moving back to Brown County. He worked at Paper Converting for many years prior to retirement. Jim enjoyed sports, especially softball and football.

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## Smith-Danforth, Nora Beth

August 12, 1954 – February 5, 2008

Nora Beth Smith Danforth journeyed to the Spirit World, Tuesday, February 5, 2008 in Spearfish, SD after a long and brave battle with COPD.



employed by the Alliance of Tribal Tourism Advocates in Rapid City.

Nora was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and will be sadly missed by her family in Wisconsin as well as all her friends and family in South Dakota.

She is survived by her two sons; Red Tail Zephier, Worthington MN, and Red Elk Zephier, Spearfish, SD, her granddaughter Nona Zephier, Browning MT; brothers Dave (Charlene) Smith; Jack (Beth) Smith; aunts Alfreda (Allen) Green; Becky (Eldred) Nicholas, uncle Dean (Jean) Smith; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; Hunka (adopted) sisters Jace DeCory & Rilea Moyer, Spearfish, and Katala Okolakiciye Winyan Society sisters. Nora was preceded in death by her mother, infant daughter, aunts and uncles.

A visitation for family and friends in South Dakota was held on Thursday, February 7th in Spearfish.

Funeral services were held in Oneida, WI on Monday, February 11th at Oneida United Methodist Church at 11:00AM with Pastor Earl Smith officiating.

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

A memorial fund has been established.

## Mehojah, Jr., Joseph (Me-O-Tum-Ma)

May 25, 1928 – February 4, 2008

Joseph Mehojah, Jr., (Me-O-Tum-Ma), 79, began his journey home on February 4, 2008. A native resident of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, he was born May 25, 1928 to Joseph Mehojah, Sr. and Gertrude Carpenter and was raised by his grandmother, Lizzie Baconrind.

Joe attended Chilocco Indian Schools and graduated from the Haskell Indian Nations University, where he was an all-around athlete. He then joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where he served for six years in Alaska. Joe then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving two tours and 16 years in Korea and Viet Nam. He retired from the military following 30 years of service. Joe also attended OSU-Okmulgee, received his degree in auto mechanics.

In the early 70's, Joe organized and directed A.I.M. (American Indian Movement) in Oklahoma. He embarked on a career in tribal politics, assisting his uncle, Jess Mehojah, Jr., with returning sovereignty to the Kaw Nation and the Kaw People. He later became the chairman of the Kaw Tribe. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint in Pawhuska, where he had served as Branch

President.

Surviving family include:

His wife: D o r o t h y Powless-Mehojah of the home; His children: Laurie Mouse and husband, Looney, of Green Bay, WI; Martha Merrell and husband, Anthony, of Pawhuska; Margie Mehojah and husband, Jeff; Jack Mehojah and wife, Debbie; Louis Mehojah and wife, Julie; and Kim Mehojah, all of Oneida, WI; A cousin: Mary Butler of Claremore, OK; 19 granddaughters, 5 grandsons, 15 great granddaughters, 10 great grandsons, a sister, Juanita, Brothers and Sisters in law, Purcell Powless, Mary E. Dodge, Mark (Shirley) Powless, Marj Stevens, Herb Powless, Eugene Powless, Lois Powless, Dorothy Ninham, several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends. He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Mehojah, III, and a niece, Sioux Dawn Yellow Hawk.

Services were held Friday, February 8, at 10:30AM, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Pawhuska. President Michael Justeson officiated with interment in the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

## Cornelius, Mary Ann

November 27, 1931 – February 8, 2008

(Nee Parker) Found Eternal Peace on Friday February 8, 2008 at the age of 76 years.

Beloved wife of 52 years of Hayward. Loving Mom and best friend of Michael H. (Jessica) Cornelius. Dear sister of Althea (the late Lester) Schuyler, Leatrice (the late Leland) Powless, Andrew (Betty) Parker and Carl Parker. Mary was preceded in death by two brothers, Clifford Cornelius and Russell Parker. Further survived by many loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated at ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, 818 E. JUNEAU AVE. on Tues. Feb. 12 at 10 AM.

Interment Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Cemetery, Oneida, WI at 2:30PM. If desired, memorials to All Saints' Cathedral appreciated.

On behalf of Mary Ann's family, we would like to extend a special thank you for the exceptional care given to her by Dr. Gerald Ignace; his staff; and all of the caregivers at Wheaton Franciscan-St. Joseph's Hospice Unit 5 West.

Mary Ann taught all of us about the importance of faith, family and love.

BORGWARDT FUNERAL HOME 1603 S. 81st St. West Allis, WI assisted the family with arrangements. Please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) to send online condolences to the Cornelius family.

## In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory

Of our beautiful daughter, Sister and Auntie

Dawn Michelle Skenandore

March 14, 1967 – February 4, 1996



We cherish the love you so willingly gave Today, we bow our heads silently over your grave. We whisper a prayer and leave a bouquet.

We haven't forgotten, today is the day, We miss you, daughter and sister dear... Life isn't the same since you're not here.

How we loved you, bless your heart. That was the day you had to depart.

Deeply loved and missed a lot.

Love You Always,  
Mom & Victor, Mark & Tina, Staci,  
Crystal, Marcus, Lexus & Alex

## Thank You...



Our families would like to express our sincere appreciation and a humble thank you to everyone who so graciously and generously helped us during the loss of our Emroy "Papa Don" Cornelius. Your kindness touched our families in ways that we will always remember.

Our family would like to especially extend a special thanks to Buddy Powless and his dutiful helpers for the Native American Church services, Bob Brown for his words of condolence at the gravesite, the Pallbearers: Jamison King, Ernie Stevens, Jr., Charlie Careful, Dale Powless, David Powless and Rodney Meacham.

We also thank the Oneida Singers for their beautiful music, Maxine Thomas and her helpers for making Don's moccasins, Jodell Crawford for her beautiful star quilt for Don to take on the spiritual journey, Toni Stevens-House for the ribbon shirt, Crystal & Paul Holtz & family, Mark & Connie Cornelius & family and the Haskell University for the beautiful flowers and plant arrangements, the Long House for the use of the facility, the fire keepers for braving the sub-zero weather conditions. We thank all the families & friends for donating and providing delicious food. We also would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Gina Johnson for everything she did - from answering the telephone to assisting with the moccasins and keeping everything on track for us. Thank you Nephew Ernie for the plane ticket you provided that allowed Buddy to assist with the family and services in Kansas. Thanks, Garth Webster and Bruce Stienfeldt for the contribution of the beautiful memorial cards.

There are many special people that touched our families during our loss and we do not mean to overlook or forget the kindness of anyone so please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. We are truly thankful to the Oneida and Kansas communities for all of the kindness you offered, for the words you expressed, the hugs you shared, and most of all, the humble prayers you offered on our behalf of our loved one. A wonderful thank you to you all.

To our Papa Don...

You left with some pretty awesome footsteps for us to follow as your passion for life is a legacy we will all strive for.

We will always miss and love you.

Chuck, Carrie, Barb & Dave, Sage & Tyra Cornelius, Dorothy Ninham, Gina, Georgia, Cheryl Buddy, Tony and Geronimo Powless

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# Jennifer Stevens' Singing Clay Studio

By Steven J. Gandy  
Business Correspondent  
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Culture and art are a big part of the Iroquois tradition and Oneida is no exception. One tribal member trying to keep the spirit of that tradition alive is Jennifer Stevens with her various forms of artwork.

Stevens is the sole proprietor of Singing Clay Studio. The studio focuses on her Iroquois pottery and paintings, however she is also an accomplished, classically trained vocalist and is available to sing for community events.

Stevens was initially a vocal performance major at Kansas University in 1999 and was solely concentrating on singing. An unfortunate turn of events led her back to Onieda where her focus changed.

"At that time art was the last think on my mind; music was strictly on my mind. I had to return home (because of) my mother getting lung cancer," Stevens said. "I learned how to make Oneida pottery from Rose Kerstetter... she kept, kind of, luring me into her studio and kept on saying 'if you don't make it as a singer, you'll make it as a potter.'"

A graduate of St. Norbert College, Stevens earned a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts and also apprenticed under Kerstetter for a period of seven months in 2002.

"That was kind of like the turning point or the catalyst of getting me more serious about my art because I started realizing, through working with her and getting different opportunities that, that would be something that I'm interested in. So now, nine years later, I'm teaching in schools," Steven said.

In addition to teaching various seminars and doing demonstrations for students



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Jennifer Stevens demonstrates the Oneida art of pottery making.

and adults, Stevens also fills orders for custom pieces from various collectors throughout the country.

"I sell mostly commissioned pieces, and I'm selling art in NYC and California. I'm going national with different collectors, pottery collectors. I actually prefer to do commissioned pieces, people will contact me and order specifics of what they want," she said.

Stevens has her artwork on display at Teacity in Green Bay and also at Bear Paw Keepsakes and the Oneida Museum. In addition she has an online art gallery at clayhound.us/gallery/jstevens.htm

Clay pottery is not the only medium in which Stevens works.

"Watercolor paint, Ceramics...I like to explore

and experiment so I ended up getting into textured medium and what was nice about texture medium, I could still do all these beautiful designs that [are] in the Iroquois art, but I cold do it in my paintings. So I was transferring all the pottery designs I was familiar with into my paintings and people kind of liked that. It's something new; it's something different and I don't see any other painters, not around here anyway, doing that."

According to Stevens she spends close to half of her free time working on her art. She hopes to be making a move in the next three to five years, transitioning her part-time business into her full-time job.

"I would eventually like to have my own gallery; that would be ideal, but right now

I'm still working on getting my name out there and right now I'm starting to get national and working on a lot of promoting. Ultimately, [I would like] to be able to not have to work; to be able to live strictly on my pottery and my singing."

Her singing is an area of her business she is trying to expand. In addition to being available for community events, Stevens also performs in various recitals.

"I have a recital coming up in September of 2008. Right now I'm training heavily for that. I have Barbra McAlister and Timothy Long, who are both Native American, that are coming here and they're classical professional musicians. They are coming to Oneida to do a recital with me."



## Calendar

2008

February

**Holy Apostles Church Fish Fry**

**WHEN:** February 15, 22, 29

**TIME:** 3:00pm - 6:00pm

**PLACE:** Holy Apostles Church, 2937 Freedom Road  
Friday, February 15: walley while it lasts, pollock & baked haddock. Friday February 22 & 29: pollock & baked haddock. All meals include 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 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 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. Class 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.*

Stevens has become accustomed to teaching while doing demonstrations for various schools and working with many children. She once conducted a seminar at Rockledge Elementary school for more than 800 students, all of whom made their own clay pottery under her supervision.

"I like children, so they call me in...because I'm a very patient person, and kids can climb on me and it doesn't faze me."

Through all this, Stevens discovered another talent she possesses, teaching.

"I like teaching, and another thing I discovered about myself through this whole experience.

At some point in the next three to five years Stevens said she will be ready to take on an apprentice of her own to continue the tradition of Oneida arts and culture in the community.

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Motion: We develop a ten person group appointed by General Tribal Council today with the purpose of developing a proposal to bring back to GTC in 45 days regarding the establishment of the Office of the GTC to review and monitor all aspects of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

## GTC10 Contact Information

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To forward concerns, ideas, information, etc. please use the GTC10 e-mail address: OGTCinfo@yahoo.com

Meetings are held at the Oneida Police Department Conference Room.  
Remaining Dates: 2/16 and 2/18.

The membership is invited to attend.



# Legislative Review

## Vice-Chairwoman's Corner...



**Vice-Chairwoman**  
*Kathy Hughes*

Recently we had a weather situation that caused some pipes to break at our Health Center. This happened on a Saturday but we were very

fortunate for a scheduled maintenance activity on that Saturday morning because that is the only thing that prevented more serious damage from occurring. Phone calls were made and staff responded immediately to begin repairs and clean up. Some disruption was unavoidable in the dental and optical clinics but it was kept to the minimum due to the excellent work by staff from Maintenance/Custodial, the Clinic and MIS. I want to thank all of them for a job well done!

That same weekend, in the middle of the night (1 A.M.) the computer system went

down, affecting many areas with the most visible being gaming. Again staff were called and immediately responded to try to fix the problem. This took an entire day. While this was being worked on, the customers at our Casinos experienced delays in getting payouts and fills. And in some cases there frustrations overflowed against the gaming employee trying to be of assistance. I leave it to your imagination and possible experience as to how frustrated a customer can get having to sit and wait. But I commend our gaming employees for maintaining a professional, friendly attitude

when dealing with these types of situations. Unfortunately for gaming, there have been too many times when they are dealing with frustrated customers because the computers are down. That will hopefully be taken care of when that system is replaced this summer. But for the employees, thank you for doing the very best you can.

While I wasn't in attendance at the January 26 GTC meeting I noted the participation by the Membership was very high. The \$100 payment may be a factor but participation in the decision making of the government is important and for many this is a great

opportunity to learn and be a knowledgeable part of that process. Up to this point, the most used time to be able to make a difference has been every three years when we elect the Oneida Business Committee, which will be occurring this July. But now you can have an impact at the General Tribal Council level. I don't think we will ever have a problem getting a quorum to conduct business.

