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## Gambling Audit: Tribes gave millions to state

MADISON, Wis. (AP) – A new state audit shows Wisconsin's American Indian tribes gave about \$195 million in gambling revenue to the state over the last three fiscal years.

About \$76 million of that went to state agencies while \$115 million went to the state's general fund. The Division of Gaming spent the remaining \$4 million or so on salaries and supplies.

The audit mentions the state and the Ho-Chunk tribe are still in litigation over that tribe's payments and the Ho-Chunk has given the state only \$30 million over the three-year-period.

# Membership hears Office of GTC plan

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihwisaks

The General Tribal Council (GTC) persevered another marathon-style GTC meeting on March 22 at the Turtle School. The five hour meeting focused on the newly formed GTC work group's recommendation for the pending Office of the GTC.

The nearly 900 GTC members bantered for 60 minutes

before approving an agenda that many felt did not meet tribal meeting notice policies. The agenda's contention was the recommendations section and the lack of support information included in the mailing received by GTC members.

Linda Dallas and Cathy L. Metoxen represented the work group during the presentation of the group's recommendations.

Much of the plan featured around a 2002 Pawley Report that stated the tribe may be too bureaucratic to fully function and provide the highest quality of services available to its members.

Dallas also profiled the structure of the proposed office with the Office of the GTC having a Director, Legal Services, Office of Public Defender, Intake, Regulatory,

Compliance, Enforcement and a Resource Center. She detailed the responsibilities and purpose of each area within the office. Dallas also made it evident that the office would have the authority to review all aspects within the tribe.

After the 20 minute presentation much of the discussion focused on the current structure of the tribe and the services available for members.

The vast majority of GTC members voiced the concern of an already thick bureaucratic tribal system that would not be resolved by adding another layer in the Office of the GTC. Members also expressed apprehension with the possibility of duplicating

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**Office of GTC**

## Breakfast and the Bunny



Kali Photo/Steven J. Gandy

March 15 brought with it the return of Breakfast and the Bunny at the Oneida Civic Center. Children and their parents were on hand to take part in the annual celebration. Kids were treated to an easter egg hunt, breakfast and a photo opportunity with the bunny. The children chose an egg which revealed which type of toy they could pick (above). Gabriella Fulwilder (left) sits with the easter bunny while having her photograph taken by the recreation staff.

## Warmer temperatures lead to flooding

By Nate Wisneski

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Warmer temperatures, record snowfall and the threat of heavy rain could provide the right recipe for problem flooding throughout the reservation.

"We have a lot of snowfall and the grounds already saturated. Also, drainage ditches are filled with water, ice and debris," said Jerry Kurowski, Wells and Septic Director for the tribe.

Warmer days and cold nights have aided in the stabilizing of runoff so far, but with a heavy rainfall event flooding would be eminent.

"We have been pretty lucky in regards to rainfall. Throughout the reservation there is wet, heavy soils and high water tables. If we have bad luck we are set up for some pretty bad flooding," said Kurowski.

Kurowski is also seeing the record precipitation effects to homes, particularly basements. "A few people have come in with flooding problems in their basements. Mostly due to sump pumps

failing, but it hasn't been bad," he said.

According to Kurowski, failing sump pumps are not solely to blame for basement flooding. "Some homes have been or are being built close to wet lands. Also, homes are not being built above local water tables. We still have

homes being built with basement floors about two or three feet below the water table," said Kurowski. "We should know better than to build in flood plains and basements in water tables, but that is still happening."

Kurowski is familiar with a new home that currently

pumps 100 gallons of water per minute to keep ahead of potential flooding. "If their sump pump failed the basement would be flooded in minutes," he said.

Improper drainage of water

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**Potential flooding**



Kali photo/Nate Wisneski

Flooding near Site II off of Ranch Road is due to high precipitation levels and warmer temperatures.

## Hobart meets with controversial group

By Nate Wisneski

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Village of Hobart officials participated in a controversial conference centered on federal Indian policy on March 9 and 10 in Washington DC. The conference was for Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA).

CERA, a well known anti-Indian policy interest group, functions under the mission statement "Federal Indian Policy is unaccountable, destructive, racist and unconstitutional. It is therefore CERA's mission to ensure the equal protection of the law as guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution of the United States of America."

According to Rich Heidel, Village of Hobart President, the scope of the trip was not solely focused on the conference. "The village went for three reasons. (CERA) asked if we would be interested in presenting a panel for one hour. We discussed issues the Oneida Tribe and village are facing. We weren't looking for answers, we were talking with conference participants some of the issues that have arisen with the tribe and village over the years, most, if not all of which, are attributed to inconsistent and incoherent federal Indian policy," he said.

Heidel specifically mentioned the issue of fee land into federal trust and the effect on taxes in the village as the biggest issue discussed.

"We also used the opportunity to sit, learn, and listen. There were people from the Atlantic to the Pacific there and they were very interesting and educational," added Heidel.

The village president also identified the ability to lobby their own congressional delegation on legislation that would remedy fee land coming off tax rolls of municipalities near or in Indian reservations as a major opportunity that presented itself during the administration's trip.

Hobart resident and Oneida tribal member Hugh Danforth doesn't see the same benefits as Heidel.

"I feel that by the village officials participating in a conference like this is

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**Hobart**







## Local



## Passing On...



## Lawe, Donald A.

July 12, 1924 – March 16, 2008

Donald A. Lawe, age 83 of Oneida, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2008 in Oneida. Born on July 12, 1924 in Eagle River, he was the son of the late Henry and Electa (Elm) Lawe. After graduating from the Haskell Indian High School, Donald enlisted with the United States Navy as a Radioman and was stationed in the South Pacific for 3 years. After his Honorable Discharge, he moved to the Milwaukee area where he lived most of his adult life. Donald spent the past two years in this area and was a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit.

Donald is survived by: his son, Jerry (Geraldine) Nunway of Keshena; 3 grandchildren, Lisa (fiancé, Butch) Nunway, Norbert (Becky) Nunway, Mary (Billy) Penass; 9 great-grandchildren, Brad, Tamara, Krista, Trevor, Olivia, Norbert, Patricia, Ashley, Nikki; and 2 great great-grandchildren,



Rian and Kiley. Donald is further survived by: 1 sister, Dolores (Robert Willnow) Tourtillott of Green Bay; a sister-in-law, Christine Lawe of Neopit; and several nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by: his parents; 4 sisters, Mary Tucker, Catherine Lawe, Marcella Latender, Ruth Tepiew; and 3 brothers, John, Norbert and Francis Lawe.

Funeral services were held at 2:30pm on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit with the Rev. David Kiefer officiating. Military Rites were conducted by the Menominee American Legion Post #497 and the Veterans of the Menominee Nation at the church following the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Swedberg Funeral Home, 518 W. Fifth Street, Shawano, assisted the family with arrangements.



## Hill, Leroy A.

August 16, 1934 – March 6, 2008

Leroy A. Hill, 73, of Stevens Point, died peacefully early Thursday morning, March 6, 2008, in Plover with his family at his bedside.

Leroy was born Aug. 16, 1934, in Tigerton, a son of the late Ainsley and Wilmae (Sickles) Hill. He attended schools in Neillsville and Stevens Point. Leroy entered the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 16, 1951, in Milwaukee. He served as a private in the Korean War. He earned the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the UN Service Medal and the Korean PUC Medal. He was honorably discharged Nov. 15, 1954, in Norfolk, Va.

On Jan. 27, 1955, he entered the U.S. Army in Milwaukee. He served as a SP3. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the Marksmanship medal. He was honorably discharged Jan. 5, 1958, at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Then, on Feb. 17, 1958, he entered the U.S. Air Force in Columbus, Ohio. He achieved the rank of Airman 3rd Class, and received the good conduct medal. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 5, 1962, at Stewart Air Force Base in Tennessee.

Leroy married the former Janet Ramcheck on August 9, 1969. His wife survives. He



worked for Consolidated Papers Stevens Point Division from 1967 until his retirement in 1996.

During his retirement, Leroy enjoyed his Bullmastiff dog "Joker" and his Rottweiler dog "Max". He also enjoyed reading, working outdoors with his dogs, and driving his Hummer and motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Hill, Stevens Point; one son, Shawn Hill, Madison; five sisters, Caroline Jackson, Plover, Anita (Richard) Hetzel, Plover, Karen Rusch, Green Bay, Sandra Furo, Kenosha, Debbie (Dan) Pilon, Missouri; two brothers, Ranger (Cathy) Hill, Columbus Heights, Minn., Gary (Donna) Plahmer, Stevens Point; and many nieces and nephews.

Leroy was preceded in death by two sisters, Corita Butler and Irene John; and by his two dogs, Joker and Max.

Leroy, you will be missed by your wife, Janet, and your family and many friends. We would like to thank St. Michael's Hospital Doctors and Staff, and to the Home Care Hospice, especially Karen Trzebiatowski. A special thank you to Anita Hetzel, Patricia Weidman, Debbie McConnell and Danny Hetzel for their special visits and unending care.



## Weideman, John M. "Bart"

May 14, 1944 – March 4, 2008

John "Bart" Weideman, 63, of Sturgeon Bay, died early Tuesday morning (March 4, 2008) at his home following a battle with cancer.

He was born May 14, 1944 in Red Springs, WI the son of the late Herbert and Agnes (Peters) Weideman. John was called "Chief" while working for Selvick Marine nearly 40 years retiring in 1997. He loved woodworking, building stock cars, watching the races, and doing a little gambling.

Survivors include his companion of 33 years, Wanda LeMieux of Sturgeon Bay; four children, Richard, Ann and Tina Weideman, Le Anne Le Mieux of Sturgeon Bay;



three sisters, Stella, of Sturgeon Bay, Marion of Georgia, Phillis of Allouez; one brother, Bernard of Cleveland, Ohio; and his two dogs, Precious and Miles.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Agnes Peters, Herbert Weideman, three sisters, Margaret, Delores, and Ramona.

A celebration of his life was held on Friday evening March 21.

Huehns Funeral Home, 1414 Michigan St. Sturgeon Bay, WI assisted with arrangements. Memorials may be made in his memory. Sign guest register and leave condolences at [www.huehns-funeralhome.com](http://www.huehns-funeralhome.com)

# Retiree recalls many 'Golden' memories as a volunteer

By Dawn Walschinski

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Marjorie Golden never let retirement hold her back from getting things done. Golden was named the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's (RSVP) Outstanding Volunteer of the Quarter in Rapid City, South Dakota.

At the age of 81, Golden has scaled down her volunteer activities to five main ones through RSVP and AARP.

"The Retired Volunteer Program, they assign you different duties like this week I'm taking cookies down for a bake sale," said Golden.

She also volunteers at the Journey Museum, is a Lunch Buddy at Rapid Valley Elementary, helped serve lunch to people building a house for Habitat for Humanity, and wrote cards

and letters to veterans.

"The (activity) we're going to have now is Boxes for Children and Women in Violence; blankets and toys and things for them when they have to leave their homes without anything," she said.

Golden said that she likes the variety of activities volunteering offers.

"It gives you something to do, I prefer it to just sitting in front of the television, and I've enjoyed it all."

However, she worries about a shortage of people following her footsteps.

"You just cannot find new volunteers. The ones that have been doing it for years, they're getting tired, and maybe not able to, and there aren't people stepping up to take their place," said Golden.



## Stone, Mary J. "Mumzy"

July 3, 1936 – March 22, 2008

Mary J. "Mumzy" Stone, 71, of Ironwood, Mich., died unexpectedly Saturday evening, March 22, 2008, in Ironwood.

The former Mary Jane Skenandore was born July 3, 1936, in Green Bay, Wis., daughter of the late Walter and Leona (Swamp) Skenandore, and attended Green Bay area schools.

She was employed at Anna Marie Designs in Ashland, Wis. for a short time, worked as a nurse's aid for Superior Home Nursing in Ironwood, and retired as a home-based child care worker in Hurley, Wis. in 2004.

Mary was a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. Going to rummage sales was her hobby, and she enjoyed sewing.

She was married to Arnie Stone of Odanah, Wis. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are eight sons, Paul (Carol) Olson, Fifield, Wis., Reuben "Radar" Olson, Ironwood, Thomas (Debbie) Olson, Mercer, Wis., Pat Olson, Ironwood, Rodney (Tracy) Olson, Montreal, Wis., Bruce Olson, Ironwood, Scott Olson, Ashland, and Mike (Lisa) Olson, Ironwood; a daughter, Joanne Olson, Ironwood; eleven grandchildren, Alec Olson, Ironwood, Justin Olson (Tiffany), Tomahawk, Wis., Bobbi Jo Olson, Bemidji, Minn., Selena Olson, Hurley, Mathew and Marc Olson, both of Ironwood, Danielle (Matt) Kilpela-Sandmon,



Maple, Wis., Nathaniel (Cecilia) Fruik, Iraq, LeAndra Fruik, Ironwood, Geoffrey Olson, Wakefield, and Paige Olson, Montreal;

eight great-grandchildren; five sisters, Carol Smith and Josephine Kindness, both of Oneida, Wis., Cindy (Erwin) Koepke, Green Bay, Delilah (Ronald) Langenhuicen, Palmer, Alaska, and Pat, Upper Michigan; a special friend, George Basely, of Ashland; and her special pet, her dog, "Booh Bear".

Besides her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas Mathis, Oct. 17, 1984; and two brothers, Robert and Harry Skenandore.

At the family's request, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 28, at 11 a.m., at the McKevitt-Patrick Funeral Home, 305 N. Lowell St., in Ironwood, with the Rev. Darryl Pepin, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Ironwood, officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home one hour prior to the service on Friday.