With the new policy, I am pleased to report we processed the paperwork and got checks in the mail 12 calendar days after the meeting. The policy calls for a check to be in the mail no later than 15

business days after the meeting, so due to the diligence of our staff, they beat that deadline by 6 days. Because this is a first time event, some problems are still likely to occur but I am confident they can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Your opportunity for input into the GTC Stipend Policy is at the Public Hearing scheduled for March 4 at the Norbert Hill Center. If you can't make it to the hearing you may also submit your written comments to the Legislative Operating Committee within 10 days from the hearing and they will be taken into consideration.

## Letters and opinions...

### Legality of election held during GTC meeting questioned

I just received the "voting results" of the GTC Annual Meeting of January 26, 2008. I did not attend this meeting however I also did not know that there would be an election at this meeting. My question is, was this a legal election that was noticed to the General Tribal Council. If it was, where and when was it posted? If not, why not, and therefore is it legal?

I understand that there are GTC members who feel that our Business Committee is not acting in their best interest, but they are representatives of the majority of the enrolled Oneida citizens that voted in a legal election.

There is a remedy, either make changes in the election before us this year, or bring forth proof of wrong doing and invoke the removal process. If you feel that strongly and have the proof to back it up, there is a removal law - use it. If not, then follow Tribal laws and do not use "mob rule" to illegally push actions through the General Tribal Council.

I am upset that this Tribe is now adhering to "mob rule" tactics and I would hope that our Business Committee can keep further meetings in check. I believe we need change, but I believe in responsible change, done in a responsible manner.

I vote for Business Committee members every three years in a duly noticed election, and the people I vote for do not always get in. I do however trust the process and know that it is fair. I also have to respect that the Business Committee members that are elected to these positions are in there due to the constituents which vote for them. "We the people..." The selection of these individuals for this new committee/task force/body was quick and carelessness. When we elect a Business Committee we have several months to hear their platform, research their history and have open discussions with them. With the oversight body identified by the Secretary's office, we really don't know a lot about them.

What are these newly elected individuals supposed to do what rules do they follow? Is this a regulatory body? Is this an advisory committee? Help me here because I don't understand - if we vote for a Business Committee every three years, and then vote this new committee, body, task force, to oversee (or whatever

it is they are supposed to do) the individuals that we voted into office, why do we need to vote every three years? What is the intent, where is the control, if we feel we need an oversight body over the Business Committee elected in duly noticed elections, then who will over see the oversight committee? How many bodies of oversight will we accept? Where will we go from here?

**Crystal Holtz**

### To The Milwaukee Oneidas...

Many of you don't know me and may wonder why I am interested in the functions of the SEOTS office. I was the chairperson of the board that founded the opening of an official Oneida Tribal office to serve the Oneida people in Southeastern Wisconsin. It took two years for our board to bring this about.

I'm writing to recommend that you request that the SEOTS program offer something like the YES (Youth Enrichment Services) program. This is provided to the Oneida students in the schools up near Oneida. Some of the things they do are: assess students' needs, help with homework and skill building. My heart goes out to children who struggle in school especially the little children. When they have community meetings, please speak up on behalf of the children.

Another item is to provide funds for a children's Christmas party. They hold a wonderful Christmas party that is funded by the tribe in Oneida and SEOTS should offer one also.

When you lobby on your own behalf it can have a big effect. If you just go to the meeting and do not speak up, the people who are more outspoken will over shadow what you desire to happen. The Oneida children need you to speak up on their behalf now.

On another topic, I hope by now you all know that you have a right to get any health care that is provided on Oneida Tribal land, no matter where you live.

**Best Wishes,**  
**Madelyn (Cornelius)**  
**Genskow**  
**Waupaca, WI**

### Voting age should be reconsidered

Why is it that the 26th amendment to the Constitution of the United States allows 18 year old people to vote in any national

### Office of General Tribal Council

On August 11th of 2007, the General Tribal Council directed that: (1) approximately \$88 million dollars be paid to Tribal membership and (2) Tribal membership be paid 100 dollars for attending GTC meetings. A third item, the creation of the Office of General Tribal Council was tabled. In January, the GTC created a committee of 10 GTC members to bring back a plan regarding what that Office of General Tribal Council might look like in regards to its structure and responsibilities. The following quote is from a flyer written and distributed by Mr. John Powless back in August of 2007. John Powless is the petitioner who created Office of General Tribal Council concept.

"The office of General Tribal Council is being proposed to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council to act on different issues that are decided upon by the Oneida General Tribal Council. Since the Oneida Business Committee conducts the day to day operation of the Oneida Tribal Government and are advised by the program directors, tribal attorneys, accounts and other consultants, it is difficult for tribal members of the Oneida General Tribal Council to find out information or to get answers to questions concerning decisions that have been made on behalf of the people. If the Oneida General Tribal Council wants information on the New York Land Claim, Gaming operations, or if it wants information on lands that are being purchased, the Office of General Tribal Council can be directed by the Oneida General Tribal

Council to investigate matters and come back with a report on its findings to the Oneida People."

As Councilman, I fully support John Powless's proposal.

### Per Capita and Housing Authority Rent Increases

A recent Oneida Housing Authority (OHA) audit conducted by an independent auditing firm found that OHA was neglecting to calculate per capita payments to Tribal members when determining rents. As a result, OHA is now including per capita payments when determining annual income and rent. However, at the January 23 Oneida Business Committee meeting, I asked whether or not the one-time \$5,000 / \$10,000 should be included. I asked that question because in reading the Office of Native American Programs regulations, it appears that OHA might not have to include one-time payments when determining annual income. The regulation in question says that "temporary, non recurring or sporadic income" is not to be counted as income. I believe the recent "one-time" \$5,000 / \$10,000 per capita payment fits within that definition and should NOT be counted as annual income when determining OHA rent. The Oneida Business Committee will discuss this issue further at the February 20th Business Committee Meeting.

### 3% Wage Increase and Valiant

In early October the General Tribal Council



**Councilman**  
*Ed Delgado*

passed a 3% wage increase. That increase was reaffirmed at the Business Committee meeting of January 23, 2008 with the passage of my motion to provide an across the board 3% wage increase to all employees, including contracted employees such as teachers and attorneys employed by the Tribe. The 3% increase is retroactive back to September 30, 2007. Since January 23rd, my office has been receiving phone calls from Tribal employees wanting to know when the increase will be included in their weekly paychecks and when they will be receiving the retroactive pay going back to September 30, 2007. My Office would like to see the Jet Team rev up their efforts and see to it that Tribal employees realize the benefits of their 3% increase as soon as possible.

Note: At the February 20th Business Committee meeting, some members of the Business Committee may be supporting an effort to take back the 3% wage increase to 311 Tribal employees. My Office will not support that effort, especially since most of those 311 employees are within the lower to middle salary ranges (wages which barely allow families to meet their needs from paycheck to paycheck).

### Petition Submitted Regarding Housing Development

A petition has been submitted and will soon come before the General Tribal Council for consideration. Hopefully, the land identified will be on trust lands which would make housing much more affordable for Tribal

members. If approved, more Oneida Tribal families could realize the American dream of owning their own homes.

"We the undersigned fifty (50) or more qualified voters, assert our constitutional rights and direct the Oneida Tribal Chairman to call a special General Tribal Council meeting no later than forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the Tribal Secretary receives this petition, and further directs that the special General Tribal Council meeting shall be held on a Saturday ONLY for greater participation, with the following purpose(s) being the ONLY agenda items noticed and considered by the General Tribal Council:

1. For America's Dream, Inc. to present a proposal for the development and construction of 250 or more affordable homes on the Oneida Reservation in Brown County in the village of Hobart and
2. For GTC to approve a proposal for America's Dream Inc. to develop and construct 250 or more affordable homes on the Oneida Reservation in Brown County in the village of Hobart and
3. For GTC to issue directives to appropriate persons and/or areas, to include but not limited to, Oneida Boards, Committees, Commissions, corporations, entities, departments and programs, with regard to matters that include, but are not limited to, land financing, infrastructure, water/sewer and/or well/septic, to ensure the success and timeliness of the project."

Thank you

election but the Oneida Nation does not? I think that we, The People, Should allow the input and the voice of our young men and women.

It is time that we move into the right century. All votes from tribal members that are legally on the rolls and of age, (according to the 26th amendment) should be allowed and heard.

It is my belief that back in the good old days, a young person came of age around 16 or so and was able to have a voice at council. Maybe if the person was a good hunter or

showed promise in warfare, they would be able to lead the hunting party or war party. Maybe it is time for us to allow our 18 and up adults to not only vote but to run for and hold office. From what I see in the paper, the young people are not uninformed. They have some new and fresh ideas for the betterment of our people. It is time for us to move into the right century and move in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and allow the young people to be the adults they are.

I have seen in the various papers from around the country where 18 year olds hold mayor ships in cities that do very well despite their "youth."

I am a veteran and I have attended the many area and out of area ceremonies for the veterans on November 11 and I always hear how the children should thank the vets for their sacrifices and keeping America free for them. I say that the best way I can be thanked is by voting, voting wisely with the knowledge of the issues and candidates.

This is an issue that I became aware of at the November meeting concerning the Per Capita vote. My daughter would not have been allowed to vote on something that concerned her and she is 19. It upset her and that upsets me. It should upset all of our 18 and up young adults. The tribe makes decisions that concern all of us and all our 18 and up young people. They deserve the right to vote on



# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Minutes

**Special Business Committee Meeting • December 18, 2007**  
**Business Committee Conference Room**  
**Land Claims (Executive Session)**  
**Present:** Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Vince DelaRosa - Council member, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member , Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Edward Delgado - Council member

**Excused:** Gerald Danforth - Chair, Trish King, Paul Ninham - Council members

**1. Called to Order** by Kathy Hughes at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**  
*Executive Session*

1. Land Claims  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into executive session at 1:31 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to go into regular session at 1:55 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve Dorsey Whitney sending the letter to the Deputy Solicitor General, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to authorize release of the same letter to Zuchman and Straighter, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

**3. Recess/Adjourn:**  
**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to recess at 1:53 p.m., seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

**Minutes Approved** as presented/corrected on January 23, 2008

Submitted by,

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**Regular Business Committee Meeting • January 9, 2008**  
**Business Committee Conference Room**  
**Present:** Gerald Danforth - Chair, Trish King - Council member, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Paul Ninham - Council member, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Edward Delgado - Council member

**Excused:** Vince DelaRosa - Council member

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, K. Katch, Kitty Melchert, Nate Wisneski, Barb Dickson, Noreen Smith, Wanda Diemel, Marsha Danforth, Mindimoye, Twylite Moore, Linda Dallas, S. Webster, Peril Huff, Julie Denny, Susan White, C. Metoxen, Dale Wheelock

**Opening Prayer:** Randy Cornelius

**1. Call to Order** at 9:05 a.m. by Gerald Danforth

**2. Oath of Office**  
ONCOA  
Eugene Danforth - Not Present

**3. Approval of the Agenda**  
a. Additions  
To: Resolutions RE: Title VI Grants for Native Americans, Part A & C , U.S. DHHS Administration on Aging  
To: Executive Session  
New Business #6 Westlaw Contract  
b. Deletions  
From: Executive Session new business RE: Wheelock and Associates, LLC  
c. Moves  
From: Regular Session Legislative Affairs section two, HALO item moved to Executive Session under Legislative Affairs  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt the agenda with the noted changes with executive session item three scheduled for 1:30 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

*Note: Mercie Danforth excused at 9:30 a.m.*

**2. Minutes to be Approved**  
Regular minutes of Dec. 19, 2007  
**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Dec. 19, 2007 minutes with the noted changes on page two and five, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Tabled Business**  
Special minutes of Dec. 12, 2007  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to remove the Dec. 12, 2007 minutes from the table, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the Dec. 12, 2007 special minutes with the noted change on page two, item two, fourth motion corrected to read “and have the law office prepare advisory memorandum,” seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