To view Mary's obituary online, sign the guestbook and express condolences, visit [mckevittpatrickfuneral-home.com](http://mckevittpatrickfuneral-home.com).

Arrangements are with McKevitt-Patrick and Engstrom Funeral and Cremation Services of Ironwood and Hurley.



## Caretakers Corner

### Apply for loans from DOLM

We are happy to announce that we will be taking applications for the following loan programs on a first come, first serve basis, contingent on available funding.

#### THRIL Program Terms:

Maximum loan amount of \$25,000  
Fixed Interest Rate of 6%  
100% Loan-to-Value  
Loan funds used toward home repairs  
Certified contractors must be used for all work completed

#### TLC – Down Payment Terms:

Loan amount of 20% of purchase price up to \$40,000.00  
Fixed Interest Rate of 6%

#### VET-TLC Program Terms:

Loan amount of 100% of purchase price up to \$175,000  
Fixed Interest Rate of 5%

#### VET-THRIL Program Terms:

Maximum loan amount of \$40,000  
Fixed Interest Rate of 5%

100% Loan-to-Value  
Loan funds used toward home repairs  
Certified contractors must be used for all work completed

The Loan Department is currently and will continue to accept applications for loans in the DREAM Home Program in the following four situations:

- Loans for purchasing a new DREAM Home.
- Loans for purchasing an existing DREAM home.
- Emergency loans to address the death of the DREAM home owner.
- Emergency loans to address the divorce of a DREAM home owner.

All applicants must meet eligibility and qualification requirements. All loans are approved by the Oneida Land Commission. Properties must be located within the original 1838 boundaries of the Oneida Indian Reservation of Wisconsin. Please contact the Land Management Loan Department at (920) 869-1690 for more information.



## In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory...

### Happy Birthday Sam...

March 25, 1969



Tears fall from my eyes  
As softly the memories flow,  
With the tears, salty on my tongue

I miss you so much

Tomorrow is frightening  
Except for the thought  
Of seeing you again;  
Another time, another place

I hear your voice....  
In my dreams you come.  
We talk and laugh  
About silly, important things.

Each day without you is less;  
Less bright, less full,... less.  
I feel your love with us,  
Yet, I want you to hold.

Your Second Birthday in Heaven.  
You don't know how much I miss you  
and our noon hour phone calls.

We Love and Miss You; Mom & Dad,  
Brandon, Cory and Stephanie & Family



## Thank You...

A Special Thank you to the Oneida Nation, for the kind thoughts, prayers and flower/plants sent to our Family during the loss of our Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. It was a lot of comfort to our family to know that so many people in Indian Country acknowledged our family and were so gracious to send their condolences

ONEIDA Pharmacy, Community Health Center, Police Dept., Conservation Dept., School System, Tourism, Dept. of Public Works, Communication Dept., Gaming Commission, Accounting Dept. Dr. Flood.

How awesome it was to see all the plants and flowers, that came from Oneida Wisconsin, it was such an amazing arrangement!

The Family of Joseph Mehojah, Jr.

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All price options include a photo (if desired) and a nice border. Regular advertising rates will apply if the word limit exceeds the specified limits listed! "Memorial" submissions mailed in without payment will NOT be published.

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Local



Calendar

March - April

2008

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

April 2

**Wisconsin Indian Business (WIBA) Alliance Meeting**  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 2  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., lunch provided  
**PLACE:** Indian Springs Lodge, Wabeno, WI  
WIBA seeks to bring together business owners, investors, lenders, and Wisconsin Tribal leaders interested in private business development in Indian Country. R.S.V.P. is required, free event. Contact Larissa Laab at **(715) 478-7257**.

April 5

**Bill Danforth 21st Annual All Native Bowling Tourney**  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 5, 2008  
**TIME:** Registration Begins at Noon, Start 2:00pm  
**PLACE:** Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley  
All-native bowling tournament (unless bowled in previous tournament). \$30.00 entry fee per person (no personal checks) Reservations: call **(920) 869-2955** or sign up at White Eagles Sports Bar & Grill. 100% payout. Bowlers must be at least 18 years old.

April 10

**The Impact of Physical and Sexual Abuse**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, April 10, 2008  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. to 12 noon  
**PLACE:** NWTC Green Bay Campus  
Nationally-recognized speaker Olga Trujillo, a child abuse and sexual assault survivor, will share her personal story and offer insight into the impact of violence and her journey to heal in an presentation at NWTC. Cost is \$45. To register online, go to <http://wls.nwtc.edu/> For more information, call **(920) 498-6301**.

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.

April 23

**Cook, Energize and Move!**  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 23  
**TIME:** 5:00-7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Turtle School Home Economics Room  
Community cooking class. Join us for a healthy dinner, nutrition lesson and physical activity. Participants must pre-register by Monday, April 21. Limited to 20 participants. Contact Sylvia Cornelius Wauposse at **920-496-5352** for more info.

April 26-27

**Matt Skenandore Memorial Basketball Tournament**  
**WHEN:** April 26 - 27  
**TIME:** TBA  
**PLACE:** Sonny King Memorial Building (Civic Center)  
9th Annual Matt Skenandore Memorial Basketball Tournament. \$300 entry fee, 100% payout based on the number of entries. Money raised will benefit the Matt Skenandore Memorial Fund/American Heart Association. Call **920-217-2206** or **920-833-2199** for more information.

Tuesdays

**Women's Talking Circle Group**  
**WHEN:** Every Tuesday evening  
**TIME:** Tuesday, 6:00pm-7:30 pm  
**PLACE:** Community Education Center Conference Room, 2632 S. Packerland  
Wise Women Gathering Place is sponsoring a Women's Talking Circle Group. Come and join us as we discuss a healthy lifestyle, relationships, children, jobs and overall wellness. Come and share a good cup of hot tea with a friend and have a healthy night out with women of all ages. For more information: Contact Marlene Summers or Bev Scow at Wise Women Gathering Place **920-490-0627**.

Wednesdays

**Loom Work Beading Class**  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Site II Community Building, W1144 Park Dr.  
Breezy will be teaching a loom work beading class. Materials will be provided. Calss is open to those ages 13 to adult. To register, call Breezy at **920-869-6669**.

Fridays

**Women's Support Group**  
**WHEN:** Fridays  
**TIME:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Three Sisters Center  
For more information contact Isabel Parker or Georgia Burr at **(920) 592-8682** or **(920) 412-0396**.

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

# Students take Iroquois music to state

By Dawn Walschinski  
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The Oneida Nation High School Iroquois Music Class sang their way into history at the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Solo and Ensemble Festival held Saturday, March 15.

The 12 member group received a rating from judges that qualifies them to perform at the state competition on Saturday, May 3 at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. This is the first time Oneida Social Songs will be performed at that state event in the Indigenous Music Ensembles category.

Kal^na Brooks teaches the class made up of students from grades nine through twelve.

“They worked really hard, they looked really good in their outfits, they were really confident for the most part,” she said.

Senior Lauren Mills had participated in WSMA events before as a soloist, but found singing with the group to be a different experience.

“I was excited to sing our own music,” she said.

The class performed a Moccasin Dance song and a



Photo courtesy of Kal^na Brooks

Students in the Iroquois Music class took part of the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival Saturday, March 15. The students are Lakwaho McLester, Tanya Christjohn, Evander Delgado, Kah<htit Delgado, Yuntle>kala-& McLester, Carissa Metoxen, Yasiman Metoxen, Lauren Mills, Eli Ninham, Shaina Powless, Janene Skenandore, Evan John and teacher Kal^na Brooks.

Rabbit Dance song for the judges. Just as the competition was a new experience for the students, the music performed with a water drum and cow horn rattles was new to the judges.

“They really didn't know

anything, they basically went with it and said 'Oh, you guys sounded good, and you guys look good.'” said Mills.

According to senior Lakwaho McLester, the Thunderhawk students stuck out a bit in their kastowis and

traditional outfits. “Everybody was staring at us, kind of,” he said.

Also going to the state competition is Haley Hill from the middle school with a classic voice solo.

# Oneida library brings home state award



Submitted photo

Kimberly Pelky and husband Pete (left and center) accept the DPI award from Elizabeth Burmaster (right)

By Steven Gandy  
Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Community Library was honored along with nine other programs that strive to bolster activities that strengthen rural communities.

State Department of Public Instruction

Superintendent, Elizabeth Burmaster, recognized the 10 programs on March 7 in Madison when she presented her 2008 Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin awards at a ceremony at the state capitol.

“Despite increasingly difficult challenges, the teachers, students and citizens of

rural Wisconsin continue to do extraordinary work for the betterment of their schools and communities,” Burmaster said. “These awards recognize the efforts of rural residents to shape the lives of our children as well as the future of this great state. They are changing the world and are true champions of education.”

The Oneida Library was honored for its presentation of Seussabration in 2003. The Oneida Community Library Youth Department celebrated 100 years of Dr. Seuss with a Seuss-centennial that included green eggs and ham, stories, games, guest stars and prizes. The celebration, which involved library staff and personnel in other departments on the Oneida Nation, was repeated in 2004 and has become an annual event. It has been an excellent way to bring families into the library and provides an opportunity to focus on food safety and nutrition, issues that relate to the incidence of diabetes in American Indian people.

Kimberly Pelke, chil-

dren’s liaison for the Oneida Community Library accepted the award.

“It’s an honor that they recognize our library. It’s just overwhelming, it’s just really cool that we were on the radar at all; that we’re accomplishing something. It’s nice that the state knows that these little groups are out there and do things for their communities,” she said. “For us I think it’s really good just for governmental relations too because we are a library funded by the tribe and yet we serve the whole community.”

Burmaster concluded the program commending individuals and organizations for their efforts on behalf of Wisconsin’s rural schools, libraries and communities.

“These projects, no matter how large or small, reverberate throughout your communities and will have lasting positive effects for our children today and the generations to follow. Thank you for your tremendous contributions to Wisconsin’s rural communities,” she said.

# Oneida General Tribal Council • Special Meeting

## Regarding ...Per Capita petition

**When:**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.**

**Where:**

**Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym**  
**N7125 Seminary Road, Oneida**  
**Please bring this packet to the meeting**

*If you have any questions regarding the contents of this packet, please call the Tribal Secretary’s office at: (920) 869-4475 or (800) 236-2214, ext. 4475.*

Tribal or photo identification is required.

Tribal identification cards can be obtained at the Oneida Enrollment Office, 201 Elm Street, Oneida, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays or by a pre-arranged appointment outside of the normal hours of operation. For more information, call the Enrollment Office at (920) 869-2083.



# Editorial Commentary



By Dawn Walschinski  
Kalilhwisaks Managing Editor

## Maple Tree Tapping Time

Spring, a time for renewal, a time for rebirth, a time for maple syrup tapping. Wee

haa!  
O n c e again, the O n e i d a N a t i o n S c h o o l System will be heading out into the snow and the slush to begin the annual collection of maple sap. The students will collect the sap, learn the Oneida words for the trees and the process, and calculate how many gallons of sap they

need to boil down into a quart of maple syrup.  
It was an activity that was started when I was in middle school at the Oneida Tribal School in the Norbert Hill Center. We would head out into the woods behind the building in March. At the time, the school was small enough that the students could bring home a pint of syrup for their labor.  
One year, we hosted a

group of Oneida students from Southwold, Canada for the tapping. They were a little shorter than us, so we called them Smurfs and their chaperone was Papa Smurf. Our house was filled with 12 year old girls, and we had a great time.  
At a time when other schools were dealing with soggy playgrounds and children succumbing to cabin fever, we were outside wit-

nessing first hand the arrival of spring as the snow melted away and the trees supplied us with sugar.  
Soon, the Oneida Veterans will start the fire and help with the boil down as they have for several years. The students will go home a little muddy and smelling of smoke, but it will all be worthwhile when the school holds its annual pancake feast.

# Women’s History Month presentation at Heritage Hill

*Dear Fellow Tribal Members,*

*The Green Bay Area Branch of the American Association of University Women invited me to present a “re-enactment” of my grandmother for a very special program. That gratifying experience prompted me to want to share her inspiring story with you, too.*

*Sincerely,*  
**Carol O’Loughlin Smart**  
playwright/performer

My name is Dr. Lillie Rosa Minoka-Hill. I am delighted to be with you today—and happy to be part of your Women’s History Month celebration. Thank you for including me.

The span of time during which the Good Lord saw fit for me to walk this precious earth, might serve as a reminder of how short our history truly is and how quickly remarkable changes weave through the decades. I took great delight in the fact that I was a “Centennial baby” as I referred to myself, having been born in 1876-- not yet a dozen years following Lincoln’s death. And I can recall the grief and commotion surrounding the assassination of President Garfield. My children, my entire community and I were all, one way or another, pushed and pulled by horrific losses of World War I, the Influenza Pandemic, the Great Depression and World War II. When I died in 1952, Harry S. Truman was president.

Alas! To my beginnings! I was told that my mother was a beautiful Mohawk woman. She died before I was old enough to know her. I never learned those specific circumstances, or the origin of my names. In those Victorian days one learned that there were issues a young lady dare not broach.

I spent my first five years with my maternal Mohawk grandmother in the Atlantic City vicinity until I was sent to my father, a Quaker physician, in Philadelphia.