*Note: Chair excused at 9:50 a.m.*

**4. Reports**  
Oneida Gaming Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Shirley Hill - 1st meeting of the month  
**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the Gaming Commission quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
Oneida Land Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Amelia Cornelius - 1st meeting of the month  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
David Webster - 1st meeting of the month  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Travel Reports**  
1. Ed Delgado RE: NCAI Travel Report, Nov. 11-15, 2007, Denver, CO  
**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the NCAI travel report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings**  
1. JET Team RE: Valiant Implementation Plan  
**Excerpt from Dec. 5, 2007:** Motion by Paul Ninham to direct the JET team to bring back an implementation plan within thirty days inclusive of: a communication plan that celebrates a compensation philosophy and a plan that’s based on market; final report on minimums; 3% wage adjustment recommendations; accrual of vacation and personal time; and labor code, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item until 11:00 a.m., seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the report and defer to the Jan. 23, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Opinion on the issues raised on issues regarding the contract with Exxon Oil Company and legal memorandum relating to Exxon Oil Company contract  
**Excerpt from Dec. 19, 2007:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct the General Manager to offer an opinion on the issues that have been raised by Ms. White’s memorandum and bring forward a legal memorandum relating to our contact with Exxon Oil Company and the questions which were raised today, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve a thirty (30) day deferral regarding Exxon Oil Company contract review, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Bill Gollnick RE: Report on the Hobart Service Agreement ending Nov. 16, 2007 for closure of record  
**Excerpt from Dec. 19, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to provide a written report on the complete status of the Hobart Service Agreement ending Nov.16, 2007 listing the pay-outs to close for the closure of the record and bring back at the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the report and have further follow-up on historical details of Hobart service agreements at the January 14, 2008, 3:30 p.m. scheduled meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Housing Authority Report  
**Excerpt from Nov. 20, 2007:** Motion by Trish King, to approve the Oneida Housing Authority Report and direct the General Manager to come back with a report on what can take place to answer the issues raised today such as but not limited too rent increases, housing policy in regards to designated purposes for the Three Sisters Housing site, to develop standard tenant meetings and possibilities of looking at the issue of neighborhood committees and report back by the first meeting in January, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve a deferral of the OHA report to the Jan. 23, 2008 Business Committee meeting to allow for ONCOA comments, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. New Business**  
b. Resolutions  
1. Marsha Danforth RE: Title VI Grants for Native Americans, Part A & C , U.S. DHHS Administration on Aging  
**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt resolution 1-09-08-A, Title VI grants for Native Americans, Part A & C, U.S. DHHS Administration on Aging, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.  
Note: Chair arrived at 10:30 a.m.  
c. Requests  
1. Susan White RE: Authorization to sign routine contracts with Bay Bank regarding Southwest Securities Inc. and Packerland Brokerage Services, Inc.  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the request for authorization to sign routine contracts with Bay Bank regarding Southwest Securities Inc. and Packerland Brokerage Services, Inc. back to the Trust Department and the Trust Committee for further legal analysis, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Kathy Hughes RE: Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) Board Recommendation  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the OEDA board recommendation to the Chair’s office for review of appointment process, back at the Jan. 23, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
3. Patty Hoeft RE: Richard Moss withdrawal of GTC Petition - FYI  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept Richard Moss’ withdrawal of GTC petition as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Mercie Danforth RE: Retro approval of Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to retro-approve the Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
d. Travel Requests  
1. Mercie Danforth RE: Eighth Semi-annual Native American Finance Conference Feb. 27-29, 2008, Las Vegas, NV  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the travel request to attend the Eighth Semi-annual Native American Finance Conference Feb. 27-29, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.  
2. Kathy Hughes RE: Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) Mtg. Feb. 19, 22, 2008, Washington, DC  
**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the TTAG travel request, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

**10. Finance Committee** - None

**11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC )**  
For Consideration Resolution adopting extension of adoption of emergency amendments to the Oneida Housing Ordinance  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 1-09-08-B, extension of emergency amendments to the Oneida Housing Ordinance, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Treasurer’s Report** - None

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning**  
*Minutes of Dec. 11, 2007*  
**Excerpt from Dec. 19, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Oneida Business

Committee Planning minutes of Dec. 11, 2007 to the Jan. 9, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Dec. 11, 2007 Planning minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Executive Staff Meeting** - None

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**  
1. Municipal and County Report  
a. Town of Oneida Meeting  
c. Sewer extensions on Packerland Drive  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer items a. and c. to the Jan. 23, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
*Note: Legislative Affair items a. Town of Oneida meeting was moved on during discussion in Executive Session.*  
b. HALO - moved to executive session  
*Recessed until 11:35 a.m.*  
*Into Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.*  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to go back into Regular Session at 3:45 p.m., seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**  
b. Tabled Business  
1. Gaming Commission RE: Attorney Contract for William Cornelius  
**Excerpt from Dec. 19, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the current Attorney contract for William Cornelius to the Jan. 9, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to take this item from the table, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Attorney Contract for Attorney William Cornelius with an amendment to Section 3 by adding the following final sentence “total compensation in this section shall not exceed \$120,000, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Old Business  
1. Lloyd Powless RE: Charlene Smith Contract  
**Excerpt from Dec. 5, 2007:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve a thirty (30) day extension on the original contract and refer the new contract back to the General Manager, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth, Mercie Danforth. Opposed: Ed Delgado, Trish King. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the attorney contract for Charlene Smith, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Ed Delgado, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to rescind the previous motion to approve the attorney contract for Charlene Smith, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Patty Hoeft. Opposed: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the attorney contract for Charlene Smith with the deletion of Section 4.3, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Patty Hoeft. Opposed: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.  
d. New Business  
1. Patty Hoeft RE: Wheelock & Associates, LLC

Capacity building/technical assistance contract proposal for OHA  
*Deleted*  
2. Mercie Danforth RE: Bear Claw Gaming Association Inc. Contract Addendum  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve an extension of the Bear Claw Gaming Association Inc. Contract to June 30, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Lance Broberg RE: Proposed OAHG Legal Structure  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation developing an LLC for the acquisition of Windgate, developing an LLC for management and investment in Three Clans Millennium Park, and development of an LLC for management and investment of Three Clans Plankview Green, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.  
4. Bill Gollnick RE: Retro approval 8th addendum to Arlinda Locklear Attorney Contract  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro approve the 8th addendum to Arlinda Locklear attorney contract, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.  
5. Gerald Danforth RE: Oneida Gaming Commission Appointment Follow-up  
**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the Oneida Gaming Commission appointment follow-up as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.  
6. Gerald Danforth RE: Westlaw Contract  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to delete the Westlaw contract, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Legislative Affairs Update  
*Town of Oneida Signage*  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve funding of the Town of Oneida signage and amend the service agreement for those amounts (approximately \$6,300.00), seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

*Joint Public Safety Facility*  
**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 1-09-08-C, authorization to enter into N.E.W. PSPC Agreement regarding state grant funding with the Chair authorized to sign PSPC Agreement, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Attorney Brief  
*January 9, 2008*  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the attorney Brief of January 9, 2008, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

*Stormwater Utility Charge*  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to scheduled a Special Business Committee meeting Thursday morning, Jan. 17, 2008 to discuss and possibly act on the Stormwater assessment fees from Hobart, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Audit Committee  
1. Status Update on the OHA Audit Report  
**Excerpt from Dec. 19, 2007:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the OHA issue back to the Audit Committee for finalization back in Jan. 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the written OHA Audit report as FYI, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.  
g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None

*Recess/Adjourn @ 3:55 p.m.*  
**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on January 23, 2008

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE



## State

## Radisson announces Employees of Year

Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The Radisson held its annual all employee meeting on January 31. Nominees were announced for the Employees of the Year. The Front of the House Employee of the Year was Dawn Maas, Banquet Captain, and the Back of House Employee of the Year was Augie Gonzales, Maintenance Tech. Shown left to right, Meg Waldo, Human Resources Director, Dawn Maas, Augie Gonzales, and the General Manager of the Radisson, James Elm.



## Caretakers Corner

## Yawa=ko, Oneida Members

The Division of Land Management would like to thank all of the people who sent in donations for Land Acquisition. The donated funds will help to purchase land within the original reservation boundaries.

To date the Oneida Tribe Land Office has purchased 21,433.40 acres of tribal land which is 33% of the original 1838 reservation boundaries. Land

Management's main objective in our Balanced Score card is to purchase 51% of the original reservation by the year 2020.

Your donations will help to make this happen sooner. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Thank you for your generosity!

*Division of Land Management*

## Real Property Law Classes

**Submitted by Michelle Montoya**

Department of Land Management

Registration is now open for Real Property Law Classes on Thursday afternoons starting on March 6, 2008. You may call Michelle Montoya, Division of Land Management Office, **869-1690 X1800** or stop in at the office between 8:00am-4:30pm, 470 Airport Drive for a registration form. The cost is \$100 for a 45 hour class schedule, and your program may pay for this if you work for the Oneida Tribe.

The instructors are Attorney Rebecca Webster and Real Estate Services Area Manager Mary Jo Nash. The classes started in 1996 to train all of the Land Management staff on the basics of tribal law. After the first course, staff from other tribal programs and boards found the discussion and information helpful in their positions. Participants have attended from the community, Casino, Appeals Commission, Compliance Division, Business Development Unit, Tribal School, Land Commission, GIS, Environmental Department and Personnel Department. So far, 102 attendees have received a Land Commission Certificate for completing this annual course.

The class is small in order to facilitate discussions. A limit of 12-15 participants is usually accepted. The discussions focus on various federal eras of Indian policy and law, and how the Oneida Tribe was specifically impacted. Besides lectures, lively sharing of information is generally received from

the participants as the class moves through the traditional early years of the government, the Allotment Era, Indian Reorganization Era, and the present Self-Determination Era.

The class focuses on tribal laws and authority of different branches of the Oneida government, with an emphasis on Oneida tribal land transactions. Invited speakers from tribal programs such as the Appeals Commission, Environmental Department, and Tribal History, enhance the discussion of how the Tribe as a whole carries on its business.

Twenty hours consists of a tour of selected reservation properties, and then continues with an in-depth discussion of how and why properties are purchased within the Oneida Reservation boundaries. The overlap between tribal law and state law is evident in the area of acquiring land. This area is also where there are frequent jurisdictional and political disputes between the Oneida Tribe and surrounding state governments.

We invite you to think about joining us on March 6, 2008, 1:15 – 4:15 pm at the Division of Land Management Conference Room, for our first class. Hard to believe that this is right around the corner!!

Class will be in session from 1:15 – 4:15 starting March 6, 2008 thru May 29, 2008. There is a 9 hour tour on May 1, 2008. Participants are required to make up their hours by contacting the instructor. Final exam will be June 4, 2008 at the Community Education Center.

## Oneida Nation affirms American Indian Center's work with \$30,000 grant

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The American Indian Center of the Fox Valley (AIC-FV) has received the largest grant in its history from the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. The \$30,000 gift was given out of respect and appreciation for the services the organization provides to off-reservation Native

Americans living in the Fox Valley area.

The grant will further the work of the AIC-FV, especially in the areas of health care, HSED/GED support for people wanting to continue their education, and in helping develop employment skills and job opportunities. It strengthens a relationship that began developing some three

years ago.

"We had known for some time about the emerging work of the American Indian Center," explains Gerald R. Danforth, Oneida Nation Chairman. "When Becky Edler and Lisa Hurst came to see us and explained their vision, we were impressed. When we visited the AIC facility in the Fox Cities

Rotary Multicultural Center and saw first-hand the impact of their services, we knew we wanted to be as supportive as possible."

Edler is director of the AIC-FV, a program of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin. "This is a very significant moment in our history," she said. "We're proud of how we are helping urban Indians in the Fox Valley in a good way. This grant will help us be even more responsive to their unique needs."

Hurst, the AIC education director, looks forward to being able to expand the Center's focus on helping more Natives gain their high school equivalency diplomas and transition to meaningful employment or higher education opportunities.

Keith Wilk, Chief Operating Officer for Goodwill's 20 programs and services, also underscores the grant's historical significance. "Typically, programs such as the AIC are supported primarily by donated clothing and household items that are sold in Goodwill stores across the region. To have the Oneida Nation bless the work of this program with this level of support assures us that we are moving in the right direction."

## Fire forces family out into the cold



Kali photo/Dawn Walschinski

Lisa Cornelius, boyfriend Will Scott and their three children lost their home to a fire Friday, February 8 in De Pere, Wisconsin. The family is being assisted by the American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter. Individuals wishing to make a donation may call the Lakeland Chapter at 920-468-8535 or go online at [www.arclakeland.org](http://www.arclakeland.org). In addition, an account has been set up at Pioneer Credit Union, 921 S. Taylor Street, Green Bay in Lisa Cornelius' name.

## 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, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, March 25<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.

## NOTICE 2008 General Election Caucus

**Schedule for:  
Saturday – March 1,  
2008**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Business Committee  
Conference Room  
Norbert Hill Center**

***Note: Those individuals nominated at caucus MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT NOMINATION***



## From Page 5A/Resort in Catskills

The project would include a gaming area, convention center, hotel, golf resort, retail stores, restaurants and other entertainment venues.

Construction on the 160-acre site is scheduled to begin this year, with a 2010 opening.

The resort would be 90 miles northwest of New York City.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said Monday that the project apparently needs approval only by the state Racing and Wagering Board, not the Legislature where such major issues can face delays and opposition.

“I think it’s an interesting proposal,” said Silver, a lower Manhattan Democrat. “It may be productive for Sullivan

County.”

Silver’s lack of opposition is significant for the project. He summers in the Catskills and is the Albany leader who has been most reluctant to expand gambling.

Developers predict the 1.5 million-square foot facility will more than double the \$70 million Empire now pays the state each year from gambling revenue.

The gaming floor would be in the hotel and the harness track rebuilt to become a top racing facility, the developers said.

“The creation of thousands of jobs will permeate throughout the entire upstate economy and bring the former Concord Hotel back to its glory as one of the region’s

truly great convention, destination and resort hotels,” said Louis R. Cappelli, managing member of Concord Associates.

Last week, the Mohawk tribe at the St. Regis reservation in northern New York said Empire was dropping the tribe from its plans for the site. Empire said then that it wasn’t abandoning its work with the Mohawks, but was exploring other options.

State law already allows video slot machines in the “racino” at Monticello and other harness tracks, but the state constitution prohibits traditional slot machines and many other popular casino games unless they are owned by an Indian tribe.

## From Page 5A/Letters

the many issues it takes to conduct the business of the tribe. I don’t know how to make the “Proposal” to put this before whatever committee it takes to get this started, but I’m sure there are many out there who do and can get something going on this issue.

Thank you,  
Kenneth J. VanderMissen

### GTC Meeting ran smoothly, but...

I haven’t attended a General Tribal Council meeting for quite some time, as I always came away with a bad taste in my mouth. Causing that was listening to people who complained about some wrong done to them personally; Listening to bickering among people; Loud people who try to out shout others; not being able to get questions answered, etc. – which is a waste of time when you want to accomplish something for the Tribe.

The 1/26/08 meeting was so much better than those I remember. The report was nicely put forward and very readable. I have only a few comments on the Saturday meeting.

First: The meeting should begin at the time stated (10:00 a.m.). Those who come late should not expect those who come on time to wait for them. They can still vote when they finally get seated.

Second: Many attending are elderly and diabetic. When I needed to eat, there was nothing for me to purchase. Finally when food was again available, I waited in the food line for half an hour and could purchase only hot dogs or barely warm cheese pizza. Also, no refills on a cup of coffee. (Where are the food profits going?) (*Editor’s note: The food sale was held by the Indigenous Games Team Wisconsin Women’s Volleyball Team*)

Third: I realize that there have to be rules so that a meeting can come to a conclusion, but those that understand them have to explain to those who don’t. I feel Linda Dallas did a good job of getting explanations and leading where most Tribal members wanted to go.

Fourth: I feel the Tribal Chairman leaned too much toward Business Council/his own agenda rather than opening up to the GTC. At one point I don’t know if he deliberately confused an issue so people thought they were voting against his ruling, when in fact, they were voting for the ruling he wanted. Also, Linda wasn’t allowed to amend her motion, when the Tribal Secretary was allowed to

amend the motion she had made.

Questions were not stated correctly or were not “in order” so that I still have questions in my mind such as WHERE did the \$10 million go that, unbelievably, the GTC voted for? WHY are some people/businesses allowed millions of dollars to benefit only themselves? WHY must there be secrecy? This is why the GTC can’t give full trust to the BC.

Sincerely,  
Josie Daebler

### A plea to our culture to rise up

My friend’s home has become a palace for an always-simple vision of tranquility.

The home over looks a valley, in which there was a lake, a habitat and home, which aided a Porno band of Native Americans.

My friend lives like an eagle on a cliff in Northern California.

What distinguishes this native French man from living in a castle and living like an eagle is his ever-burning desire and everyday compassion for all cultures and humanity as a whole.

I received a call from him in an effort to inform myself, and therefore the masses of this Lakota tribe of the reality of certain un-deniable human rights.

This particular reality is in the making of over half of a millennium.

To my knowledge this is the first tribe who has attempted to pull out from the vices our U.S. government with the true possibility of succeeding in its efforts.

I believe that in today’s global society with the help of technology any one movement can be achieved in the hands of a team, which encompasses creativity and

possess inspiring dialect.

The sole reason that I offer this literature is to help others become aware that some of the closest relatives to our Native American heritage in humanity the powerful Lakota, have stood up!

I have collaborated these facts on the issue from my close friend - Hubert Germain-Robin who upon many other things has a tremendous experience learning world cultures core values.

“Today is a historic day and our forefathers speak through us. Our forefathers made the treaties in good knowledge of the Great Spirit, they never honored the treaties, that is the reason we are here today,” said Gary Rowland in “Wounded Knee.”

On Dec. 17, 2007, the Lakota tribe has reclaimed their nation after many decades of oppression.

The Lakota tribe formed their independent nation from former Sioux Indian reservations in Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. The reasons are numerous, such as mortality, drugs and alcohol, incarceration, disease, poverty, unemployment, threatened culture and decades of maltreatment - because of programs such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its snake charmers in Washington.

I am a first nations studies major at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay with a minor in anthropology. It is my vision for all of humanity to stand up for the greater good in each and every culture.

“First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then you win,” Mohandes Ghandi

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Niel Cornelius Jr

# Oneida actor makes mark at Sundance Film Festival

By Nate Wisneski

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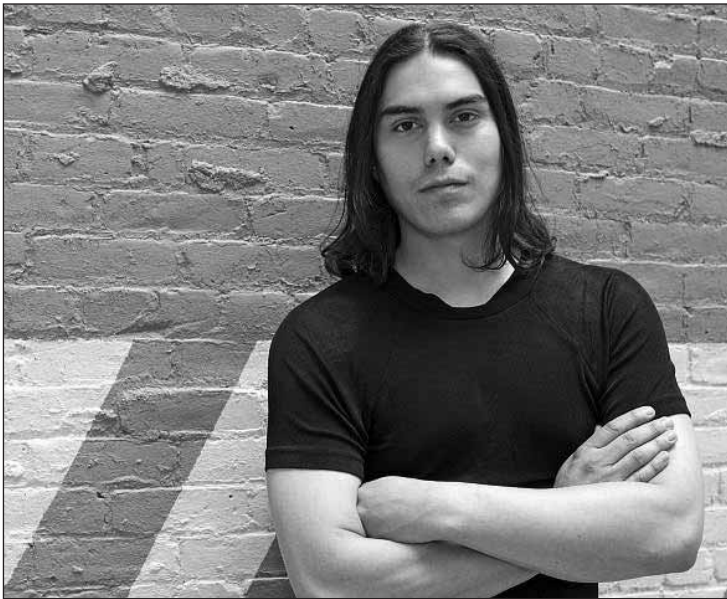
Oneida tribal member Dylan Carusona’s acting career took a major step forward with his appearance in the critically acclaimed film “Frozen River.”

“Frozen River” was unveiled at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah and won the prestigious Grand Jury Prize for Dramatic Film. The film features a desperate trailer mom and a Mohawk woman who team up to smuggle illegal immigrants into the United States from Canada.

Carusona plays Jimmy, a Mohawk Indian who smuggles illegal immigrants through the Mohawk reservation in upstate New York.

Carusona is having a hard time believing the success of the film. “It hasn’t sunk in yet,” he said. “It probably won’t until I see it on the big screen. I can’t comprehend it yet either. I am not sure what it means for my (acting) career, I just want to keep the momentum going.”

Carusona grew up in Texas and New Mexico and credits television for his desire to be an actor. “I grew up watching a lot of TV as a child. I wanted to be an actor for as long as I can remember. I remember



Submitted Photo

Dylan Carusona currently lives in New York City and is pursuing his dream of acting.

saying to my first grade teacher that I wanted to be an actor,” said Carusona.

“Frozen River” was not Carusona’s debut on stage or film. “I have been in three other films. One of them I was the lead in and I have done a lot of background work,” he said. Carusona also has done background work for TV in “Guiding Light” and “Oz” and has numerous stage credits.

Until shortly before the Sundance Film Festival the movie was not scheduled for a nationwide release. Sony

Picture Classics purchased the rights to the film two days before the festival. Carusona expects them to release the film nationwide slowly. “I can’t wait for people in Oneida to see this movie,” he said.

Carusona is trying to ride the wave of momentum he is currently on. “I have a small role in a very moving film. I feel lucky and privileged to be a small piece of the pie. I can feel something changing in my career,” he said. “I want to keep the ball rolling and get to the next level.”

### Oneida Tribal Court Development Initiative

## Notice of Community Meetings

The Oneida Business Committee will host a series of informational meetings during the week of February 18, 2008 to provide information on two proposed tribal laws – the Judiciary Act and new Administrative Procedures Act. Oneida Tribal members and other interested persons are encouraged to attend to ask questions and learn more about the proposed laws.

The proposed laws will be voted on by the General Tribal Council on April 19, 2008. If approved, these laws will create a Tribal Court and Appellate Court for the Oneida Nation, as well as update the existing Administrative Procedures Act.

The meetings will be held at the dates, times and places listed below:

• Monday, February 18, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm S.E.O.T.S.

Office, Milwaukee  
• Tuesday, February 19, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Oneida Police Department  
• Wednesday, February 20, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, NHC Cafeteria  
• Thursday, February 21, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, NHC – B.C. Conference Room, 2nd Floor  
• Thursday, February 21, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Elderly Services

Beginning February 8, 2008, copies of the proposed laws may be obtained from the Legislative Reference Office by calling 920-869-4376 or by written request at P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155.

The proposed laws have been drafted collaboratively by the members of the Oneida Business Committee, Legislative Operating Committee, the Oneida Appeals Commission and

their staffs. The proposed laws contain extensive research and information gathered through interviews with scores of Oneida Tribal members and employees, and others in the Oneida community.

Over the past year, the Tribal Court Development Initiative has gained momentum and overwhelming support for the creation of a Tribal Court. If approved by the General Tribal Council, the proposed laws will give the Oneida Nation and its people a state-of-the-art Tribal Court that reflects modern needs and traditional Oneida values. One such important Oneida value is the General Tribal Council’s governance role, so it is important for members come to the meetings, learn more and cast an informed vote on April 19, 2008.

## 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.**



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# Homebuyer Assistance Mini-Grants NOW AVAILABLE!

By Diana Mann  
OHA Grants Manager

Are you a tribal member looking to purchase a home, but are having trouble saving enough money for a down payment or other closing costs? HUD, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, reports that lack of a downpayment and/or closing costs are the single biggest obstacles to home ownership. In 2007 the Oneida Housing Authority was awarded more than \$100,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce to assist approximately 21 eligible tribal households with defraying the upfront costs of purchasing a home.



Working in collaboration with the Oneida Division of Land Management, OHA will make mini-grants of \$5,000 each to qualified applicants. To receive a mini-grant, applicants must be Oneida tribal members, meet the HUD 80% of county median income limits (see below), and agree to own the home for at least five years. If the home is sold prior to the five year limit, the grant is transformed into a repayable loan.

## Type of Home Buying Assistance Available:

- **Downpayment Assistance**
- **Closing Costs**
- **Mortgage Insurance payments for one year**
- **Property Insurance payments for one year**
- **Utility fees and/or deposits**
- **Fees associated with the purchase in a limited-equity housing cooperative applicants to participate in its Housing Cost Reduction Initiative Program**

*Is your household income at or below these limits?*  
**You may qualify!**

BROWN COUNTY							
1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
36,200	41,350	46,500	51,700	55,800	59,950	64,100	68,250

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY							
1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
38,000	43,450	48,850	54,300	58,650	63,000	67,350	71,700

To apply for the program or just to find out more information, contact Michelle, Jacque, or Diana at Oneida Housing Authority - (920) 869-2227.



Sports

# Family Fitness Highlights

**Oneida Family Fitness Hours:**  
M-T-W-TH-F: 5:30AM-8:30PM  
Saturday: 7AM-2:00PM  
For more information call 490-3730

## Fitness Members for the month of February 2008

## Fun in the sun (and snow) - look out for UV rays

You might think that since it is winter, you don't have to protect your skin. As much as 80% of the sunlight reflects off the snow, and it's just as damaging in winter as in the summer. It's still important to take care of your skin. Even if it's cloudy, the UV rays of the sun still filter through the clouds and can be just as damaging to your skin. UV rays are wavelengths of light that cannot be seen with the naked eye. Along with a wavelength of light that is visible, they make up the light of the sun.

There are three kinds of wavelengths present in sunlight: UVA, UVB, and UVC. The shorter the wavelength, the more harmful it is considered to be. UVC has the shortest wavelength; however, it is filtered out completely by the protective layer of gases in Earth's atmosphere, along with some of the UVA and UVB rays. UVB rays cover the range between UVA and UVC rays, and while they do not penetrate as deep into the skin as UVA rays, they carry more energy and are a major factor in sunburns and skin cancer. UVA rays have the longest wavelength, but a much higher concentration of these rays makes it through the atmosphere. Between 10-

100 times more UVA rays are present than UVB rays in sunlight; and high exposure to UVA rays has been known to cause skin cancer in lab animals. UVA rays are also a major factor in skin aging.

UV exposure damages the DNA in the cells of the skin. If the cells are damaged to the point where they can not repair themselves, they may mutate and become cancerous. However, these cells usually die. There are three common types of skin cancer: Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC), Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC), and Malignant Melanoma (MM). Of these, BCC is the most common. It forms as a small, round, raised red spot. If spotted early enough, it is treatable.



It has a very low chance of spreading to other parts of the body. SCC is the second most common type of skin cancer.

It develops slowly, but spreads more easily. It often develops from pre-cancerous lesions on the skin. Like BCC, if detected early, it is treatable. MM is the most dangerous and life-threatening of the three. It spreads easily to other parts of the body. It may develop from a simple mole on the skin. The earlier it is spotted, the better your chances for survival are.