I was educated by my father’s several and generous arrangements and in 1899, graduated from a remarkable Philadelphia institution, The Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania. There were 36 women in my class. It was the only college of its kind, at the time, and attracted some brilliant women from all over the world. Many were determined to work as missionaries in foreign countries. Often the women were married to doctors and felt the need to be qualified to handle medical emergencies thrust upon them when the doctor-husband was far from home, often attending other medical emergencies. When I returned for my fiftieth medical class reunion, thanks to the generosity of the Federation of Women’s Clubs, I was the only one still practicing and had the most children!

Following graduation, a fellow doctress and I set up practice together. It was challenging, rewarding work, especially when able to help injured youngsters laboring in sweatshops and bakeries. Often we needed to tend patients in their homes, in dark, often deplorable, tenement houses. Philadelphia had become the second largest city in the country and was flooded with hungry immigrants who knew little English.

I was inclined to become a surgeon but was plagued with poor vision, a

complication from childhood measles. Much of my work was obstetrical which I performed often with the heavy sense of duty. Many forget the sheer physical demands some complications required of an assisting doctor! Those long hours of attendance were sometimes balanced by the miracle of saving a premature infant with a makeshift bed of oak leaves kept warm by the soft heat of an oven--- much like we set the large crock bowl of rising bread dough.

I became a good horsewoman and owned my own horse and buggy. Some of my friends thought that was pretty daring but it afforded them considerable transportation.

My practice lasted five years until my marriage to Charles Abram Hill, a handsome Oneida Indian studying at Carlisle in Pennsylvania. Music was his passion, marching band music. My heart fluttered as I watched him marching in a parade playing the popular music of the day. And music held a lovely part in my life and I was known to walk, medical bag in hand, to the rhythm of my whistles and old songs. Patients judged the time of my approach by the sound of my songs.

I left the three-story brick home with its Victorian embellishments and gardens on a busy city street to live with my husband on the Oneida reservation in his family’s log cabin and to, finally, have a real family of my own. I was a twenty-eight year old bride.

When my forty-three year old husband died from an infected ruptured appendix I became a thirty-nine year old widow. Family and friends out East pressured me to return with my six very young children but I insisted on staying, explaining: “I have found my work, and it is here, in Wisconsin.”

A strong influence on the reservation was the Episcopal Mission. Among other endeavors they had provided a medical education for our only other Oneida physician but he died in WW I. I was further pressed into service. My patients were Indian and White. A few special physicians in nearby communities supported me not only because of my steadfastness, but because I was willing to perform work they might otherwise need to neglect. They were especially helpful when admitting my patients to a Green Bay hospital.

In 1923 my sixteen-year-old daughter died in my arms. Typhoid Fever. She was attending Haskell Indian Boarding School in Lawrence, Kansas. One never fully recovers from the loss a child, does one? Many years later a newly constructed dormitory building on that campus was named after me: “Minoka Hall.”

The Great Depression challenged us all. Entire families returned home when employment was lost and crowded into the already congested spaces, spreading disease like wild fire. Friends, family and neighbors, young and old, not only endured the plight of malnourishment but also suffered through the terrible cold.

It was during these dreadful days that I received the devastating news that the little trust fund my father had endowed to me was lost. Let me describe that time with my granddaughter-playwright’s words, as though writing a letter:

“Feb, 1934--- Desperately needed vaccines and other medical benefits

would be readily available through President Roosevelt’s Federal Relief Programs, if we had a Wisconsin licensed physician. So, I have borrowed one hundred precious dollars for my application fee and have been diligently preparing for the state medical examination, a terrifying undertaking for this tired fifty-eight year old mother, thirty-five years out of medical school.

In addition, since my father’s trust collapsed and I am no longer able to subsidize my charitable medical practice, I hope to work as health officer for the town of Hobart, should it be God’s will I succeed next month in Madison.

No, no running water and no electricity yet. I study by the light of my kerosene chandelier.”

The examination lasted two and a half days. I was one of those granted a license. But my work did not change much, except that there were more patients--- Indian and White--- and more and more records to keep! Statistics claimed that “Forty percent of Indian hospital patients suffer from preventable or curable diseases: diphtheria, smallpox, tuberculosis, pneumonia, enteritis and syphilis!”

World War II changed the family landscape everywhere--- none remained untouched, including mine. Two of my sons served overseas. The long silence between letters nearly breaks a mother’s heart. But we were fortunate--- both my sons returned home, alive and with no missing limbs

Beginning with medical school I became a skilled diagnostician. The course of most diseases could be anticipated and explained to a grieving family during long bedside vigils. But one was usually helpless to assist, especially with a raging infection.

Near the culmination of my fifty years of medical practice, a whole new world of pharmaceuticals was emerging, lead by miraculous antibiotics. Those early antibiotics required refrigeration. The rather popular photo of my “Kitchen Clinic” is the perfect illustration: the decades old but faithful pot-bellied stove stands but a few feet from a shinny brand new refrigerator. My visiting children were often disappointed to open the refrigerator door and not find food! I loved studying about the new pharmaceuticals and then would write for free samples.

Following the dozen years of good hard work since receiving my Wisconsin license, I suffered my first heart attack in 1946 and was forced to slow down. Still, I could be seen carrying my medical bag over gravel roads, occasionally resting in order to revive myself with smelling salts and nitroglycerin tablets

When my granddaughter spent summer visits with me, we sometimes maneuvered my rocking chair through the narrow porch, down a few steps and onto the front yard. We then carried out the current pile of medical literature. But when the sunlight retreated and my poor eyes could no long stand the strain of my magnifying glass, I close my eyes and lean my head against the high back of the chair. I recite, half singing, the beloved poetry I memorized as a schoolgirl, poetry held dear through my forty-seven Wisconsin winters!

My highest professional honor

came when I was given an honorary lifetime membership to the State Medical Society, the first woman so distinguished. Arrangements were made for me to visit Atlantic City as an honored guest of the American Medical Association National Convention. Many fussed over me excessively, including an interview by Life Magazine. I repeatedly cautioned: “as much as I appreciate kind thoughts I do not relish too much publicity!”

And I worried that I might be pressured into a celebratory drink. I had never consumed any liquor and did rather hope to keep it that way.

Only The Creator knows how many lives I helped save and thereby fostered another generation. A newspaper article states that I helped deliver between four and five hundred babies. I really do not know. Perhaps I was too busy--- or too tired to count.

I died at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, in the loving care of my daughter Jane, a registered nurse, who worked there. More than a few eyebrows were raised as I declared, “I will not die on St. Patrick’s Day.” I refused to disrupt my Irish son-in-law’s traditional celebration. But, before the following dawn, and with Jane praying at my bedside, I gently took my leave.

The allotted land, a collapsing barn and garage, and my little house comprised of “Kitchen Clinic”, living room, two second floor bedrooms and an enclosed unheated front porch which served as my “waiting room”-- no bathroom--- no running water-- were all bequeathed to my children, along with some two hundred dollars in my checking account

Except for the legacy of my work I left few recorded public words. But when formally adopted by the entire Oneida Tribe on Thanksgiving Day following that first heart attack, I prepared this Acceptance Speech:

“It was 42 year last year last June since I came here to live. I was a bride of one of your tribe. I was to find good neighbors and kind friends. It has been a privilege to be helpful to those in need of help and to do so cheerfully and as promptly as I could. I felt it was The Master’s work assigned to me and that I must, therefore, be a willing worker, though sometimes a very weary worker. Today you have honored me in a special way taking me as your ‘Almost Sister.’ Now I can say to many of you, ‘daughter,’ ‘son,’ ‘grandchild.’ And you can say to me ‘hocsote.’ Let my express my hearty thanks for your recognition and adoption.”

During the two years following my death, various groups conferred over the collection of funds, the selection of words that are chiseled into a great black granite rock, a monument that now stands in front of the Oneida Health Center.

My monument reads:  
**Rosa Minoka-Hill, M.D. Born: August 30, 1876, Died: March 18, 1952 Physician, Good Samaritan, Friend to People of all Religions in this community. Erected to her memory by the Indians and White People. 1954 “I was sick and you visited me.”**



*If you have a Dr. Hill story please call Carol at (262) 542-9588 or Betsy Foley at (920) 339-9059.*

## Oneida Nation Arts Program Offers Summer Arts Scholarships

The Oneida Nation Arts Program is announcing a special program that provides funding for Oneida middle and high school students interested in attending summer arts camps at UW-Green Bay. The scholarships are based on first come, first served and will cover the cost of the commuter registration fee, \$35 meal ticket and art camp lab fees. Parents will be responsible for providing art supplies and transportation for their student.

Scholarships are available through the Oneida Nation Arts Program. To apply, contact Christine Klimmek at cklimmek@oneidana-tion.org or call 490-3831. In addition to submitting the scholarship form, students must also fill out the registration form for the camps and submit both forms to the Oneida Nation Arts Program by the April 21 deadline.

Registration forms and more information on the camps can be found on the University of Wisconsin web site [www.uwgb.summer-camps.com](http://www.uwgb.summer-camps.com).

Please note the requirements for Music camps include auditions and a recommendation from the student's school music teacher or private teacher. For the arts camps, students must have their art teacher sign the registration form.

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay offers a series of art camps for students entering middle school through high school. (Students who are seniors this year are not eligible.) All camps are one week and are held at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Campus. In addition to excellent and dedicated UW-Green Bay faculty members, students will be taught by some of the finest teachers and professional performers and artists from across the country. This is an opportunity for your son or daughter to enjoy learning new skills and techniques with other talented students. Camps include:

- **Middle Art Camps:**  
June 14–18, for students entering 6–9 grades
- **Middle School Band, Orchestra and Choral Camps:**  
July 13–19, 6–9 grades
- **Total Guitarist Camp:**  
July 27–August 1, for students entering 8–12 grades with some guitar experience
- **Jazz on the Bay Camp:**  
July 22–28, for students entering 8–12 grades
- **High School Art Studio:**  
July 22–27, for students entering 8–12 grades
- **Senior High Band, Orchestra and Choral Camp:**  
July 13–19, students entering 9–12 grades

Funding for this special scholarship is made possible through a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board and the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.



# Legislative Review



**Chairman**  
*Gerald Danforth*

Spring elections will be taking place on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Again, it is important for community members to go to the polls and cast your vote. There are several local elections and one state election that need

## Chairman's Corner...

attention, especially the election for Supreme Court Justice.

The Village of Hobart and Brown County Supervisors elections are for the most part, taking place unchallenged, meaning for most positions, there is only one candidate. However, you may have noticed through television and radio campaign ads that the race for the Supreme Court Justice has been heating up. Because of this, I'd like to share with you some information about both candidates, incumbent Supreme Court Justice Louis B. Butler, Jr. and Circuit Court Judge Michael Gableman.

Governor Jim Doyle appointed Justice Butler to the Wisconsin Supreme court in 2004, and he is the first African American to serve as

Supreme Court Justice in Wisconsin's history. Justice Butler received his law degree from UW Law School in 1977 and served as a public defender for almost 14 years until being appointed to the Milwaukee Municipal Court in 1992. In 2002, Justice Butler was appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court and served there until his appointment to the WI Supreme Court.

Judge Gablemen has experience working as a District Attorney, Administrative Law Judge, Deputy Corporation Counsel and in Private Practice before he was

appointed as Burnett County Circuit Court Judge in 2002 by previous Governor Scott McCallum. Judge Gablemen received his Juis Doctorate from Hamline University School of Law.

Oneida has been diligent in providing information about the candidates for positions that are up for election at the local and state level. Information about each candidate was requested from their respective campaign offices, however only Justice Butler's team provided a response to our request for information. The Legislative Affairs Department distributed infor-

mation at the last General Tribal Council meeting. I encourage you to read about the candidates before the election on Tuesday.

As an individual, I'd like to share with you that I support incumbent Supreme Court Justice Louis Butler. I first met Justice Butler in 1997 while working on a steering committee, sponsored by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, tasked with developing a state/federal/tribal judicial forum. The purpose of this forum was to raise the level of understanding about State, Federal and Tribal courts in Wisconsin. During this time,

I came to know, then, Judge Butler, as one whom interprets the law as it is written and not what he wants it to be. Judge Butler's advice was very helpful to me in forming my recommendations to this steering committee and this forum is still serving state, federal and tribal courts yet today.

If you need more information on candidates or would like information on where to vote in your area, please contact the Legislative Affairs Department at 920-869-4388.

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## Treasurer's Report

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The FY 2009 budget processing is underway and we are looking at an anticipated GTC meeting of September 27, 2008. With elections occurring this year, we felt that it would be best to have the meeting after the new Business Committee started. Within the timeline we incorporated a new step which provided the new Committee two weeks to review and get acclimated to the budget established. As you may have heard, I will not be seeking reelection, so it is critical that whoever the new Treasurer may be that they understand what is being proposed. I would like to introduce our new Budget Director, Jennifer Skenandore. Jennifer comes to the Budget Office from our Central Accounting area. She assisted with the last fiscal budget. I welcome Jennifer and wish her well as she goes through her first full budget process. I feel Jennifer will bring a lot to this process.



**Treasurer**  
*Mercie Danforth*

Division, as a whole, closer together. Once complete, we are looking forward to sharing this with everyone.

It is great to see so many people attending the General Tribal Council meetings. At our last meeting which was held on March 22nd, we had a count of 899 members that signed in, WOW! The one thing that we recognize is that individuals are attending that has never attended or it has been a while since they attended. We now need to educate those people on the procedures of the meetings so they can feel comfortable to participate and have the understanding of what is being done.