To reduce your risk of skin cancer, follow these precautions:

- Stay in the shade. Not only is it the coolest place to be

outside in the summer, but it's also the safest place.

- Wear protective gear. Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen, as they offer protection from UVA and UVB rays. Choose one that's at least SPF 15, and for the winter, try one with a moisturizer in it. Use sunscreen on any areas of your body that will be exposed to the sun. Consider sunglasses that offer UVA/UVB protection, and hats to protect your face.
- Watch the kids. Children and young adults are at a vulnerable stage in their life and their sensitive skin can be damaged easily. Early exposure to these harmful rays puts them at a higher risk for skin cancer in their life.
- Check yourself. Make sure to take a look at your skin often and take note of any changes. If you see some-

thing suspicious or notice any changes, go to the doctor or dermatologist as soon as possible.

The sun is not the only damaging element in the winter, especially for those who spend a lot of time outdoors. For skiers and snowboarders, windburn is also an issue to be dealt with. Windburn occurs when the oil is removed from the top layer of skin by the wind, resulting in dry, red skin that resembles sunburn very closely. It may be itchy or burn. Moisturized sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 will prevent both. If affected with either windburn or sunburn, an aloe-based lotion or gel will help soothe your skin. Cocoa butter lotion will also help.

\* *S o u r c e :*  
<http://skincancer.dermis.net>  
[www.skincarephysicians.com](http://www.skincarephysicians.com)  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/windburn>

Marilyn has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for about three years. She first began her exercise program because she did not want to be a sedentary, overweight senior. At first, it was difficult for Marilyn to start her program because exercising was very challenging. Now, exercising has gotten much easier for Marilyn, and she has lost inches, toned up her body, and rarely gets sick.



Marilyn Loomis

Marilyn spends most of her time participating in water exercise classes in the pool on most days of the week, but she also enjoys participating in Drums Alive as well. She is continually motivated to keep exercising because she can see and feel the benefits of doing so.

Marilyn enjoys going to Oneida Family Fitness because of the staff there, and all the programs that are offered. In her free time, Marilyn enjoys quilting and sewing. She also enjoys biking, camping, and cross-country skiing with her husband.

Finally, Marilyn's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Just try it all out. Take different classes until you find what suits you, and then stick to it!"

Congratulations to Marilyn for your hard work and dedication!

Keep up the good work!

Neil has been a member of Oneida Family Fitness for the past three years. He first began an exercise program because he had a strong desire to feel better and get in shape. On top of that, his wife helped encourage him to get healthy as well. All of his hard work has helped him to feel better, increase his stamina, and improve his golf game.



Neil Loomis

When Neil first started at Oneida Family Fitness, he could only jog around the track one time. Now he's able to jog around the track for 20 minutes. His exercise routine consists of working out most days of the week, which helps Neil feel better for the day. He continues to push himself hard on the exercise equipment in order to improve his well-being.

Neil enjoys going to Oneida Family Fitness because the people are friendly and helpful, and he enjoys the equipment as well. In his free time, Neil enjoys cross-country skiing, golfing, biking and camping with his wife.

Finally, Neil's advice for changing your lifestyle habits is this: "Challenge yourself and keep at it!"

Congratulations to Neil for your hard work and dedication!

Keep up the good work!



## New service offered: Request For Service

Family Fitness has developed a new tool that will help us better meet the health and wellness needs of Oneida employees. We provide a variety of programs and services to include: fitness and wellness screenings, educational health presentations, stress management, and hands on activity sessions.

Effective January 2008, fill out the RFS-OFF available on the intranet and submit. It's that simple! Help improve the health, teamwork and morale of your employees and take advantage of this new service today!



Photo courtesy of Adam Brown

That's right, Active For Life is here again! This fun program runs from February 3 through March 29. It's not too late to join in and get a shot at winning some great door prizes. Simply call Oneida Family Fitness at 920-490-3730 or email [familyfitness@oneidanation.org](mailto:familyfitness@oneidanation.org) for details. Active For Life is an 8 week employee wellness program that helps motivate you to get moving and remain "active for life". By joining this free program, you will get educational articles and if you meet your weekly goals, you will be eligible to win prizes! Don't miss out, join today!

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The Oneida Family Fitness (OFF) staff is here to serve you! If you haven't been to the Fitness Center lately, please stop in and get acquainted with the staff! The office is located at:  
2640 West Point • Green Bay, WI Phone: (920) 490-3730.  
Look for **O.F.F. highlights** once a month in the Kali.

## Tae Kwon Do testing at OFF

More than 25 martial arts students recently tested for rank at Oneida Family Fitness. Some of the students had been training for only a few months, while others have years of experience under their belts.

In order to progress in the Korean art of Tae Kwon Do, participants must demonstrate skills with kicks, punches, blocks, self defense, sparring, and even board breaking! On top of all the physical requirements, a Tae Kwon Do practitioner must also adhere to the TKD tenets, which are courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self control and indomitable spirit.

Martial Arts instructor, Adam Brown says, "it's

important to realize that we don't teach people how to fight. We strive for our students to learn how to avoid situations where fighting might be necessary. This is done through practicing the ABC's of self defense:

**A** means awareness, keeping aware of where you are and noticing potential trouble before it arises.

**B** means boundaries, setting a safe perimeter around your body by using your voice coupled with non-threatening, yet assertive body language.

**C** stands for combat. This is the final, last resort for the martial artist. We only go to combat when all other methods fail, and even then

the student is taught to do only what is truly necessary to get out of a threatening situation."

Special congratulations go out to all Oneida Tae Kwon Do students for their efforts.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Martial Arts program at Oneida Family Fitness, simply stop by or call 920-490-3730 for more information.



# Starting up the Oneida Community Band

**Submitted by Beth Bashara**  
Director of the Oneida Nation Arts Program

you are currently playing or haven't played in years, we welcome you to a join us in making music.


Rehearsals are Tuesday nights, March 4 through April 8 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at the Oneida Nation Elementary School, N7125 Seminary Road, Oneida. Conducting the band is Roger Ronowski. The group will perform a concert on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in Oneida following the six rehearsals.

We are looking for players of band instruments including, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, french horns, baritones, trombones, tubas, and drums.

Music selections will be easy enough for people who haven't played for many years but fun enough for everyone to enjoy. We welcome students, adults and elders.

For more information or if you need an instrument, please contact Beth at **920-490-3833**.

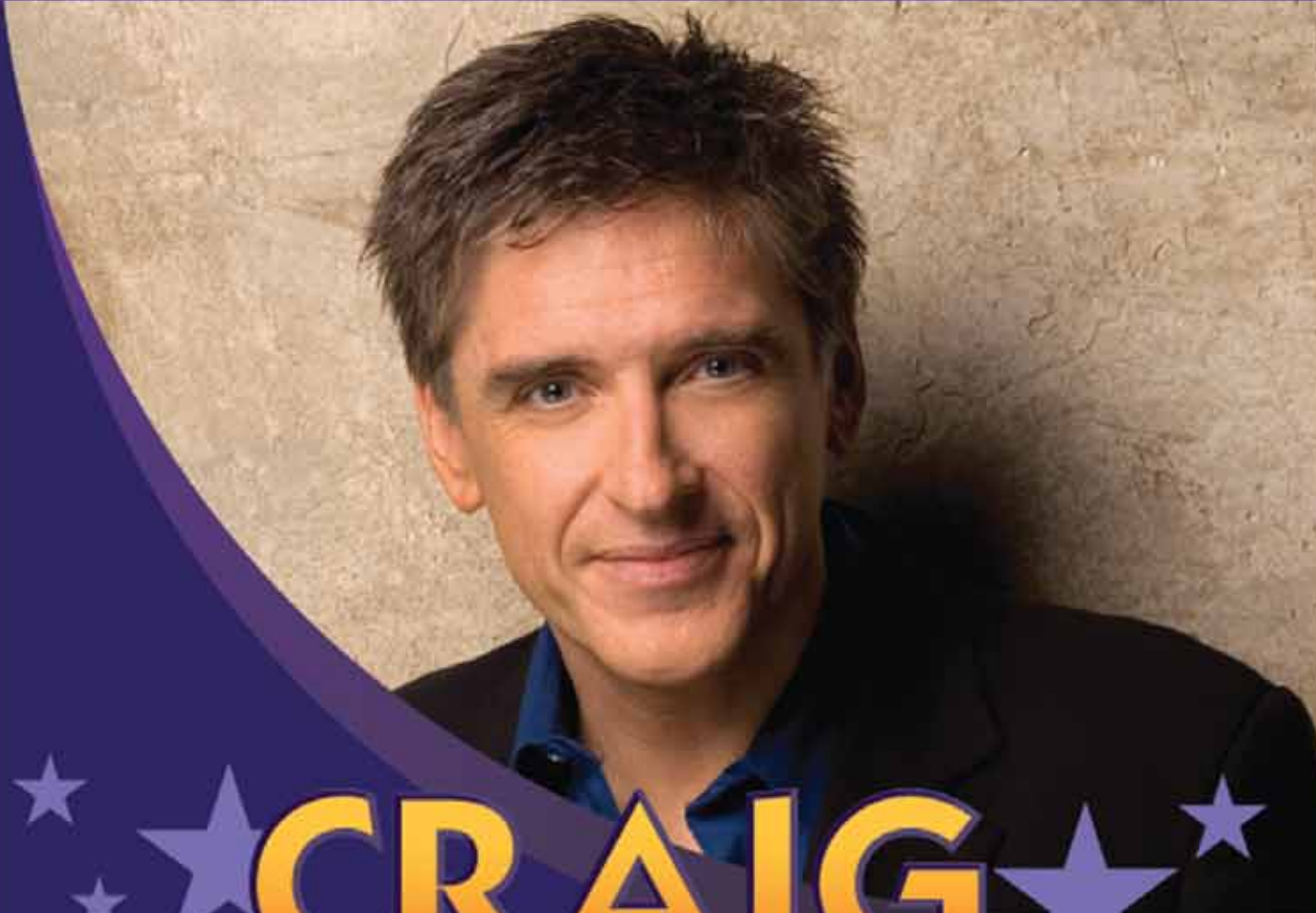
# Healthy Heart Event at OFF



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Eric Frantz leads a yoga class demonstration during the Oneida Family Fitness Healthy Heart Event on Saturday, February 9.

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# Second Annual Silent Auction of Student Art

**Submitted by Sara Summers**  
Oneida Nation Museum

nine pieces were sold, with the highest bidding piece netting \$75. All proceeds from the auction went directly to the artists just in time for their holiday spending! The Museum staff would like to thank Becky Anderson, the student-artists and the community for supporting this lively event.

**Student-Artists:** Nick Cantu, Kyle Dunlap, Luanne Funmaker, Kylene Hill, Lakwako McLester, Yuntle McLester, Ashley Ninham, Kyle White



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Students from the Oneida Nation High School created artwork that was displayed at the Oneida Nation Museum and sold at a silent auction.

# Fiddler on the Roof at PHS




Photo courtesy of Amy Tubbs, Pulaski High School

Pulaski High School will stage the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" featuring Oneida member Lauren Hoeft as Golde, left, the wife of Tevye played by fellow student actor Andy Borzych. The musical tells the story of Tevye and his family in pre-World War I Russia and features songs such as "Tradition" and "If I Were a Rich Man." Show times are: Saturday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 17, 1:30 matinee, Saturday, February 23 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 24, 1:30 matinee. Tickets available at the Pulaski High School Office. All Seats Reserved - Admission \$6.



# Environmental

## Privileged use of land, natural resources deemed 'Tragedy of the Commons'

By Bill Koonz

Specialist—Environmental Protection

Reservations are owned collectively by their Tribal members.

Reservation resources are owned and ideally shared equally by all those who belong to the Tribe. Land use within a reservation should be equally available to all Tribal members. Privileged use results in "Tragedy of the Commons" where one person takes more than his or her share of a commonly owned resource at the expense of those with equal rights to that available resource. The issue is respect, sharing, and not abusing authority or inside knowledge.

It is exciting to visit newly acquired properties. Seeing them for the first time is rewarding and provides an opportunity for planning future use activities. Visiting these properties at the time of

finalizing their purchase is usually inappropriate, especially if that visit includes hunting, ATV riding, and/or abuse of the land. In some cases the purchase is not known by the Conservation Department for several days and laws governing use of that land have not yet been put into place. Even when the closure information is known, it takes time for signs and directions to be planned, installed, and implemented. Increasingly, lands are being traversed by ATV's and used for hunting before the less informed tribal members are aware that it has been purchased.

The options are to abuse a privilege verses respecting the land, the former land owner(s), their neighbors, Tribal laws, and Tribal members lacking inside information. The reality is that this type of exploitation results in

a lack of respect on the parts of tribal members and the surrounding non-tribal member community, especially the former owners and his or her neighbors. It also sets a precedent which translates into more land regulations to ensure that lands do not continue to be degraded. For those tribal members lacking knowledge of an upcoming purchase, it means that they will not be able to visit the newly purchased sites before they have been exploited by those who have access to privileged information. This results in frustration and a feeling of inequality on the parts of tribal members outside the informed group.