Honor the Elder. On Wednesday, March 19th, the Business Committee approved a resolution that Honors the Elder. This resolution establishes that the week of June 2- 6, 2008, as Take an Elder to Lunch Week. We are encouraging that all employees and members invite an Elder to lunch during this week and as many times as you can throughout the year. The annual Elder luncheon that is sponsored by the Business Committee is scheduled for June 6, 2008. More information will be coming out soon.

The North American Indigenous games are scheduled to occur August 2 - 10, 2008 in Duncan, Canada. These games are held somewhat like the Olympics but instead of having representatives from different countries, there are representatives from the different states. We, Oneida, participates with Team Wiscosnins. The Teams were selected in the different events by having tryouts at different locations within the state. Oneida has 40 athletes and 10 coaches/chaperones going. These teams have been doing some fundraising, so watch and help support Team Wisconsin. Good Luck athletes and GO TEAM WISCONSIN!

Finance Office, Central Accounting, Risk Management, Purchasing, Business Management and the Budget Office. The development not only provides us a clear direction, it also brings the Finance

## Legislative Update

This article will include information on two very important policy matters which I've recently authored memorandums on.

The two policy matters /issues are:

- Organizational Structure History
- OBC Approval of Compensation and Benefit Policies

These are two very significant issues considering that there remains a lot of GTC questions pertaining to both of these matters. Further, both of these matters will have major impacts on the tribes operations long-term and I felt it was important to share this type of information with tribal members so you can at least be aware of what are some of the major policy discussions that are occurring.

1.) Organizational Structure History

At the November 21, 2007 OBC Meeting, the following motion was approved:

Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the resolution establishing policy for any organizational change to create or dissolve divisions and business units of the Tribe, to LOC for a history on the organizational structure, back in 30 days, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion

carried unanimously.

The General Tribal Council and Oneida Business Committee have passed resolutions that address the structure of the Tribe in a general sense, however, after researching the issue, there is no official record that an "organizational chart" has been formally adopted by either the General Tribal Council or Oneida Business Committee.

**History of the Organizational Structure**

In 1969, the General Tribal Council created the Oneida Business Committee to replace the Executive Committee, which had been given the authority to carry out the daily functions of the Tribe. Resolutions since that time have dealt with the basic structure of the Tribe and include:

1. GTC Resolution 2-14-76: The Oneida Business Committee is the policy making body of the Tribe, however, there is a need to maintain a separation of the legislative and administrative responsibilities of the Tribe.



**Councilman**  
*Vince DelaRosa*

The General Tribal Council resolved that:

- (1) no member of the OBC shall hold a paid position with the Tribe;
- (2) the "Oneida Tribal Management System" (OTMS), which established new policies and procedures, was adopted; and
- (3) the Oneida Business Committee was to fully implement the OTMS in all business affairs of the Tribe.

2. GTC Resolution 2-25-82: Elected officials were to maintain a separation of legislative and administrative responsibilities. The Oneida Business Committee was directed to hire a General Manager to be directly responsible for the programs, including the Personnel and Accounting office, and enterprises of the Tribe. The Oneida Business Committee was also directed to become actively involved in specific legislative areas and stay out of day-to-day activities.

3. OBC Resolution 9-16-88: Intended to establish a plan of action to:

- (1) separate Tribal enterprises from the direct super-

vision of the Oneida Business Committee and General Manager; and

(2) establish a separate organization for all retail activities including Oneida One Stops, tobacco enterprises, gift shop. Any other retail operation shall be operated and managed under the supervision of a Tribal authority.

4. GTC Resolution 7-03-89-A: The General Tribal Council directed the Oneida Business Committee and "Enterprise Review Committee" to establish an alternate structure to manage and conduct oversight of Tribal enterprises.

5. GTC Resolution 8-19-91-A: The General Tribal Council adopted the Administrative Procedures Act and Oneida Appeals Commission to enhance a governmental separation of powers.

**Restructure Proposal**

On August 28, 2000, the General Tribal Council directed the Oneida Business Committee to develop restructuring plans for the Tribe. The proposed restructuring plan, Plan B, would

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**Councilman DelaRosa**

### Office of General Tribal Council Update

On Saturday, March 22nd the Oneida General Tribal Council (Tribal Council), with over 800 Tribal members in attendance, accepted the proposal to establish the Office of General Tribal Council as informational and directed the elected task force of 10 Tribal members to continue their work on the proposal and bring it back in 6 months for consideration. As a member of the Oneida Business Committee, I support the Tribal Council's decision. My general impression of the proposal was that roles and responsibilities of the proposed Office of General Tribal Council need to be more clearly defined. I also think that many felt that the proposed plan was somewhat too comprehensive.

As an Oneida, I thank the committee of 10. They had less than 3 weeks to create and submit the plan regarding a very complicated and difficult issue facing the Oneida Tribe. That issue is the need for effective communication with the Tribal membership regarding HOW and WHERE Tribal monies

are being spent and WHO is receiving those monies. The time put in by the committee of 10 was on a volunteer basis and often their family responsibilities suffered. The additional 6 months provides the committee of 10 a very important component needed to successfully complete their task, that component being TIME.

**3% Wage Increase**

In early October the General Tribal Council passed a 3% wage increase to Tribal employees. 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. As of the writing of this Legislative Update, the employees have not yet received their raises. It has also come to my attention that the Black Jack dealers may not be receiving a 3% wage increase. However, in reviewing the actions by the General Tribal Council



**Councilman**  
*Ed Delgado*

and by the Business Committee on January 23rd, Black Jack dealers were supposed to be included in the 3% wage increase. This issue will be part of the April 2nd Oneida Business Committee Agenda.

**Hobart**

This past fall the Village of Hobart's leadership publicly stated that the Village of Hobart would be the point man on a rifle squad in a fight to what amounts to be an attack on the Oneida Tribe's treaty rights. To some, that kind of language is completely out of order, backward and ignorant, and I feel that the Village leadership should publically apologize to any Oneida who was in attendance at that meeting. Now, after the Oneida Tribe has formally adopted a resolution cutting off service agreement negotiations with the Village because of their disrespect of the Oneida Tribe's sovereignty, the Village of Hobart leadership,

in a recent Green Bay Press Gazette article, "...hopes that the Oneida Tribe of Indians ...would consider less adversarial, maligning and uncooperative actions so that our respective governments move forward..." It is the position of my Office that the Village should first apologize for their inappropriate language regarding rifle squads, and then the leader who uttered those words, should resign.

**Tribal Court**

Smack in the middle of the Oneida Indian Reservation sits Hobart Municipal Court. Non-Oneida Judges judging Oneidas and non-Oneida laws punishing Oneidas in their own homeland. At a recent public hearing regarding the development of our own Oneida Tribal Court, approximately 6 Hobart leaders and citizens sat in support of their position that their HOBART court could and would provide justice to the Oneida people. It is the position of my elected Office that the Oneida Tribe has an obligation to protect its sovereignty and treaty rights

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**Councilman Delgado**



# Letters and Opinions

## Letters and Opinions...

### Proposed Tribal Judicial System

In my opinion, the proposed tribal judicial system is NOT necessary. In 2002, The Pawley Report came out (GTC didn't receive this information) and it states: "The interviewees also raised a number of other issues that were not directed relevant to this report. These issues, however, is worth nothing because they are equally symptomatic of the overall problems with the current governmental structure and the interviewees concerns about those problems. These issues include the following:

(2) The Appeals Commission should be reigned in and forced to only hear cases within their jurisdiction. They are a clear example of the bureaucracy setting their own agenda without effective oversight and control.

(3) Both the Personal Commission and the Appeals Commission cost too much time and money to maintain and take too long to make their own decisions. Neither commission had an effective operating philosophy. Moreover, an effective "training plan" needs to be implemented for commissioners and staff that they understand their role.

THIS WAS STARTED BY AN OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL GROUP THAT DOES THIS RESEARCH FOR A LIVING!!!!

Why have a tribal court now? There is no purpose. Today, in Personal and Appeal hearings, the tribal member must at most times be responsible to represent themselves or find an advocate to represent them. Of course, the tribal manager is well represent, with almost guaranteed win against the defendant.

Where are the lawyers to represent the membership? Originally, I thought we got the lawyers to represent the People, which means each individual tribal member. If an individual tribal has a grievance against management, ect., the tribal member has to mainly go outside the Tribe to get legal counsel, where all our tribal lawyers represent the Tribe/Business Committee

With the proposed tribal judicial system, the Oneida Tribal Member must find legal counsel AGAIN to represent themselves? What kind

of chance in the proposed tribal judicial system do you, the Oneida Tribal Member, think we have of being treated fairly and honestly? Without legal representation? Each individual member will have to try to pull the lint from their pockets to pay for additional fines, lawyer fees, court costs, etc.,

Legitimate concern: Does any staff currently on the Appeals Commission (or Personnel Commission) have law degrees? Judges in the American Court System have law degrees. Things to think about!!

*Best regards,  
Elaine Doxtator*  
**Regarding the Hobart Talks**

I was reading the last issue of Kalihwisaks and I notice that several of the reasons cited by Chairman Danforth as the reasons for discontinuing talks with Hobart are exactly the same issues that my mother and I have been discussing. We feel that some things need to be changed and this news for the Hobart Village treatment is a prime example what we talked about. The thoughts and behaviors of the past are still looming large today as is the desire to assimilate us into "civilization:."

I drafted a letter that I intended to submit to the Kalihwisaks but because of its length, I knew there was no way it could be printed (not that they wouldn't but it is just too long). I decided to post it on the web so that more people could see it and hopefully things could start to change.

The website address is [www.myspace.com/oneoneidasopinion](http://www.myspace.com/oneoneidasopinion) (One Oneidas Opinion but all one word). In my letter, I addressed many areas and posted each area as a separate blog that can be responded to individually.

As I was reading some of the letters, I notice that the editor felt it necessary to defend why some letters were published and some were not and that there was a letter suggesting we should consider some action to ensure there is no censorship. To me it is obvious that not all letters can be published (this one may not and the web address may never be known to any but a few) but that is just how it works. I would suggest that to minimize the appearance of censorship, the editor should

refrain from making "editor notes" in the letter themselves. That just makes me wonder if they add something, or are they taking something out. Most publications do this after the letter, at the end, not directly in the middle of sentences so the letter appears to remain intact but the editor can still address things. As to passing a law regarding letters to the editor, I think that may not be the best course of action. I myself do not know the newspaper policies, nor do I know their budget ( I should but I don't) and I have no idea how many letters are submitted. Maybe its cost prohibitive to print every letter. Maybe some letters are nothing more then insults and name calling and shouldn't be printed. Because I don't know these things, I do know I could not make an informed decision on the proper way to correct the problem and probably shouldn't vote on enacting a law to "fix" it.

*Respectfully yours,  
Nick Kedrowski*  
*Tribal member*  
[www.myspace.com/oneoneidasopinion](http://www.myspace.com/oneoneidasopinion)

### Village of Hobart

Recently tribal membership received a letter from the Oneida Business Committee regarding the Village of Hobart. The letter informs us of the action taken by the OBC. Regarding services Agreement negotiations with

the village for Hobart. The letter further sites OBC resolution #2-20-08-C. In part the resolutions states "the village of Hobart has recently asserted that it possess the authority to condemn tribal property and to impose fees and assessments against the tribe and tribal property, and the Village and the Tribe are engaged in litigation regarding these issues."

I for one whole heartily support and commend our governing body the Oneida Business Committee for taking action with regard to breaking off talks/negotiations with the Village. I would encourage the membership to rally around and support the governing body on this issue. As the Village of Hobart had openly challenged are existence once again through its policies and bigotry directed at Oneida people. We all know that racism is alive and well in the Village of Hobart, we have been victimized by these racist polices for centuries When confronting a racist the first word out of their mouths is "oh no I am not a racist I like those people."

To demonstrate this fact most recently, the village of Hobart recruited and hired a woman from Washington State namely a woman by the name of Elaine Willman as their Director of Development of Tribal Affairs. How ironic, as she

was hired to assist the Village to improve communications with the Oneida Tribe.

For those not aware Ms. Willman is chairman of Citizen Equal Rights Alliance a known hate group and racist organization, with affiliation with the likes of PARR. Ms. Willman had openly attacked and opposed the sovereign rights of tribes to exercise our sovereign rights. Ms. Willman has attacked the National Congress of American Indians and the Native American rights Fund with regards to Sovereignty Protection Initiatives. Ms. Willman also states the all often proverbial statement that she is of Cherokee ancestry! Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing!

People like Willman play on peoples fear, she would never get away with that in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The Village of Hobart hired attorney Tom Tobin a few years ago when they sued the Oneida Tribe regarding the disestablishment of the Oneida Reservation. It appears the village of Hobart continues demonstrate its non-cooperative attitude towards the Oneida people. We as a people have all too often extended our hand in friendship even to our own detriment.

*Sincerely  
Mark A. Powless Sr.*

### When the shooting was done...

On March 4, 2008, I went to the second day of the murder trial for 17-year-old Carl Morgan. Carl Morgan shot and killed my nephew Gregory Smith. A female witness was on the stand testifying to what she had seen that night Greg was killed. As she explained where she was and the logistics of distance and angle of the gun she said, "When the shooting was done..." and that statement sent me spiraling into thought. So many things happened to his immediate family, his mother and father and brother and sister that I had to form some type of expression. I in no way claim to know their pain, I haven nothing but a slight idea of what they have gone through. But this poem is something of that thought. "When the shooting was done."

### When the shooting was done

Your could hear his mother's tragic scream  
You could feel his mother's spirit freeze  
Frozen in pain. In agony. In loss.

When the shooting was done  
The bullets rippled through time and space  
There was no safe place  
To run

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have separated the functions of the Tribal government and the operations of the Tribe.