Access, lack of respect, and damages caused by those who disturb and degrade the environmental integrity of properties prior to Tribal laws and management strategies being implemented are not moving

the Tribe forward. These activities result in a lack of respect for the land, for those who have inside information, and for those who are charged with managing that land.

Those who abuse their power at the expense of the resource and fellow Tribal members are contributing to dissension among the general public and a loss of respect for the land and natural resources so highly regarded by the Tribe. A continuation of this abuse of privilege and disregard for applicable land use legislation will increase the frustration levels of those lacking privilege. This group will become less supportive of land use regulations and of those who attempt to enforce those regulations.

For more information on wildlife or environmental issues contact [bkoonz@oneidanation.org](mailto:bkoonz@oneidanation.org) or at 920-496-5350.

## OFF offers class on Basic Wilderness Survival Skills

Basic wilderness survival skills are essential when exploring the great outdoors. The skills taught in this class will help you develop the confidence you need to get out and explore. This class could be a great activity for a parent and child or any interested individual. An experiential or hands on teaching approach will be used to learn these basic survival skills. Basic instruction will be provided on the following 7 Survival Priorities.

1. Positive Mental Attitude  
Fear, Pain, Cold, Thirst,

Hunger, Fatigue, Boredom and Loneliness are all potential concerns that may impact your attitude in a survival situation.

2. First Aid- How to Prevent and Treat Dehydration, Hypothermia are two important First Aid skills to learn.

3. Shelter- Learn how to build a survival shelter using only the surrounding resources.

4. Fire -Building a fire is an essential survival skill to have; learn some fire building basic's along

with some natural fire starting materials. Use flint and steel to start a fire!

5. Signaling-Learning how to attract attention to yourself is an important skill that will be covered during the class.

6. Water- Treating and collecting water are essential skills to have in any outdoor adventure activity. It can be a critical survival skill.

7. Food- Learn how to identify some edible foods.

Classes will be offered on Wednesday's at: Oneida

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

3 week session: March 5, 12, 19, class times are: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. cost is \$20.00 for Tribal Members/employees/fitness center members: \$40.00 for Non-Members for one 3 week session.

Adults and ages 12 and up invited to register. Space is limited so contact Kip Miller 920-490-3810 [KMiller@oneidanation.org](mailto:KMiller@oneidanation.org) or Mark Steinbach at 920-490-3846 [Msteinba@oneidanation.org](mailto:Msteinba@oneidanation.org)

## Yellow Bird-Stevens, hired as Injury Prevention Coordinator

Greetings,

My Name is Brandon Yellow Bird-Stevens and I have been recently hired as your Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Environmental, Health and Safety Division. My duties are to provide education to the community to reduce the occurrence of injury on the reservation. Some of the programs that have been associated with the Injury Prevention Program in the past were: Bike Safety Week, Elder Fall Prevention, Fire Safety, Car Seat Check and Public Health Week. One of the upcoming events that I am involved with is the "Tribal Youth Leadership and Suicide Prevention Conference." This is a forum for youth that educates them about Suicide and other struggles they face. The Injury Prevention Program will be dedicated to the safety and well-being of the Oneida Nation. A big part of this program is education and I would



**Brandon Yellow Bird-Stevens**

like to extend the offer to the people of Oneida in assisting the Injury Prevention Program's mission to improve the safety of our community. All feedback from the community for ways to improve the program and our community will be helpful.

Look for the upcoming Environmental Health and Safety Newsletter coming out in March! The EHS Newsletter is filled with activities and updates regarding our reservation's resources. Take part in conserving our Mother Earth by staying informed of the upcoming information and events relating to our environment.

Please call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns dealing with the safety of our community at (920) 496-5357, [bstevens@oneidanation.org](mailto:bstevens@oneidanation.org)

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Education

Fly me to the moon...

By Margo Reiter

MNN Reporter/Copy Editor

While some youth dream of flying a rocket to the moon, Bowler and Gresham Middle School students and parents are using their straw rockets to learn how.

Through a one-year grant, the College of Menominee Nation developed "Family Math & Science Night" with a dual purpose in mind - to inspire children in the areas of math and science, and increase parent participation through activities they can do at home as a family unit.

The evening family time is spent having a meal together and learning about rockets, symmetry, and basic algebra all while filled with laughter and fun.

Straw rocket races and math games are just a couple of things done on-site and the fun doesn't stop there. At the end of each session, CMN provides the parents with take-home packets of activities they can do with



Photo courtesy of Alpha Creapeau

Participants in the Family Math and Science Night take part in fun learning activities

their children in the comfort of their own home.

Since the on-set of this project, CMN has been warmly welcomed into two of the area schools. "We hold sessions three times at each school," said Alpha Creapeau, CMN Developmental & Preparatory Program Director, "(we) let them (the schools) pick the dates, what is the best time dependent

upon what is going on."

For Bowler School, a parent evening for the lower grade students coinciding with the CMN Family Night helped to bring in approximately 40 middle school youth and their parents for participation.

At Gresham Middle School, science teachers offered their students extra class credit for attending the evening activity.

"We put together a survey for the kids," said Creapeau, "and the kids were very positive. Gresham was so large (with over 80 in attendance) that they did their survey in school and sent us the results."

This grant funded project made possible by the American Indian Higher

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Fly me to the Moon

Native American Journalism Career Conference

The ninth annual Native American Journalism Career Conference, the largest Native student journalism program of its kind in the country, will be held April 22-24, 2008, at Crazy Horse Memorial (www.crazy-horse.org) in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The past eight conferences have attracted nearly 900 Native students from high schools and colleges in the upper Midwest and the western United States.

Experienced journalists – many of them Native American – mentor the students on the basic skills and

practices of journalism, including writing and photography. South Dakota native Al Neuharth, founder of USA TODAY and the Freedom Forum, will be the opening speaker the evening of April 22 in the visitor center at Crazy Horse, where all activities are held.

Teachers and advisers who are interested in organizing student groups to attend the conference must register in advance. Contact Janine Harris, manager of the Al Neuharth Media Center, 605-677-5424 or jharris@freedomforum.org. The registration deadline is March 31,

2008.

Lodging, meals and conference participation are free to students and their teachers. Some travel assistance is available.

"This conference introduces and promotes journalism as a career path for Native youth who otherwise might not consider it," said Jack Marsh, Freedom Forum vice president and one of the conference founders. "Natives are the most under-represented group in America's newsrooms. Quality news organizations that value a diverse workforce are eager to hire Native journalists and

improve the coverage of Indian Country, Native people and Native issues. When the diversity of a newsroom reflects the diversity of the community it serves, the news coverage is fairer and richer."

The conference is funded by the Freedom Forum and co-sponsored by the South Dakota Newspaper Association, the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, the Native American Journalists Association and the journalism programs at South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota.

Deadline drawing near for AICCW Scholarship opportunity

AICCW (American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin) prides itself on taking a spherical approach to wealth building in our community. We believe that this circle would be incomplete if we neglected to invest in our generations to come. Ensuring that our young people are able to attain an education means we will perpetuate a continuous flow of people who are equipped and committed to being of service to their Nations. This is why we have made a commitment to offering academic scholar-

ships to American Indian students seeking higher education. Over the last ten years we have disbursed over \$155,000 and helped 87 students realize their academic dreams.

AICCW scholarships are distributed to American Indian students who reside in Wisconsin, both on and off reservation. These students must demonstrate a high aptitude for academic achievement and a financial need. Students that are awarded the AICCW scholarship receive up to \$2,000 each academic

year (\$1000 per semester) to offset student expenses including tuition, books, and living expenses. Each year, over 30 students apply for the AICCW Scholarship.

AICCW also works with Brewer Foundation and the UW-Oshkosh School of Business to award the Brewer Foundation scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 and the H. Dersken & Sons/UW-Oshkosh Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 to a deserving UW-Oshkosh student majoring in business. Other funding for the AICCW Scholarship Program comes from AICCW Chamber Members, local foundations and businesses, and AICCW events including the Annual Golf Outing and Annual Banquet.

**Deadline:** 2008-2009 applications must be postmarked by April 18, 2008.

**Eligibility**

- American Indian Student with proof of enrollment;
- Have graduated from an accredited secondary school or have passed a recognized equivalency examination;
- Wisconsin resident with proof of residency;
- Must be accepted/or in good standing (3.0 GPA or above) at a four-year college, or accepted/or in good standing in a graduate or PhD program;
- Must be enrolled on a full time basis (undergraduate: 12 or more credits, graduate: 9 or more credits).

**Notification**

Scholarship applications will be reviewed in late April and

recipients will be notified by phone or email by May 30, 2008, and through a congratulatory letter sent by AICCW via US Mail. All scholarship recipients are required to attend the AICCW Annual Banquet to be held on Friday, June 20, 2008, at the Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to receive their award.

**Application Procedure**

- Only complete applications will be considered.
- AICCW will not accept late applications.
- Scholarship applications are accepted by US Mail only.
- No applications will be returned.

**Responsibility of Scholarship Recipient**

- Must meet application deadline with complete application.
- Student must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Students must carry sufficient credits to maintain full-time status.
- Students must forward a copy of their grades to AICCW at the end of the semester prior to the next scholarship disbursement.
- Students must also forward a copy of their class enrollment for the semester in which they are receiving funds.
- AICCW scholarships must be used for educational purposes.
- Scholarships will not be renewed. Recipients must complete a new application each academic year to be considered for funding.

**Application checklist**

Scholarship Opportunities

Loretta V. Metoxen Education Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minority Health Care Scholarship Program

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

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

Scholarships are available in the areas of:

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

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

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

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Trust Scholarship

The Oneida Trust Scholarship was established as a financial resource to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher education opportunities.

The Trust Scholarship is targeted to applicants who are in need of fulfilling college entrance requirements in order to become official accepted into an accredited post-secondary education institution.

The scholarship can assist with: Required prerequisite credited classes, post-graduate preparation and admission exams, such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT or related preparatory course work.

The Trust Committee respectfully request that all recipients of this scholarship keep in mind the prospect of returning to the Oneida Tribe to share their acquired knowledge, experience, and education.

Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, be in academic good standing (2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students).

The Trust Scholarship is a one-time scholarship up to \$2,500.

For an application, contact the Higher Education Office at **920-869-4033** or **800-236-2214 x 4033**.

institution of higher education:

- Letter of acceptance for entering students.
- Current enrollment at institution of higher education.
- Proof of Wisconsin residency (please submit one):
- Employee photo identification card issued by your current employer, containing your employer's name and address. Your employer's telephone number may be required for verification.
- Pay check or stub with your name and Wisconsin address, and your employer's name and address. Your employer's telephone number may be required for verification.
- A utility bill for water, gas, electricity or land-line telephone service at least 30 days old.
- An account statement at least 30 days old from a Wisconsin financial institution. The account statement must show activity.
- Certified school record or transcript.
- Headshot of applicant.

**Questions?**

Please contact Alyssa Macy at AICCW for questions regarding the Scholarship Program at **414-604-2044** or **alyssa@aiccw.org**.

Send completed application to:

**American Indian Chamber of Commerce of WI**  
**Attn: Scholarship Program**  
**10809 W. Lincoln Ave, #102**  
**West Allis, WI 53227**



# T' Thunderhawk

## A Look at ONHS Lacrosse From the Inside

**By Josh Skenandore**  
ONHS Junior

If you're going to survive the game, you've got to learn some of the important ways of mastering tricks and several maneuvers for sneaking through a pile of big nasty guys that are just waiting for you to come their way so that when you're least expecting it...

BAM! You get slammed and see flashes or blue little dots and you just sit there for a couple seconds before you find out that you were "taken out" and you're in a place where it's stop or get back in the game.

Then, you work your way to the person that laid that hit on you, trying to do the same thing to him but making it look professional.

These are just some of the things that happen in MLL (Major League Lacrosse).

At ONHS, we play "just to play." We've had lunch time lacrosse going for a couple of months now.

This spring, will be the first time ONHS will have an actual lacrosse team, playing for the school as a "club sport."

You might think that we'd start out nice and easy but that isn't what it's going to be. All of our games are



THT photo/Mike Stevens

Thunderhawk students play a little box lacrosse and bring the game to the spectators during their lunch hour on Tuesday, February 12. The young athletes are getting ready for the spring club sport.

against schools that are more experienced. But guys in our 100-some-student school aren't worried because we play lacrosse and we are good at it.

One of our coaches will be Language and Culture teacher, Sonny Hill, who is something of a lacrosse legend. He has played the game since he was seven years old or so.

Conditioning is going to

be important for our team to have success. If we get conditioned and ready, we should stand a good chance against other schools.

Lacrosse has been in North America for a very long time. It's now just getting popular in college's across the country.

But lacrosse has a great history behind it. Lacrosse was played traditionally by Native American tribes

all—from the West to the East and from the North to the South. It should be pretty popular at ONHS.

school is cool, it would be wise to get your work done now instead of waiting to the last minute and not being able to graduate. Better yet, you may find yourself ready to finish up halfway through your senior year and ready to do something else.