The long-term goal was greater flexibility and decision making power at local, or business levels, and law and regulatory direction set at a governmental level. Plan B, as approved by General Tribal Council, granted the Oneida Business Committee limited authority, requiring that the Oneida Business Committee follow the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act to adopt, amend or repeal a law or regulation. However, it also gave the Oneida Business Committee the power to affect laws or regulations adopted by the General Tribal Council.

To date, Plan B has never been implemented and the Oneida Business Committee is in violation of a directive of GTC on this matter. I have raised this issue with Chairman Danforth and others over the years and I cannot get any support to do anything with the GTC directive on Plan B.

On a related note, I am preparing a report and examination on organizational structural issues in Oneida and on the Plan B model as a approved by GTC. I will publish that report in the tribal newspaper once it's completed.

### Recent History

On June 1, 2005, the Oneida Business Committee approved the inclusion of a "Commerce Department" within the Oneida Nation Organization Chart; however, the Chart itself was not officially approved. The Chart appears to be a working draft that was created and implemented by the General Manager.

Lastly, there is an organizational structure chart dated July 11, 2003, but there is no indication who approved this chart.

2.) OBC Approval of Compensation and Benefit Policies

The Oneida Business Committee has deferred for review a resolution (hereafter "the Resolution") which would establish a policy for a wage and salary compensation policy. The Chief Counsel prepared the resolution at the direction of the Oneida Business Committee, and this memorandum will provide some history on the topic and offer comments on the resolution.

### Recent History

In recent years, compensation plans have been included in the budget resolutions adopted by the General Tribal Council (GTC). However, I think a more aggressive oversight level is needed in terms of the actual policies which can affect the implementation of these plans.

GTC Resolution Adopting FY 2004 BUDGET was a response to report to a GTC directive found in GTC Resolution #7-08-02-A. For FY 2004, the recommendations from the Falmouth Institute on Tribal wages were included within that year's budget.

### The Resolution

The Resolution on com-

pensation and benefit policies, drafted at the behest of the OBC, seeks to do two things:

1. direct that all compensation plans be adopted by the OBC prior to implementation.

2. direct that all benefit policies involving monetary awards be adopted by the OBC prior to implementation.

On the first point, the requirement that all compensation plans be adopted by the OBC, it may be preferable to place that kind of requirement into a codified law - perhaps the Personal Policies and Procedures, a possible labor code, or as part of a larger stand alone policy which includes other pronouncements on compensation.

On the second point, requiring the OBC to adopt all benefit policies, this would place the OBC into a process where it may not want to be involved. However, I think the OBC has to be involved in these matters to serve as a watch dog for the employees. The last resolve is very broadly written, and would conceivably require the OBC to approve the many Tribal divisions, departments and other entities Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on bonuses and incentives. Currently,

HRD approves bonus and incentive SOPs (as well as most other employment related SOPs).

Merit policy is currently governed by HRD's Management and Employment Review Procedures (MERP) and the following provision from the Personnel Policies and Procedures:

c. Merit increase shall be granted upon the recommendation of the supervisor, the Area Manager, the HRD Manager and the General Manager. (IV.A.1.c.)

However, if the OBC wanted to exercise some oversight role in the approval of merit policy or bonuses/incentives SOPs, it could designate the LOC or some other entity which is directly accountable to the OBC as the approving entity.

In closing: The LOC is currently working on a compensation and benefits resolution, as well as a policy to govern the Tribe's organizational structure. mail to: [phuff@oneidanation.org](mailto:phuff@oneidanation.org)

I'll publish more information on how we handle these matters once we conclude our deliberations. Thanks for reading my article.

## From Page 6A/Councilman Delgado

it. It is also the position of my Office that Oneida people should not EVER have to live under the jurisdiction of the Village of Hobart and the quicker that our own Tribal Court can be established, the quicker the Oneida people can exercise their inherent right to live as Oneidas and not as citizens of Hobart.

### Pueblo of Pojoaque

A recent Sunday saw 2 vehicle roll-overs on the Oneida Reservation. Both roll-overs involved Oneida teenagers and possibly, both roll-overs involved alcohol. I feel that the Oneida Tribe has

an obligation to its teenagers, an obligation to keep them safe. In New Mexico, the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Council recently passed a resolution intended to stop illegal drug trafficking and illegal drug use that threatens their youth. The resolution also affects tribal members who are convicted of trafficking of illegal drugs which are then disenrolled and excluded from the Tribe.

I would like to see the Oneida Tribe, in the near future, pass a resolution that protects its youth from those who would sell them alcohol

and drugs. My Office will be sponsoring those initiatives. No one has a right to endanger the lives of our children which is what they do when they provide our youth with drugs and alcohol.

### Oneida Cemetery

The Oneida Cemetery has been closed due to flood problems. However, procedural exceptions have been done, there is a small area available. If you need assistance please contact Corinna Burke at **920-496-5386** or my office at **920-869-4415**.

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# Upcoming General Tribal Council Meetings

Meeting Date: **May 10, 2008**  
Purpose: “To call for a special General Tribal Council Meeting to consider and approve the following:  
1. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$5,000 to those Oneida Tribal Members under the age of 62 years of age enrolled prior to the distribution date, and \$10,000 to those Oneida Tribal Members 62 years of age and older enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or  
2. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$7,500 to those Oneida Tribal Members under the age of 62 years of age enrolled prior to the distribution date, and \$10,000 to those Oneida Tribal Members 62 years of age and older enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or  
3. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$10,000 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or  
4. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$15,000 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; or  
5. A special one time payment/distribution in FY 2008, separate from any per capita payment(s) and resolutions(s), in the amount of \$20,000 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date, to be taken from the General Reserves and other tribal resources and shall be processed and distributed with due diligence and mailed according to the GTC’s directive(s), with no loss of employment, not reductions in wages and no reduction/loss of services for all Oneida Tribal enrolled members; and  
6. To increase the existing \$800 annual per capita payment to \$1,200, \$2,000, or \$2,500 to all Oneida Tribal Members enrolled prior to the distribution date which shall be mailed not later than September 30th each year perpetually.  
Petitioner: Linda S. Dallas  
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym  
Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.  
Meeting Date: **May or June 2008**, To Be Determined  
Purpose: Approve the new Judiciary Act and Administrative Procedures Act.

Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym  
Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.  
Meeting Date: **July 7, 2008**  
Purpose: General Tribal Council Semi-Annual meeting.  
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym  
Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Registration begins at 4:00 P.M.  
Meeting Date: **September 2008** – To Be Determined  
Purpose: Annual Budget Meeting.  
Location: Oneida Elementary (Turtle) School Gym  
Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.

## Petitions Received by the Secretary’s Office

The following petitions for Special Meetings were received by the Secretary’s Office and are waiting for the date to be set:

Date Received: January 31, 2008  
Petitioner: Linda S. Dallas  
Purpose: “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 only the following purpose(s) being the only agenda items(s) noticed to and considered by the General Tribal Council:  
1. 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.

Date Received: February 26, 2008  
Petitioner: Cathy L. Metoxen  
Purpose: “We, the undersigned fifty (50) or more qualified voters, submit this petition along with the required ordinance to 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. We, the undersigned, assert our constitutional rights and further direct the special General Tribal Council meeting shall be held on a Saturday only to allow for greater participation by the Oneida General Tribal Council (membership), with only the following purpose(s) and agenda items(s) noticed to and considered by the General Tribal Council for this particular GTC Meeting:  
1. For complete disclosure of any and all findings by or on behalf of the Oneida Indians of Wisconsin and the Attorney General’s Office directly to the GTC, to include but not limited to, the Oneida Housing Authority, Oneida Housing Authority personnel, Oneida Housn Authority Board Members, Oneida Business Committee member(s), family and or friends of Oneida Housing Authority personnel and/or family and/or friends of Oneida Housing Authority Board members, and  
2. For GTC to discuss, take action and issue directives to appropriate persons and/or areas, to include but not limited to, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Boards, Committees, Commissions, corporations, entities, departments, and programs, regarding any and all Oneida Housing Authority issues to include, but not limited to the expenditures and conduct of all Oneida Housing Authority personnel, and board members, including but not limited to Mark Stancheck, Gina (Powless) Bruenrostro, Shannon (Metoxen) King, Susan (Danforth) Martines, Evelyn (Schuyler) Elm, Kate Stevens, Jennifer (Kurowski) Hill, Linda Torres, Jason Johnson, Fern Birdsbill and Interim OHA Director, Susan House.”

Date Received: February 27, 2008  
Petitioner: Linda S. Dallas and Mike Debraska  
Purpose: “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 only the following purpose(s) being the only agenda items(s) noticed to and considered by the General Tribal Council:  
1. To present a proposal for an independent outside audit and legal counsel to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council with regard to the independent outside audit, and  
2. For GTC to approve a proposal for an independent outside audit and legal counsel to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council with regard to the independent outside audit, 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, and independent outside audit and legal counsel to represent the Oneida General Tribal Council with regard to the independent outside audit.”

## From Page 1A/Office of GTC

already existing services provided to tribal members through the proposed office.  
Also, GTC members wanted to be utilized. “We (the GTC) need to blame ourselves, we need to take responsibility. We need accountability and checks and balances,” voiced a GTC member. “GTC, we can do this,” said another.  
Though minimal, support was palpable for the office to be established. While members

stated the tools were already in place for a successful GTC, supporters of the office stated those tools are not working. They felt the current bureaucracy was wasting valuable resources of the tribe and the tribal system was broke and needed to be fixed.  
After lengthy discussion the GTC was not ready to accept the Office of the GTC based on the current presentation. The lack of clarity lead to a motion to accept the work group’s presentation as informational and allow them to fine tune the elements of the office with a more comprehensive plan to be unveiled in six months.  
Concern was also expressed with the potential for conflict of interest between current members of the work group and their bids for tribal elections in July of 2008. A motion was presented to remove any member of the work group running in the July elections to avoid any conflict of interest. The GTC also agreed with this concern and overwhelmingly decided to support this motion.  
According to March 1, 2008 caucus records Cathy L. Metoxen, Linda Dallas, Steve Mittag, Chaz Wheelock, and Elaine Doxtator will be removed from the work group due to accepted nominations for the July 2008 elections. It is unclear if they will be replaced.

## 30 years of ICWA

Addressing the systematic disruption of Indian families and clarifying out-of-home placement preferences for American Indian children are frequently cited reasons behind Congressional passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978, according to Terry Cross (Seneca), founder and executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). Now, 30 years later, child welfare advocates will gather to share the grassroots changes that have grown from ICWA’s passage and to see what work still remains to be completed for American Indian/Alaska Native children and families, tribal programs, and tribal-state collaborations.  
“Protecting Our Children: National American Indian

See Page 10A  
ICWA

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Immediately I remembered...  
Meeting him - a newborn  
Pictures sent from Germany – a toddler  
Christmas trees surrounded with silly smiles – home on visits  
Senior pictures and a Crazy Afro-his cool freedom of expression  
When the shooting was done  
After fire shot from the gun  
The bullets rippled through our hearts, our souls, and  
ricochet through our love  
and exploded into shock and splattered sadness and anger everywhere  
when the shooting was done  
we felt the bullets  
we felt the bullets  
we felt the bullets  
stop our hearts  
we were frozen  
we are frozen  
slowly...  
our hearts will beat again  
Right?  
By Kanatihol Hill

**Gambling with our sovereign status**  
To my fellow Tribal members,  
I am writing this letter to voice my opinions and my opposition to large per cap payments made to Tribal Elders. Being an Elder, I feel wholly justified in being able to voice my opinion in this matter.  
I heard a rumor that at least one of the candidates for Tribal Chair is promising to make the \$10,000 per cap payment an annual event. I would like to say that although it was nice to receive and certainly did help me out, it was much less of a benefit than one would think.  
I would benefit more from receiving the same benefits that Tribal Members who live on the reservation enjoy such as the gas card and tax-exempt status. The ability to get glasses, dental care and prescriptions near my home would certainly help me more than a large annual payment.  
I would like to know if any

of the current candidates are going to try to benefit the entire membership or if they, like all the rest are going to be more interested in giving away our sovereignty and concentrating on the more visible membership that reside in Brown and Outagamie Counties. It is important that we begin to act as one people and seek to have the state realize that it is wrong to force us to be treated differently simply because of where we live. Perhaps it is time to change our policies to allow us to have candidates that do not currently reside in Brown or Outagamie County but rather open it up to all members. The way it is now, we seem to keep getting more of the same and at the rate we are going, will cease to be a sovereign people before long.

Respectfully yours,  
Janice Kedrowski  
(Cornelius)  
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# State

## Combining a traditional Lacrosse game into a modern style competitive high school sport

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

The Oneida Nation High School is steeped in tradition and culture. It is for that reason that the Oneida Nation high school athletic director has put together the newest sports team.

Michael Hanke, along with Sonny Hill, have formed a lacrosse team which has already taken the field in three exhibition games in De Pere on March 15.

The non-WIAA sanction team currently consists of 24 members, of which, according to Hanke, only about 18 are eligible to play due to school eligibility policy.

Hill will be coaching the team which will not be playing the traditional style of lacrosse, but rather will be competing in the modern style of the game played by other area schools.

"I think it's something (the school's) been wanting to do for a while and that they've been gearing toward. I think, in my mind, what makes it a good thing for us to do is we're looking for something that will be a drawing card for our school; will give an identity to our school and also increase the commitment of our students toward the sport," Hanke said. "We have had sports, but we've never been able to develop an identity with it."

Lakwaho McLester, team captain, explained some of the differences between traditional and modern lacrosse.

"You can't hit as hard and you'll get called for a lot of things and there's only ten allowed on the field at a time," he said.

The team is scheduled to play eight games, three scrimmages and five regular season games beginning in April.

"We are a little worried about those early dates because of the weather conditions. If the weather is not allowing it then we'll just have to reschedule or cancel

them," Hanke said.

The home games will be played behind the Norbert Hill Center on the football field that will hopefully be repainted to the dimensions of a lacrosse field which, according to Hanke is five yards wider and longer than a football field.

According to Hanke, this is a club sport and is not unlike intramural sports. The WIAA is not involved and in such students will not be eligible for letters nor there be a state sponsored tournament.

"You don't earn a letter, although we are going to be awarding lacrosse emblems to the participants by our choice," Hanke said.

Hanke said of the game, "This is truly an American sport. It was something that the Native Americans were playing, actually the Iroquois themselves so...we're hoping that it will aid us both in the appreciation of the culture and also in interest in the spirituality of the beginnings of the culture."

The other schools in the league also realize the cultural significance of this sport to the Native American community.

"The other teams, by the way, have asked if...Sonny could talk to the other teams about just what (lacrosse) means to us," Hanke said.

Schools Oneida will be competing against include Notre Dame, Bayport, Green Bay Southwest, Menasha, De Pere and Green Bay Metro. Also, as this is Oneida's first year in the program they will be competing at the Junior Varsity level.

"We should have a pretty good team this year; we have a lot of talent. Everyone has been practicing all year," McLester said. "We're all excited to just be playing all the other high school teams from around the area."

According to Hanke, Hill is currently working alone but



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Members of the Oneida High School lacrosse team practice at the Turtle School.

hopes to have additional help in the future. He also said that there is a possibility of fielding more than one team in the future.

Hanke hopes to bring pride into the school and the community with the lacrosse team. In addition he is hoping to gain some recognition in the local high school sports community.

"I'm not saying that we are

going to be the dynasty around here, but I'd like to hear people say, 'Oneida High School, you guys are that big lacrosse organization over there.'" Hanke said. "And I'm also hoping that we can get some interest from parents and the community. We need funding for this. We've purchased a lot of things, but there's a lot of equipment that we need to get. It's not as

expensive as football, but it's up there so we're hoping that they'll see the opportunity to donate or help with other fundraising ideas."

Hanke said that the lacrosse program is currently seeking out donations and fundraising opportunities and asks anybody interested in helping the team to call his office at (920)869-4052.

## From Page 1A/Potential flooding

away from homes is also a major factor in flooding of homes. "A lot of homes would have the sump pump just dump the water a few feet from the house and then the pump runs continuously. People should put extensions on drains to get water away from the home and closer to ditches," said Kurowski.

Kurowski may have a reciprocal idea for future home sites on the reservation. "New homes should be built above water tables and have a nice pitch away from them. Maybe the tribe should take the fill

from the new lake being built and ensuring new homes don't have flooding issues. I would like to see preventative maintenance to stay ahead and avoid further problems," he said.

Kurowski not only expressed concern over home flooding but also land flooding within the reservation. "Currently ditches within the reservation are too narrow and filled with debris like cotton wood trees and cat tails. Water is flowing through some full ditches and overflowing," said Kurowski. He targeted County Road H, Site II area, and Government Road

as current problem areas.

According to Kurowski, scheduled maintenance of the drainage channels to avoid trees and debris blockage needs to be done. "Every year the maintenance is not done it is getting worse with more debris in the water ways," he said.

Kurowski feels there are solutions available for the targeted problem areas. "Leadership needs to make sure (they) take care of certain areas to ensure quality of life on the reservation," he said.

## Oneida Child Care's Waiting List

When Airport Road or Norbert Hill Child Care Centers have an opening for a child we go to the Child Care Waiting List for the next family to call. We use the Waiting List to fill openings at both Oneida Child Care Sites.

The OCC Waiting List is divided into classifications:

- 1st classification is: Enrolled Oneida/working for the Oneida Tribe
- 2nd classification is: Enrolled Oneida Parent/Child not working for the Oneida Tribe
- 3rd classification is: Non-Oneida Tribal Member working for the Oneida Tribe
- 4th classification is: Non-Oneida Tribal Member not working for the Oneida Tribe

It is extremely important to get your name on the waiting list as soon as you know you are expecting. For the past year+ we have only been calling families from the 1st classification as that list is long enough to fill any openings at both Sites.

Each January we need to receive a call from you stating that you wish to remain on the Waiting List. If we do not get notification from you, your name is removed. When you receive a call from either Center offering you care, you must reply within five working days or we will assume you are not interested and move on to the next family.

ARCC cares for children ages 6 weeks - the summer they turn 8 years of age. NHCCC cares for children ages 6 weeks until Kindergarten entrance. Please stop in for an application to our Waiting List or call Melissa at **920-869-6856** and she will inter-office or mail you an application.

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# WDVA, Area Colleges Hold Veterans Campus Outreach Events

Wausau, Stevens Point events slated for early April

(MADISON) – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Northcentral Technical College, and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will co-host on-campus outreach events in April to provide information and assistance with federal and state education and other veterans benefits, programs and services.

“Here in Wisconsin, we can be proud that we offer so many excellent state veterans programs and services, which are an important complement to the veterans’ benefits provided by the federal government,” said Governor Jim Doyle.

“Many of our veterans have given up years of their lives in service to our nation, often under harsh combat conditions with multiple overseas tours of duty,” said Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John A. Scocos. “We must all work together to help ensure that our returning veterans are assisted in reintegrating into civilian life and are fully aware of all of the federal and state programs and services designed to assist them,” said Scocos.

The On-Campus Veterans’

Benefits Open House events will be held on Thursday, April 3 at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 8 at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WDVA staff and school veterans’ officials will be available to provide information about federal and state education programs and veterans’ benefits, programs and services. Area County Veterans Service Officers and staff will also be on hand, along with representatives from the Wisconsin National Guard, the state Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards, and health care staff from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Two On-Campus Veterans’ Benefits Open House events were held in southwestern Wisconsin in February, including at UW-Platteville and at the Southwest Technical College in Fennimore. Future events are being planned for other locations around the state, including Eau Claire and Milwaukee.

For more information, visit **WisVets.com/education** or contact the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at **1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387)**.

# Tsyunhehkwa springs into growing season

By Steven J. Gandy

Kalihwisaks

Although the warm weather has not arrived to Oneida yet, employees at Tsyunhehkwa are gearing up for the growing season.

A schedule has already been drawn up for the growing season's events and is available from Tsyunhehkwa.

This year's workshops include the Three Sisters workshops, Culinary Creations at the Farm and Salve Making with Carol Elm just to name a few.

All of the workshops and events and products at Tsyunhehkwa are available to the general public as well as tribal members.

Ted Skenandore, Agriculture Food Specialist Supervisor, said, “We are definitely open to the public. A lot of people don't know that Tsyunhehkwa is open to the public. You don't have to be an Oneida tribal member or anything like that to come so we wanted to make that clear.”

Workers are currently preparing for the Seed & Plant Distribution at the Farm event which allows visitors to gather seed and bedding plants for their gardens.

Kyle Wisneski, Greenhouse Technician at Tsyunhehkwa, said, “I'm starting those bedding plants in the green house. They can come in and each get one of these seed bags and they'll get



Kali photo/Steven J. Gandy

Kyle Wisneski is shown checking to see if root systems have been established in the seedlings.

four each of the bedding plants along with potatoes, some fertilizer if we have it and some onion sets.”

The cost of the seeds and plants is \$5.00. Also for an additional \$20.00 Tsyunhehkwa Outreach worker Frank Haney will even till a plot on prospective gardeners land for a garden bed.

Arrangements for the tilling should be scheduled ahead of time with Tsyunhehkwa by calling their office.

Tsyunhehkwa is an organically certified operation. They are certified in several areas of the operation and this

year expect to have their free-range chickens and turkeys certified organic as well.

Orders are currently being taken for chickens and turkeys. Chickens will be processed on two dates, July 17 and August 29 and turkeys will be processed in October.

The birds require a \$3.00 deposit per bird which will be applied to the per pound cost of the bid which is \$3.00 per pound for non-tribal members and \$2.50 per pound for tribal members.

Visitors to Tsyunhehkwa are educated on how to grow foods in a healthy and organic manner. One of the goals of the center is to teach peo-

ple.

“We're not trying to feed the world, but we're trying to teach the world how to feed themselves,” Skenandore said.

Wisneski continued, “We're basically like an educational service as well. We're not trying to feed everybody. We're giving you the seeds, we'll come out and till your garden and plus, if that's not enough, you can come here and we'll sit down and design your garden for you.”

For more information or to schedule a visit at Tsyunhehkwa, call (920)869-2718.

# Tribe says water legislation would violate its fishing rights

By John Flesher

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) ~ An American Indian tribe says bills pending in the Legislature to regulate high-volume water withdrawals would violate its rights by reducing fish populations in some rivers and streams.

Officials with other northern Michigan tribes also are raising concerns about the measures, pending in the House and Senate. The two versions are similar, but have differences that sponsors are trying to work out before floor votes are taken.

The bills would regulate withdrawals of more than 200,000 gallons per day from rivers and streams - or from underground aquifers - for commercial uses such as farming and manufacturing.

Lawmakers are considering them along with a related proposal to ratify an interstate compact designed to prevent Great Lakes water from being shipped or piped to other regions.

Supporters say the bills would help make sure Michigan's waters are used responsibly. But critics say their protections don't go far enough.

In a letter sent recently to legislative leaders, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians said both bills were flawed because they would let businesses remove enough water from streams to diminish populations of fish such as trout by reducing stream flow or raising temperatures.

“Any such reductions

would amount to an unconstitutional taking of the tribe's property right in fish resources of rivers and streams,” said the letter, signed by Tribal Chairman Robert Kewaygoshkum.

Patricia Birkholz, chairwoman of the Senate's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and a sponsor of the Senate bills, said the tribe was raising 11th-hour objections after keeping a low profile during months of discussions by legislative panels seeking a compromise on the water withdrawal issue.

“I find it rather puzzling, to say the least,” Birkholz, a Saugatuck Republican, said Monday.

Last fall, the Grand Traverse Band and four other

tribes signed an agreement with the state recognizing their members' right under an 1836 treaty to hunt and fish on public lands in parts of western and northern Michigan.

Under the deal, the tribes agreed to hunt and fish in those areas only for subsistence purposes - not for profit.

But the Grand Traverse Band said allowing water withdrawals that reduce fish numbers would be a “fundamental breach” of the agreement, which settled a 4-year-old lawsuit.

That's because it would allow businesses to reduce the value of the fishing resource while tribes are prohibited from commercial harvesting of those fish, said Bill Rastetter, attorney for the Grand Traverse Band.

“If you're going to authorize legislation to take away our property right, we have the ability to go into court and ask that the (2007 agreement) be set aside, because the rules have changed,” Rastetter said.

He said the tribe had not decided whether to mount a

legal challenge if the bills are enacted. In the meantime, it will propose changes for lawmakers to consider, he said.

Frank Ettawageshik, chairman of the Little Traverse Bands of Odawa Indians, said he feared the bills would undo some of the protections of fishing resources built into the agreement last year.

“It will do us no good to protect a treaty right to fish in the waters if the waters themselves have been damaged to the point that they're not fishable,” Ettawageshik said.

# From Page 8A/ICWA offers workshops

Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect” held April 20-23 will feature presentations by nationally known legal experts and Indian child welfare advocates, such as Priscilla Day (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe), director for the Center of Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies-Social Work Department at the University of Minnesota Duluth; Utah Circuit Court Judge William Thorne (Pomo/Miwoc); BJ Jones (Standing Rock Sioux), tribal judge and director of the Tribal Justice Institute; and Native American Rights Fund staff attorney Mark Tilden (Navajo).

The annual event is organized by NICWA, located in Portland, Oregon. This year, the annual conference will present 59 workshops under four topic areas: advocacy, collaboration, data and research, and ICWA compliance. Alongside the workshops are keynote presentations, exhibitors, and discussion groups. The conference

will be held at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Isla Dane (Navajo), NICWA event manager, said, “This conference has the most workshops ever selected, as well as having an increased number of workshops focused on youth. Systems of Care, youth, and methamphetamine-issues workshops are well represented in each workshop session.”

Some of the workshop titles include “Re-thinking Attachment Theory,” “Attachment Disorder in Indian Country,” “Transforming Child Welfare for Methamphetamine Impacted Families,” “It’s Not a Movement Until You Include Youth,” “Thirty Years Later, Speed Still Kills,” and “Protecting Native Rights and Cultures During Research.”

NICWA has expanded its exhibition hall to include scheduled entertainment, and increased opportunities for agency/company exposure, centrally located within con-

ference activities. There are some spaces still available for Native vendors and nonprofit/education organizations. To register as an exhibitor, please submit a completed exhibitor application, available online at [www.nicwa.org/conference/](http://www.nicwa.org/conference/) or call NICWA project support staff person Tia Begay (Navajo) for more information at 503.222.4044, ext. 157.

*NICWA is a national non-profit and the most comprehensive source of information on American Indian child welfare and works on behalf of Indian children and families. NICWA provides public policy, research, advocacy, information, training, and community development services to a broad national audience; state child welfare agencies; and other organizations, agencies, and professionals interested in the field of Indian child welfare. Their website is [www.nicwa.org](http://www.nicwa.org) or call 503/222-4044.*



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## Third Annual Family Fun Night a success

**Submitted by Betty Schwantes**

RD CDE, Planning Coordinator

The 3rd Annual Family Fun Night was held on March 12th from 4:00 PM -7:00 PM at the Turtle School. This event is sponsored through the Oneida Community Health Center and the Special Diabetes Grant. The event promotes family activity and healthy eating for future prevention of diabetes.