## A Little More on Lacrosse

**By Louis Guerra**  
ONHS Junior

Like most of the students here at ONHS, I personally love to play lacrosse at lunch time. It's something I, and every other player, looks forward to on "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. This is one of the traditional purposes for playing lacrosse.

The lunch time competition is also helping us prepare for the upcoming lacrosse season this spring when ONHS organizes a team to play other high schools as a club sport.

### ONHS Lunch Time Lacrosse Standings Through Week Six

1st place	Lakwaho McLester, capt.	9 points	4 Wins, 1 Loss, 1 Tie
2nd place	Kyle White, capt.	8 points	4 Wins, 2 Losses, 0 Ties
3rd place	Michael Stevens, capt.	8 points	3 Wins, 1 Loss, 2 Ties
4th place	Eddy Santiago, capt.	7 points	3 Wins, 2 Losses, 1 Tie
5th place	Cameron Stevens, capt.	5 points	2 Wins, 3 Losses, 1 Tie
6th place	Louis Guerra, capt.	5 points	2 Wins, 3 Losses, 1 Tie
7th place	Billy Webster, capt.	3 points	1 Win, 4 Losses, 1 Tie
8th place	Cody Grignon, capt.	2 points	1 Win, 5 Losses, 0 Ties

## A peek into the life of a Wal-Mart worker

**By RaeAnne Funmaker**  
Thunderhawk Times editor

At times, a day at Wal-Mart can be just like any other work day. Then, again, there are days full of action and excitement.

To add a little pizzaz to my work day (and their experience as a Wal-Mart customer, I hope), I like to ask the customers in my check out line if they had a "fun and exciting

shopping experience."

During the holidays, it gets really out of hand. Cart crashes could jump out at you from any corner. One day, there was even a big ruckus in the Wal-Mart Subway when a man gave way to gravity. (I don't have any facts to prove it, but I think the guy could have been nipping on some of gramp's old cough medicine.)

Then, we can't forget about

all the wacky, batty, charismatic, ludicrous, mysterious, facetious, and down-right silly customers that come on through my line.

So although not a life long career choice it's a very interesting working experience.

## Meet THT writer, Nicole

**By Brittany Bateman**  
ONHS senior

So, you wanna know about Nicole Godfrey, eh?

Well, here's a little story about her.

Nicole Marie Godfrey who was born on Sept.30,1989 to parents Nina Delgado-Mares and Jay Godfrey.

Now, Nicole is a junior at Oneida Nation High School. She has been enrolled in the Oneida Nation School System for nine years.

Her favorite classes at



Nicole Godfrey

ONHS are "Horticulture and Consumer Math."

In her spare time, she likes to listen to Reggaeton, R&B, and Rap music. Her favorite band is "Xtreme."

Other things you should know about her is that her super hero is Spiderman. Also, her favorite color is red. What she likes on her pizza is "onions, green peppers and sausage."

Finally, in her future she would like to go to Martin's College of Cosmetology.

## My Scoop

### Vote for Obama

**By Truman Powless**

ONHS Senior

Wisconsin's presidential primary is coming up next week, on Tuesday, February 19. With Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama in a tie for delegates, your vote could be the one that really counts.

As an eighteen year old myself, I would vote for Barack Obama. Why? Because he's black, making him the very first black president in our nation's history. It's time for a different perspective.

I would also tell others to vote for Obama.

Obama is the winner In an unofficial poll of all students and of other eighteen year olds in our journalism class as well.

## Grass Dancing: A Proud Family Tradition Carries On

**By Paul Gutierrez**

ONHS junior

I am 17 and I am a grass dancer. I like going to powwows. And I also sing at powwows.

I like dancing. It keeps me in shape and I get to meet a lot of new people.

There are a lot of people from other races who come up to you and take pictures and ask a lot of questions.

Dancing is a lot of fun. It gets addicting. Well, that's what I think anyway.

The whole reason I started was because of my dad the late, great Paul Richard Anthony "Polo" Gutierrez, Jr. He was a fancy dancer and also a grass dancer. Then, my older brothers, Anthony and Daniel, became grass dancers. So, that's who else I should thank for my being a grass dancer. And, since my brothers and I are grass dancers, my little brothers, Terrill and Avery, will likely both become grass dancers also.

## New Faces at ONHS

**By Luanne Funmaker**

ONHS senior

During the years, ONHS has seen many new student faces. This year, as the second semester started, we have seen six new faces: John and Ashley Callahan, Cole Metoxen, Miranda Nicholas, Levander and Tyler Pamanet, Leah Pociopa and Louis White. Our student population now sits at 99, including all students.

We'll introduce to all of these new students over the next few issues. Today, we'll start with Tyler and Louis.

Tyler Lee Pamanet is a sixteen-year old junior coming straight to ONHS from the Pulaski school system, where he went for five years. He also attended Martin Luther King elementary in Green Bay. He went to the Turtle School in kindergarten and first grade. Tyler was born July 18, 1991. His mom is Virginia Peltier. With a famous last name like that, the question had to be asked. "No relation" to the famous Leonard Peltier that he knows of, Tyler said.

Tyler came to ONHS, he said, because he "wanted to." He said he lives "down the road" from the school. Tyler's favorite color is

blue. He drives a Black Durango (his mom's). His favorite sports and "basketball n baseball."

He has seven siblings, "four brothers and three sisters." he's the oldest.

He is three-quarters Oneida and one-quarter Menominee. He knows how to count to ten in Oneida. He's a member of the Wolf Clan.

He was hoping that the Patriots would win the Super Bowl.

Louis White is also sixteen years old. He came to ONHS from Green Bay West where he went for a year and a half. He has also gone to school at Green Bay East, St. Thomas Moore and Fort Howard Elementary. He came to ONHS because he "shadowed here once and really liked it."

His favorite sports are football and basketball.

Louis has one brother and two sisters. He's the second youngest. His mom is Mary White. His dad is Troy Thomas.

His favorite color is green.

Louis is Wolf Clan, he thinks.

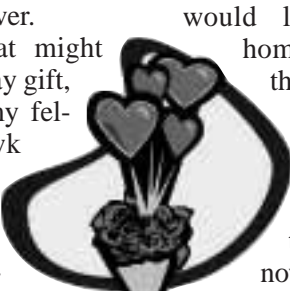
He was hoping the Giants would win the Super Bowl, which they did.



Tyler Pamanet



Louis White





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To register for the exam, applicants must complete an on-line questionnaire and indicate the testing date and time they prefer. To complete this questionnaire, applicants should:

- Log onto the Wiscjobs web site at [wiscjobs.state.wi.us](http://wiscjobs.state.wi.us). After logging in and viewing the State Trooper and Inspector Job Announcement (08-00191), click "Apply Now." Applicants will be asked to provide personal information and then complete the on-line questionnaire
- Or call toll-free 1-877-205-7739 or 608-267-4593 and request the questionnaire.

After completing the questionnaire, applicants will receive information on what to expect the day of the exam. They also will be directed to an application and release form, which must be downloaded and brought to the exam. Applicants also must bring an official copy of high school and college transcripts and two to four letters of recommendation. Veterans must bring a copy of their DD-214 discharge form.

This recruitment will be used to fill approximately 20 to 25 trooper and inspector vacancies throughout the state. Successful candidates will receive a salary plus meals and lodging while training at the State Patrol Academy beginning July 20, 2008.

Recruits who successfully complete the rigorous 21-weeks of training will be sworn in as either troopers or inspectors when they graduate. The starting annual salary for a trooper or inspector is \$38,195 along with excellent state employee health insurance, retirement and other benefits.

*For more information about the qualifications for becoming a State Patrol trooper or inspector, check the WisDOT Web site at [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/) (use the top hits link to "Jobs").*

**The State Patrol is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.**

## See the language website

We encourage everyone to become involved in the Oneida Language. Remember that every word you learn and speak becomes a part of keeping the Oneida Language alive. Please visit our website at: <http://language.oneidanation.org/about/history>

## Public Hearing

### Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice *Purpose:*

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

**When: March 04, 2008**

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

**Time: 11:30AM**

### Oneida Nation Public Hearing Notice

*Purpose:*

**General Tribal Council  
Meeting Stipend Payment  
Policy**

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

**When: March 04, 2008**

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

**Time: 11:30AM**

### Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:

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

**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](mailto:phuff@oneidanation.org) Or call 1-800-236-2214 or 869-4376. The Legislative Reference Office fax number is 1-920-869-4399.

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## 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

### Oneida Personnel Commission: Three (3) Vacancies

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe
- The entire combined membership may not consist of more than two (2) members from any one division of the Oneida Tribe, nor less than seven (7) community members
- Shall Serve a full term of 3 Years

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## 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.

## Committee Vacancies

### 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 Commisions listed here is no later than Thursday, March 13, 2008.**

### Recka & Joannes Attys Immigration

Joe Recka Atty  
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or

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# 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!



### Ayanna Rayne O'Kimosh

Ayanna Rayne O'Kimosh was born at the Shawano Medical center in Shawano, Wisconsin on Friday, January 11, 2008 to proud parents Michelle Bailey and Jerri O'Kimosh. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 18 inches long. The proud paternal grandparents are Renee and Forrest O'Kimosh. Proud maternal grandmother is Mary Ann Webster. She was welcomed by her older sister, LaRissa O'Kimosh.

Jennecia Virginia Jaimes was born to proud parents Joaquin and Jennifer Jaimes. She was 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 19 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Debra Summers and Keith Moore and the paternal grandparents are Hermilo Jaimes and Ma de Jesus Benitez. The maternal great grandparents are Arlene and the late Edward Summers and the late Dave and Bernice Moore. The paternal great grandparents are Norberto Jaimes and Juanita Sanchez and J. Jesus Benitez and Catarina Plata.



### Jennecia Virginia Jaimes

Jennecia Virginia Jaimes was born to proud parents Joaquin and Jennifer Jaimes. She was 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 19 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Debra Summers and Keith Moore and the paternal grandparents are Hermilo Jaimes and Ma de Jesus Benitez. The maternal great grandparents are Arlene and the late Edward Summers and the late Dave and Bernice Moore. The paternal great grandparents are Norberto Jaimes and Juanita Sanchez and J. Jesus Benitez and Catarina Plata.

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## Congratulations

To my son,  
**Brent Huff**  
on getting all A's 2nd semester! I'm so proud of ya! Keep up the good work!



Love Mom

## Congratulations

**Congrats to Snooks (Kieuria Kallio)**  
For being accepted into the United States Sports Ambassadors Program to represent your country in bowling. Good Luck in Vienna, Austria at the Youth Friendship Games. We are all so proud of you!



Love Mom, Dad, Grandma Vicki, Grandpa Bernie, Uncle Justin, and Nashville

## Congratulations

To my Baby,  
**Terrence Huff**  
on getting all A's 2nd Semester and for talking 3rd in a chess tournament I Fargo N.D. I'm so proud of you! Keep up the good work.



Love Mom

## Happy 4th Birthday

**Davey!**  
on February 7th



Love, Mommy and Daddy

## Happy Birthday

**Happy belated birthday**  
on January 9th  
7 Letters, 3 Words,  
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## Happy Birthday

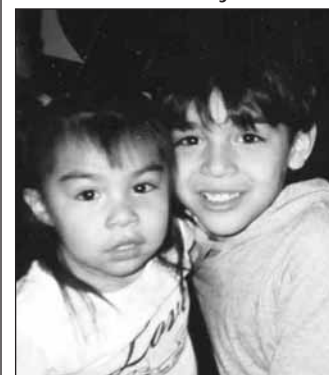
**Larry**  
My "Sweetie"



Love you always  
Mary and all the kids.  
We love you dearly!!

## Happy Birthday

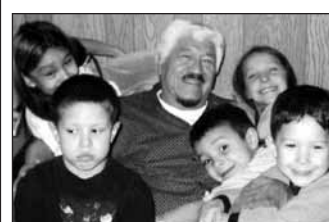
**Happy 2nd B Day to Mama's lil Princess Asaylea**  
on February 9  
and to my lil man **Adrian**  
on February 15



I love you so much.  
Love, Mama and Lonzo

## Happy Birthday

**"Lar Paw"**



Love you: Hayley,  
Clearwater, Alex, Felicia  
& Quin

## Happy Birthday

**Happy Belated 22nd Birthday**  
on January 18th  
Stay Strong Bro &  
Congrats on your firstborn!



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## Happy 1st Birthday

**Tierra Marie Parker**  
"Princess"  
on February 20th



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## Congratulations

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# Health

## Preserve Oneida traditions for health of community

Having always had a great interest and respect for Native American culture my first contact with Native Americans was when I volunteered at the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota during the 1960 ‘s.

My association with the Oneida Tribe for the past several years has allowed me to learn a lot more about the Native American people, their suffering under European occupation, confiscation of their land, their culture and traditions.

The Oneida’s traditional respect for nature and creation predates all efforts of the rest of the world in the field of “conservation” and earth pollution.