This year's event was bigger and better than ever. Over 260 children and their parents participated. A light meal of two slices of cheese pizza with raw vegetables, fruit, low fat milk and water was served. We wanted to send the message that quick can be healthy when you add vegetable and fruit along with a low fat dairy to your entrée. An after school snack sample of bean dip and low fat tortilla chips was also provided along with popcorn.

Several activities kept the children busy. An interactive D.J. got the group out dancing and prizes were given out to those who participated. While some children danced others spent time jumping in the Balloon bouncer. The Oneida Family Fitness Center



provided a basketball shoot and obstacle course. This game was especially popular with the boys. Other activities included the Wii game, Fisher Price virtual reality bike, t-shirt coloring, face painting, Oneida Living in Balance, and gardening from Tsuyunhekwa. Throughout the evening names were

called off and interactive prizes were given away.

The evening was fun-filled and spring was in the air until we left and it started to snow! LOL. Overall the night was a huge success and it was great to see families being involved and having fun. I would like to thank those who spent months planning this event

Photos courtesy of Betty Schwantes

Left: Participants customized their tee-shirts at the Third Annual Family Fun Night.

Below: Children had fun dancing, jumping in the moon bounce and being active.

## Students to learn about career options

**Submitted by Fred Sanderson**

K-5 Grade Counselor

During the month of April, Students at Oneida Nation Elementary School will be learning about careers as part of career month. The theme for career month is: "Relating Skills to school and work."

Students will gain an understanding of how what they are learning will be useful in a variety of jobs.

Kindergarten students will learn about preservation of wild life, and how wild animals are kept safe.

They will also learn about the careers of fire fighters.

First grade students will learn about the variety of animals that live in Wisconsin, and how their environment is studied and preserved.

They will also learn about careers in the dairy industry.

Second grade students will learn about careers in nursing and police work.

Third and fourth grade students will learn about

what skills are necessary to become a veterinarian, and about careers in the dairy industry.

Fifth grade students will learn about careers in the field of dentistry and health services.

Third through fifth grade students will also learn about what is involved in becoming a television meteorologist from the channel 5 weatherman, Justin Stinebrink.

Career month has three goals.

First, students need to learn about the variety of careers available to them in the world of work.

Second, students need to understand the connection between what they are learning in school and the skills and characteristics needed to succeed in specific careers.

Third, Students need to recognize that their friends and relatives (Native Americans) are already working in a variety of careers, and they can do likewise.

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## Environmental

### Meet Tsyunhenkwa's Frank Haney

Submitted by Frank Haney

Tsyunhehkwa Agricultural Center  
Shekoli. My name is Frank Haney and I am the new Community Outreach Worker at Tsyunhehkwa Agricultural Center. I just wanted to introduce myself and let everybody know that spring is on its way so it's time to start thinking about gardening. I will be tilling the gardens for our community members and I wanted to make you aware of some small changes that are taking place this year. Due to the price of gas there will be a \$20.00 fee for tilling gardens, \$10.00 for elders.

I would like to clarify that the tilling schedule is not based on a first come first serve basis. What determines when your garden is tilled are the proper weather conditions and the location of your garden. For the sake of efficient gas use, we try to put together tilling routes that allow the most gardens to be tilled during each work day. This is an attempt to get as much done as soon as possible so your growing season is as long as it can be.

Our seed distribution program will begin May 10th, 2008 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. This will run the entire month from 1:00pm - 4:30pm Mon-Fri. We will be closed May 23rd thru the



Frank Haney

26th.

Five dollars (\$5.00) will provide you with 22 types of seeds and 9 bedding plant selections. Marigolds and garden fertilizers are also available. You may return after June 2nd if you need more of anything. Please bring your own tray for plants.

This is our 2008 Workshop Schedule.

**April 22**, 5:00pm - Essential Oil Gift for Mother's Day Retail Store

**May 10 thru May 30** - Seed and Plant distribution, Ag Center

**May 15**, 5:00pm - Three Sisters Workshop - Corn Planting, Ag Center

**May 17**, 10:00am - Three Sisters Workshop - Corn Planting, Ag Center

**May 29**, 5:00pm - Three Sisters Workshop (Beans & Squash), Ag Center

**May 31**, 10:00am - Three Sisters Workshop (Beans & Squash) Ag Center

**June 28** - Ridgeview Plaza Open House, Retail Store

**July 23**, 5:00pm - Culinary Creations at the Farm, Ag Center

**July 31**, 5:00pm - Salve Making with Carol Elm part 1 at the Farm, Ag Center

**To be Determined** - Green Corn Feast & Agricultural Open House, Ag Center

**Aug. 2**, 10:00am - Salve Making with Carol Elm part 2 at the farm, Ag Center

**Aug. 7** - 5:00pm Canning Pickles, Cannery

**Aug. 28**, 5:00pm - Salsa Making, Cannery

**Sept. 5-7** - Indian Summer Festival, Milwaukee

**Sept. 22-26** - Harvest and Husking Bee Education Week, Ag Center

**Sept. 27-3** - Harvest and Husking Bee Community Week, Ag Center

**Oct. 1-3** - Harvest and Husking Bee Community Week, Ag Center

**Oct. 16**, 5:00pm - Apple Workshop, Cannery

**Nov. 6**, 5:00pm - White Corn Workshop, Cannery

**Nov. 18**, 5:00pm - Corn Husk Doll Making with Judy Jourdon, Retail Store

**Dec. 2**, 5:00pm - Herbal Holiday Gifts, Retail Store

**To be determined** - Mid Winter feast, Cannery

### Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS)

Submitted by Stacy Gilmore

Water Quality Specialist

The latest virus to hit our region has the potential to kill millions of individuals, significantly disrupt Great Lakes industries, and cause the loss of thousands of jobs.

Don't go running to your doctor for a vaccine just yet.

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is a deadly fish virus, yet another exotic species to threaten Wisconsin's fish. Like other Great Lakes invaders, VHS has made its way through the Great Lakes since the first reported die-off in Lake Ontario in 2005. In the spring of 2007 Lake Michigan's first confirmed case of VHS was reported in Algoma. Last May VHS was the cause of freshwater drum mortality in both Little Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Winnebago. Visibly healthy Smallmouth Bass collected in Sturgeon Bay have been confirmed as VHS virus carriers. More than 25 Great Lakes fish species are susceptible to the VHS virus; among the most vulnerable are Muskellunge, Walleye, Bluegill, and Yellow perch. Never before has a fish virus in the Great Lakes affected such a wide range of hosts.

What is it? As the "H" in VHS indicates, the virus causes Hemorrhaging. Blood vessels become weak and cause internal bleeding in internal organs, muscles, and skin. As in most organisms, stress weakens the body's immune system and increases the risk of catching the virus. Low water quality and food resources are two sources of stress for fish. Yes, fish have

stress too.

The VHS virus can survive in water for up to 14 days. Eating infected prey will also spread the virus (only to other fish-it hasn't been linked to human health risk). Fish that survive an infection develop antibodies, which provide protection from new VHS infections for a while. The fish will eventually lose immunity, and begin "shedding" the virus again. This could create a regular cycle of fish kills.

The virus is most active in water temperatures between 37 F and 54 F, which are close to the average temperatures in Duck Creek at Pamperin Park for March and April. Although not as active in warmer temperatures, the virus can still be spread through contact with infected water.

How you can help. To prevent the spread of VHS to uninfected waters, precautions must be taken throughout the year. In order to maintain a healthy fishery for future generations, Oneida Conservation Department urges boaters and fishermen to take the following precautions:

- o Drain all water back into the waterbody it came from before leaving the bank or shore. This includes bilge, ballast, live well, and bait bucket water.
- o Use live minnows purchased only from registered bait dealers, or collected by you in the same waterbody.
- o Do not transport live fish away from the landing or shore (including bait minnows). Put fish on ice, and dispose of bait fish at a cleaning station or trash

receptacle.

Bait minnows can be infected with VHS before leaving the bait shop, or while in a bait bucket refreshed with water from the lake. Movement of these fish to other waterbodies is the most likely way for VHS to spread. Because some infected fish may not show signs of infection, the above practices are vital to prevent the spread of VHS.

Because many fish diseases display symptoms similar to VHS (bulging eyes, "corkscrew swimming", bloating), VHS can only be confirmed by lab tests. Although VHS has not been linked to human illness, other fish diseases do pose human health threats. For this reason, people should be cautioned against handling or eating any fish that does not act or appear to be healthy. If you catch a suspicious looking fish, place it in a plastic bag and keep it in a cooler on ice. If you observe a fish kill, do not collect samples. Contact the Oneida Conservation Department at **920-869-1450** if you see any fish that appear or act suspicious.

Please do your part to keep the Oneida Reservation VHS-Free.

For water quality or fish-related questions or issues contact Stacy Gilmore [sgilmore@oneidanation.org](mailto:sgilmore@oneidanation.org) or **920-496-5325**. For human health issues contact Stephanie Mineau [smineau@oneidanation.org](mailto:smineau@oneidanation.org) or **920-496-5340**. For specific regulations and additional information on the VHS virus, visit [www.fishingwisconsin.org](http://www.fishingwisconsin.org).

### Virginia Range Mustangs need help

Submitted by the Oneida Falling Leaves 4-H club

In 2001, the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros (ISPMB) answered a call to save 82 wild mustangs from starvation and placed them on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal land with an agreement signed by the Tribe and ISPMB. The gift of the horses was to assist the Tribe in developing their Tribal Park helping to stimulate their economy through tourism and to keep numbers in check, some of the off spring of the original horses were to be gathered to be given to the Lakota youth. When the horses arrived in November of 2001, the spiritual leaders of the Tribe conducted ceremonies to welcome their arrival on the reservation. Songs were sung that had not been sung in over one hundred years. Many elders believed that the return of the horses signified the fulfillment of prophecies that the buffalo and the horses would once again return to the people.

Over the six years that the horses remained with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the programs were not established and numbers of wild horses increased. Now the Cheyenne River Sioux are at risk of losing 22,000 acres of their tribal land. As a result the tribe is having to lease their Tribal Park for cattle grazing to raise money, sold most of their buffalo, and have turned 317 head of Virginia Range mustangs over to ISPMB. These horses need alternative habitat right away.

In 1991, over 350,000 horses were slaughtered in one year in twelve "kill"

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Mustangs

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE BOARD

## Community Meeting Hunting and Fishing Rules 2008-2009

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

6 PM

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8. Lettuce
9. Melon - Musk
10. Melon - Water
11. Onions
12. Peas - Snap

13. Potatoes - Red
14. Potatoes - White
15. Pumpkins - Pie
16. Radishes
17. Spinach
18. Squash - Acorn
19. Squash - Butternut
20. Squash - Crookneck
21. Squash - Zucchini

Bedding Plants Available, You may select up to Four (4) of each variety:

**\* Tomatoes:**  
Cherry - Sungold  
Canning - Roma  
Slicer - Brandy Wine

**\*Peppers**  
Bell - green  
Jalapeno - hot

**\*Brassica**

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Red Cabbage

Marigolds and Garden Fertilizer are also available!

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**\*Donations are Accepted.**



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**11:00 A.M. – Tree Give Away**

**12:00 Noon – Lunch**

**1:00 P.M. - Entertainment: Dino Tlachac and his Critters of Mystery**



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# Education

## Switch to Microsoft Office Suite approaching quickly

By Nathan Plitzuweit

Computer Instructor

Six months. That is all that remains of the transitional period established back in December of 2005 by the Executive Management Team to move from the Corel WordPerfect Office Suite to the Microsoft Office Suite. As of October 1st, 2008, the Oneida Nation will only be supporting their official office suite of Microsoft Office. Thankfully the Oneida Nation Community Education Center is here to help you make sure this transition goes smoothly.

The ONCEC offers computer classes for the novice users, the advanced users, and everyone in between. For the

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

The Community Education Center computer instructors have received Microsoft

Office Specialist certification and have either obtained, or are currently pursuing, Microsoft Office Specialist Master Instructor certification. One-on-one computer tutoring and assistance is available by appointment during our regular business hours. We also offer one large computer lab and other personal computers located throughout our GED area for general use during our regular business hours. Stop in today to pick up an April computer class schedule.

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Tribal members, tribal employees, and their families receive these classes at no charge. Classes are conduct-

ed at our location at 2632 South Packerland Drive, in Green Bay. For a full March schedule, please stop by, visit our website ([www.oncec.org](http://www.oncec.org)), or give us a call at 920-496-5260.

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

## Entries invited for Young Native Writers Essay Contest

*Winners receive a trip to DC and a scholarship to college or university of their choice*

The Young Native Writers Essay Contest is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to inspire honest portrayals of the richness of Native American life and history. The contest is a program of the Holland & Knight

Charitable Foundation, <http://foundation.hklaw.com>

Students responding to this year's writing contest should present in an essay of no more than 1,200 words,

- Specific or general struggles and/or triumphs of Native Americans in history or in today's world, based on the students experiences and scholarly research; and
- How the writer will use his or talents to enhance the future of his or her

own Native American community.

Subject suggestions include, but are not limited to, Native American involvement in treaties, governments (Federal and Tribal), languages, education, folklore, religion, entertainment, health, nutrition, media, sports, and current events.