I admire their efforts to maintain their language: historic buildings, paintings and sculptures from ancient times can be reproduced with such excellence that even the greatest experts can hardly distinguish between the original and the copy; but when a language disappears, it is gone for ever and will it never again reappear on this earth!

Language is a true expression of culture, soul and tradition!

The Oneidas effort to preserve their language is to be commended and I hope that the Oneida youth will take pride in their Native language and fully and enthusiastically participate in its “rebirth” and preservation.

The restoration of Native American traditions in daily life as well as in Tribal orga-

nizations and judicial system go hand in hand with preservation of language and culture.

There is one area that is of particular interest to me and it is the preservation of Native American healing and knowledge of medicinal plants; in his book about “American Indian Medicine” Virgil Vogel has nothing but laudatory comments for the shamans knowledge of medicinal plants that exceeded the knowledge of European doctors.

Recently, the Canadian Journal of Urology (a peer reviewed internationally recognized medical journal) published the case of a man with prostate cancer who failed to respond to any modern treatment but whose PSA dropped dramatically with the use of a tea formulated by the Ojibwa! Sagard in the 17th century was convinced that “the Indian way of life was conducive to serenity and the avoidance of tensions which plagued the whites.”

Hopefully the Native American medical knowledge accumulated and tested over the centuries will be preserved, its effectiveness demonstrated and incorporated in modern medicine.

We all have so much to learn from the Native American ancestors.

Let us work very hard and diligently to preserve the great Oneida traditions.

By Joseph E. Binard, MD,  
FRCS(C), Urologist



## An Ounce of Prevention is worth a Pound of Cure

Submitted by Dawn Krines Glatt

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention

A proactive approach in taking care of our health and

preventing disease includes regular checkups and screenings. Have you ever been unsure though, of just which screenings you should have and how often you should

have them? Here are the guidelines presented in the UC Berkeley Wellness Letter. More information is available at [www.WellnessLetter.com](http://www.WellnessLetter.com).

If you have specific questions about which preventive services are appropriate for you, talk to your physician.

### Preventive services for healthy adults

These are the major screening tests (that is, routine tests for people without symptoms). Our advice is based largely on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Medicare and many insurers cover nearly all of these services. *Infants, children, and pregnant women need other kinds of preventive care not described here.* For full articles, go to our website, [www.WellnessLetter.com](http://www.WellnessLetter.com).

SERVICE	WHO NEEDS	HOW OFTEN	COMMENTS
Blood pressure measurement (to detect hypertension)	All adults.	Once every 2 years for those with normal blood pressure.	More frequently for those over 60 and anyone with readings over 120/80.
Cholesterol measurement (including HDL, LDL, and triglycerides)	All adults.	Once every 5 years. More often if any results are abnormal or there are other risk factors.	Those at high risk for heart disease need medical advice about lifestyle changes and possibly drug therapy.
Pap test (for early detection of cervical cancer)	All women, starting within 3 years of becoming sexually active, no later than age 21.	Annually until age 30. After 30, if 3 consecutive tests are normal, once every 2 to 3 years, unless a woman smokes or has multiple sex partners or other risk factors.	Women 70 and over who have had normal recent results can stop being screened, unless they are at high risk. Women who have had their cervix removed do not need to be tested.
Breast cancer screening (mammography)	All women 50 and over; those at higher risk need to start earlier.	Annually.	Certain women at high risk should also have annual MRI scans starting at 30. Clinical breast exams are important, too—consult your doctor.
Colorectal cancer screening (fecal occult blood test, sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy)	Everyone 50 and over; earlier for those at high risk.	Occult blood test annually plus sigmoidoscopy every 5 years. Or preferably colonoscopy every 10 years.	X-ray with barium enema or CT (“virtual”) colonoscopy may also be done. Those with abnormal results need more frequent colonoscopies.
Prostate cancer screening (prostate specific antigen, or PSA, test; digital rectal exam, or DRE)	Black men and those with family history of prostate cancer, starting at age 40. For others, DRE, and possibly PSA, starting at 50.	DRE annually; PSA on professional advice.	Routine PSA screening for all men remains controversial. Discuss with your doctor.
Diabetes screening (fasting blood glucose test)	Everyone 45 and older; earlier for those at high risk.	Every 2 to 3 years.	Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, obese people, and those with a strong family history need more frequent screening, starting at age 30.
Thyroid disease screening	Women 50 and over; those with high cholesterol, family history, or other risk factors.	On professional advice.	Routine screening remains controversial. Talk to your doctor about risk factors.
Bone-density testing	Women 65 and over; younger women at high risk for bone loss; men at high risk.	On professional advice.	Risk factors include being small-bodied, sedentary, a heavy drinker, or a smoker, or having a personal or family history of osteoporosis.
Chlamydia screening	Sexually active women 24 and younger; older women at increased risk (such as multiple partners).	Annually, or more often.	Men who have unprotected sex should also be tested.
Glaucoma screening	People at high risk: those over 65, very nearsighted, or diabetic; blacks over 40; those with family history of glaucoma.	On professional advice of eye specialist.	Benefits of routine screening remain unproven. Still, most eye specialists advise testing all adults 40 and over every 3 to 5 years.
Abdominal aortic aneurysm (ultrasound)	Men 65 to 75 who ever smoked (at least 100 cigarettes lifetime).	Once.	Some experts think women 65 to 75 who smoked and anyone over 75 who smoked should also be tested.
Dental checkup	All adults.	Every 6 months, or on professional advice.	Should include cleaning and exam for oral cancer.

## From Page 3B/Fly me to the moon

Education Consortium, N.A.S.A., and National Science Foundation includes four area schools within the service area of College of Menominee Nation - Bowler, Gresham, Menominee Indian Middle, and Menominee Tribal Schools.

"We have visited two schools thus far, Bowler and Gresham and had great turnouts at each school," said Creapeau, "Parents had as much fun as students."

Another incentive for those families who attend the evening is the grand prize, a

new computer and printer. For attending the family night, participants are awarded one entry ticket with the winners to be announced in late April.

Two schools yet to plan a family night with CMN is the Menominee Indian Middle

School and Menominee Tribal School which Creapeau hopes to finalize soon, so look for flyers to come home with your children.

A request by the CMN Prep Program to reprint in *Kalihwisaks* was approved. Article was recently published in the *Menominee Nation News*.

## It's NOT too late to get your Flu shot!!

Submitted by Jenny Jorgensen, RN, BSN  
Community Health Department

If you have not already gotten your 2007-2008 influenza vaccine, it's not too late!! We have completed our 5th week of influenza season in the United States and we have not even hit the “peak” season yet. The Oneida Health Center still has many doses of the flu shots for ages 4 and older.

Everyone is recommended to receive the influenza vaccine yearly to protect yourself and family against influenza. If you have not attended one of our community clinics or received one at your doctor appointment, please schedule an appointment today at 869-2711 or attend one of our walk-in immunization clinics held throughout the month of February on Tuesdays from 1-4pm in the Community Health Department.

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

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

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

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

## 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**  
**Oneida Behavioral Health • 2640 Westpoint Rd. • Green Bay, WI**

For more information, please contact Oneida Behavioral Health at (920) 490-3790. Light refreshments will be served.

• Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood.

• Only 5% of the eligible population give blood. The demand for blood is outpacing the available supply.

• Every day, the Red Cross must collect over 900 blood donations in our region to meet patients' needs.

• Every unit of blood can be separated into several components, helping save the lives of three or more patients.

• All blood types are needed constantly, but there is a special need for O negative, O positive and B negative blood.

## ONEIDA Blood Drive

**Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**  
**8 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Oneida Family Fitness**  
**2640 West Point Rd.**

**Call the Oneida Family Fitness Center today for an appointment at...**

**490-3730**

## Attention: Breastfeeding Moms & Pregnant Women

*Are you a breastfeeding mom looking for other moms to talk to?*

*Are you interested in sharing your breastfeeding experiences with other new and/or expecting women in the community?*

*Are you currently expecting a baby and thinking about breastfeeding?*

A group for Oneida families to help promote and support breastfeeding families is forming to build a strong support in the community. The goal of the group is to introduce breastfeeding moms and children to help form a peer network to encourage continued breastfeeding for all families and strengthen the Oneida Community by improving the health of future generations.

**Groups will meet the 4th Friday of the month at the Oneida Community Health Center unless otherwise specified.**

**Next Group Meeting... February 22, 2008**

Please Call Beth Scheelk, RD, CLC at 920-869-4836 if you are interested in attending or with questions.

**Organized by Oneida Community Health Center and WIC program**



Sports

Webster headed to Iowa



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

Oni Webster poses with the trophy he received for taking first place at the Wisconsin State Boxing championship in Sheboygan. His victory there has earned him a ticket to the regional tournament in Waterloo, Iowa.

By Steven J. Gandy  
Kalihwisaks

Local Oneida Boxer Oni Webster has made another step on his quest to become a professional fighter. Boxing for the American Boxing Federation title at 165 pounds in Sheboygan, he took first place

and with it came a ticket to go to the regional tournament to be held in Iowa on February 16 and 17.

The regional tournament is a two day event with the winners advancing onto the Nationals and then possibly the Olympic Boxing team, according to Webster.

“So this is a big step for me here. That’s all I’ve been doing is training and focusing my mind. I’ve been going to a lot of ceremonies...to keep my mind focused on what my goals are and what I need to make them achievable,” Webster said.

The Regional tournament will consist of four two-minute rounds per bout.

Webster will be one of two fighters representing Wisconsin at the regional tournament in the 165 pound weight class. The other fighter is Luis Arias Part who, according to Webster,

is already a part of the national team.

Webster is grateful to be representing Wisconsin at the Iowa tournament and is not looking too far into the future yet.

“I never thought I’d be able to make it this far. Just taking it one day at a time, that’s what the biggest thing is for me. Just one fight at a time too, never get too far ahead of yourself, never think too far ahead,” Webster said. “That’s why I’m just focusing on the Regional (tournament) right now and then we’ll focus on the National (tournament) and then we’ll focus on the Olympics.”

Webster draws a lot of his drive and focus from his family, friends and his Native American culture.

“(Being Native American) pushed me to strive to be the best because I represent not only the Oneida Tribe but every tribe in the United States. Any indigenous people, I’m representing and I know they look up to me as a leader and a motivator.”

Webster also wanted to extend a thank-you to his co-workers at Festival Foods as well as extend his gratitude to Leander Danforth, Lou Askenette, Diane Caldwell, and his kids Javon, Kingston and Yolanda.

T-Hawks lose heartbreaker



Kali Photo/Nate Wisneski

Oneida’s Shanica Hill shoots a jump shot over a South Milwaukee defender during their matchup on February 12 at the Turtle School. The Lady T-Hawks lost in a heartbreaker 52-53. Allison Baily hit a three pointer with 5.2 seconds left to put the T-Hawks up by one point. South Milwaukee hit a buzzer beater for the win. The Lady T-Hawks were lead by Baily’s 13 points.

McLester makes boxing tourney

By Steven J. Gandy  
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Oneida Tribal member Kalha.ku McLester, 21, is a full-time student at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He is also an amateur boxer who has fought his way to the regional American Boxing Federation (ABF) tournament in the 132 pound weight class.

The Regional ABF tournament will be taking place in Waterloo, IA on February 16 – 17.

Fighting out of Nebraska, McLester won the state title for his class and now will be traveling to Iowa to compete against other state champs from the region. The region consists of three states: Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska.

Although, McLester is excited about the opportunity, he is not sure what to expect from the competition.

“This is going to be my first

tournament. I’ve been training for three years now, but I only started fighting this past year. So, it’s all pretty new to me right now. I’m expecting the competition to be a lot harder than it was in this last tournament,” McLester said.

The former high school cross country runner has no problem with the four miles a day his training requires of him.

“Running isn’t really a problem for me...I used to run cross country for three years in high school and that was when I was living in Colorado so I would be running in the mountains.”

McLester currently has an amateur record of two wins and three losses and hopes to be ranked following this tournament.

“For only having five fights, I’m quite excited about that,” McLester said.

Don’t think that McLester’s focus is only on boxing. He is a

Film Studies major at his University and takes earning his degree very seriously.

“Right now I’m really focused on getting my degree in film studies; I’m really just focusing on that and boxing is like, it comes up and I do it.”

In addition to this being his first regional tournament, it will also be the first time many of his family members will see him fight.

“None of them have actually seen me fight because I’ve been out here in Nebraska... my mom, brother and sister and I believe my aunt and I think my grandma is also going. It’s going to be really exciting,” he said.

McLester also hopes to box in the Indigenous Games this coming summer and may one day vie for a chance at the 2012 Olympic boxing team.

“There is a possibility that I could make it to the Olympic team, I don’t know, that would be the biggest goal. That would be very exciting.”



McLester

A row of five colorful Easter bunnies.

### Breakfast and the Bunny!

A small basket filled with colorful Easter eggs.

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!

A row of five colorful Easter eggs.

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

A cartoon illustration of an Easter bunny holding a carrot.

The logo of the Oneida Nation, featuring a tree and a sun.

# 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.**

A silhouette of a deer.

A cartoon illustration of a hunter holding a rifle.

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