The following prizes will be awarded to winning essayists: five (5) first-place winners will each receive an all-expense-paid trip to

Washington, D.C., (tentatively scheduled for June 22-27, 2008) to visit the National Museum of the American Indian, and other prominent sites. The winners will be accompanied by the teachers who inspired their entries into the contest. First-place winners will receive a special award for display at home or school.

In addition, each first-place winner will receive a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each to be paid direct-

ly to the college or university of their choice.

The contest is open to all Native American Indian and Alaska Native high school students who are enrolled members of a state- or federally-recognized tribe. Also included are high school students enrolled in alternative schools, as well as those who are home schooled.

**Deadline for entries is April 15, 2008.**

For further information, see the program's Web site.

## Summer Youth Employment criteria announced

The Oneida Job Training Program is recruiting youth ages 14-18 for summer employment. There are three funding categories: federal, tribal, and TANF

**Federal Summer Youth Program requirements are:**

- Enrollment in a federally-recognized Tribe, and
- 14 - 18 years of age, and
- Attending school full-time and has not completed senior year, or have an approved plan to return to school full-time, and
- Meet federal household

poverty-income family guidelines, or

- Medically-diagnosed cognitive, emotional or physical disability (documentation required). May include: ADD, ADHD, LD, and ED, or
- Youth living out-of-home through court-ordered placement.

**Oneida Tribal Summer Youth Program requirements are:**

- Enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, or a youth who is a son or daughter

of an enrolled Oneida member, and

- 14 - 18 years of age, and
- Attending school full-time or have an approved plan to return to school full-time.

**Oneida TANF Summer Youth Program requirements are:**

- Must be a member of a TANF-eligible family, and
- 14 - 18 years of age, and
- Attending school full-time or have an approved plan to return to school full-time.

The Summer Youth Work Experience Program runs from June 16 - August 23, 2008. Youth will work 24 hours a week @ \$5.90 per hour. Call Sandi Skenadore at 490-3789, or Patricia Summers at 490-3796 for an application; or pick one up at the Oneida Job Training Office, Center for Self-Sufficiency, 2640 West Point Road, Green Bay.

**The Priority Deadline to Apply is April 2, 2008.**

**Initial participants will be selected by lottery on April 4, 2008.**

### Don't Forget Summer Program Registration

Wednesday, May 7, 2008  
Civic Center  
9:00 am to 8:00 pm



Session One  
5-6 & 7-8 year olds  
June 16 to July 3

Session Two  
5-6 & 9-11 year olds  
July 14 to 31

Deadline to register is May 21, 2008

Session Three  
12-14 year olds  
August 4 to 21

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Don't miss a "honey" of an opportunity!! Attend one of these information sessions to hear the latest "buzz" about Higher Education. Learn how tribal members can receive funding to attend college or technical school. "BEE" all that you can Be!!

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 • 5 P.M.**

**Oneida Police Department • 2783 Freedom Rd. Oneida**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008 • 12 P.M.**

**Airview Employee Services Bldg. • 2491 Babcock Rd., Green Bay**

**Thursday, April 24, 2008 • 5 P.M.**

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### Members and Teachers

The Asian American Journalist Association (AAJA) is pleased to announce J Camp, a multicultural journalism program for talented high school students. The program will be held from July 18 to July 23, 2008 at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. If you have any questions regarding J Camp, please contact Nao Vang, AAJA Student Programs Coordinator at: (415) 346-2051 x102 or [programs@aaaja.org](mailto:programs@aaaja.org). **The deadline to apply is April 11, 2008.**

J Camp is a one-of-a-kind program to develop the next generation of journalists. This free six-day training camp will bring together a multicultural group of high school students from across the nation to sharpen their journalism skills and work together in a unique learning environment. The curriculum consists of interactive workshops, hands-on training, and field trips.

Since the first J Camp in 2001, 251 talented young people have graduated from J Camp. The J Camp program strives to help assure excellence in the profession for decades to come by confronting the lack of diversity in journalism, not just in race, but also in matters of religious background, political background and other factors. With a diverse team, readers and viewers get different views on city governments, human interest stories, entertainment and recreation, science and medicine, and national and international news.

Speakers from past camps include: Carl Bernstein, Pulitzer Prize-winning Watergate reporter; Aaron Brown, CNN anchor; James Colton, Sports Illustrated photography editor; Leonard Downie Jr., Washington Post executive editor; Hoda Kotb, "Dateline NBC" correspondent; Atoosa Rubenstein, Seventeen magazine editor-in-chief; Carole Simpson, ABC News senior correspondent; Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., New York Times publisher; Helen Thomas, Hearst Newspapers Washington columnist; and Brian Williams, "NBC Nightly News" anchor and managing editor.

Applicants should have a keen interest in broadcasting, newspapers, magazines, photojournalism, or new media. This program is not limited to Asian American students and is open to all young journalists. Applicants must be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors for this current school year. There is no fee to apply and all costs are covered- including airfare, lodging, and meals. Students will stay in university housing during the camp week. AAJA will select approximately 42 participants.

Students go to the following address to download a pdf application:

[http://www.aaaja.org/programs/for\\_students/j\\_camp/08JCcamp\\_App.pdf](http://www.aaaja.org/programs/for_students/j_camp/08JCcamp_App.pdf)



# T'Thunderhawk

## Obama winning over ONHS students



THT Photo/Michael Stevens

As the presidential campaign continues, ONHS students have taken an interest in politics, some for the very first time. ONHS seniors Michael Stevens and Frank Clary and junior Jr. Stevens attended the Barack Obama rally at UWGB on Friday, February 15. Clary said he is excited about Obama this year and is looking forward to voting for him in the first presidential election in which he is eligible to vote. "I'm voting for Obama. I like the way he reaches out to the young people. He is one of most compelling speakers of our time. He makes you want to stay there and listen. I like the way he crushes the lies about him."

## Meet John Callahan

By Randall Danforth

ONHS senior

John Callahan is currently 17 years old. He transferred to ONHS from Zuni High School which is in Zuni, New Mexico. John attended ONHS last year as well.

In his spare time, John said he "likes to hang out with friends and go fishing."

When he graduates from high school, he wants to be a mechanic. He plans to attend college at University Technical Institute which has over twenty locations. Therefore, he does not know where he wants to go yet.

John is in journalism this semester, making him a member of the "Thunderhawk Times" team.

John's twin sister, Ashley, also attends ONHS. She said that John is only a minute older than she is, but he "uses that minute for everything" as far as bossing her around goes.

## Lacrosse Scrimmage

at Notre Dame Academy, April 5, 5pm  
Depending on field conditions

## Walking the halls with Matthew Lester

By Racheal Ninham

ONHS Senior

Matthew Lester has a very big roll in this school as a security officer. The school needs him and most students agree, he's great at his job.

Matt says, "I love working here, the students and staff are great."

Matthew has two little boys whose names are Matthew, 4, and Jackson, 2. Matthew is married to his "wonderful wife" Antoinette Lester who is Oneida/ Menominee. She works at St. Mary's Hospital as a labor delivery nurse.

Not only does he work at a school, but he also attends school at the College of Menominee Nation. His plans are to finish with a bachelors



Matthew Lester

degree, also in nursing.

In his "spare time"-which doesn't seem like much because he already sounds like a busy man-he likes to spend time with his family, bead on his traditional outfit,

## Brittany Bateman looking to the future

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Brittany Bateman is 17 years old. Her birthday is coming up on April 17. She lives with her Mom and Dad in Green Bay. She has one older sister and one younger brother. She also had two pets which are a cat and dog.

She wants to finish school and go to college at NWTC or UWGB. She wants to major in health care and



Birttany Bateman

cosmetology. After she's done with college, she would like to be in "sonography" which is working with pregnant women. She likes to play volleyball but when it comes to other sports, she "likes to watch" as in football and basketball. Her hobbies are babysitting, walking around her block and

## Calling All Text Books

By Marquita Tebeau

ONHS senior

Attention all past and present students of the Oneida Nation High School!

The faculty at the high school are requesting that if you have a text book from Oneida High School you please return them back to the school. We are having a shortage of textbooks and it would be mighty nice of everybody that has one to bring it back to the main high school office.

For a little motivation, when you return a text book, you will receive a ticket for a raffle of school-related merchandise. For every book, you get a raffle ticket. The drawing for the raffle will take place before April 10, 2008.

There is going to be more than one prize to give out, so good luck to all you good people who return a text book.



## My Scoop

### Peer Mediation Training

By Joslin Skenandore

ONHS Junior

In early March, ONHS staff members picked two students from every class (except the senior class) to go to a conference in Manitowoc for Peer Mediation. The conference was held at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, March 13. The plan is to form a peer mediation group for next school year. That's why seniors did not go.

The students who were picked were freshmen Jade Doxtator and Eli Ninham, sophomores Micheal Arce and Maria Metoxen and juniors Yuntle McLester and Joslin Skenandore.

There were other schools that participated also, like the Kiel and Valders school districts.

The conference was supposed to help the students who attended help other students at their schools when they are in a disagreement or argument.

As "peer mediators," we are supposed to go and ask what's going on and how can we help solve this problem without hurting anyone ones feelings.

Personally, I think it's dumb, but some of our staff members think it'll change our school even though whenever an argument happens here, the whole school helps each other already.

So, there wasn't really any reason for the training, but, like I said, the staff feels this will help change the school's reputation and the other stuff.

There is more training planned for this group and other students. That training will be from the Native American perspective.

### Politicians and Scandals

By Louis Guerra

ONHS Junior

Larry Craig, Eliot Spitzer, Kwame Kilpatrick...

Political scandals are nothing new, but with all of the scandals with politicians in the past couple of years some people, including me, might think that the government and politics are crooked.

It seems that a lot of politicians just can't help using their position to their advantage. It's stupid.

## Movie Review - Semi Pro

By Frank Clary

ONHS Senior

First off, movie prices have gotten ridiculous. \$8.75! Not to mention the expensive concessions!

Anyway, on to the movie.

It all starts off in the town of Flint, MI. Where Jackie Moon (Will Ferrell), the coach, owner and player of the Flint Michigan Tropics basketball team sings his famous song, "Love Me Sexy."

The movie is about Jackie who isn't very serious. The Tropics stink. They have no fans, barely even any concessions to sell. Moon isn't a great coach, either. At one point, he's teaching a play that has the ball going back from the post to the guard about fifteen times. Finally, Moon scores, traveling to do it.

Moon finds out that his semipro league will be taking the four best teams to merge with the NBA. He wants the Tropics to be one of them. Unfortunately, the Tropics are in last place and they've got to climb to at least fourth place to make it.

Moon trades the team's washing machine for Woody Harrelson's character, Monix. Monix doesn't fit in right away, but he's played in the NBA, so he has a better clue than his coach does of what it will take. The team starts win-

ning.

Of course, they win all their games for the rest of the season. It comes down to the game they need to win to get into fourth place. Before the game, they find out that even fourth place won't get them into the NBA. The team resorts to its old ways, goes on a drinking binge and everyone returns to their old jobs.

They play the "Flint Michigan Megabowl" anyway, for pride. Go see how it ends for yourself.

## A short history of the March of Dimes

By Ashley Ninham

ONHS senior

Every March, Green Bay's WBAY Channel 2, airs a telethon for the March of Dimes. This year, the telethon ran over the weekend of February 29. But how many people really know the story behind the March of Dimes?

The March of Dimes is an organization focused on the health of babies by preventing

birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. The March of Dimes conducts research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives. March of Dimes workers include researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates who work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health like prematurely,

birth defects, and low birth weight.

Did you know the first great polio epidemic in the U.S. was in 1916? The disease infected mostly children, killing thousands and leaving most of them paralyzed. In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt became one of its victims and the March of Dimes began. The March of Dimes worked hard to defeat polio and is

now working to save babies from the silent crisis of premature birth.



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## Public Hearing

**Oneida Nation  
Public Hearing Notice**  
**Purpose:**  
**Repeal of the Oneida Housing  
Authority Ordinance**  
• so that the Housing Authority  
can be replaced on a perma-  
nent basis with a new  
Housing Office and over-  
sight provided within the  
Tribal management structure  
(in place of the Oneida  
Housing Authority Board).  
**When:** *April 15, 2008*  
**Where:** *Business Committee  
Conference Room*  
**Time:** *11:30AM*

**Purpose:**  
**Amendments to the Per  
Capita Ordinance**  
• which include recommenda-  
tions from the Enrollment  
Department. The compre-  
hensive amendments include:  
changes to deadline dates in  
the law; allowing attach-  
ments for debts owed to

## Public Hearing

Tribal members or Tribal  
member owned businesses  
where there is a court order;  
addressing legally incompe-  
tent adults; requiring a high  
school diploma or GED in  
order to receive money from  
a minor's trust fund.  
**When:** *April 15, 2008*  
**Where:** *Business Committee  
Conference Room*  
**Time:** *11:30AM*

## Public Hearing Process

I. Testimony:  
**A. Oral:** There will be a 5  
minute limit for all oral pre-  
sentations. Each participant is  
encouraged to provide a writ-  
ten transcript of his/her oral  
testimony, to be submitted  
while present at the public  
hearing or within ten (10) busi-  
ness days from the date of pub-  
lic hearing to the below named  
individuals.

## Public Hearing

**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 sub-  
mitted 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@oneida-  
nation.org Or call 1-800-236-  
2214 or 869-4376. The  
Legislative Reference Office  
fax number is 1-920-869-  
4399.

## Commission Vacancies

**Oneida Personnel  
Commission:**  
One (1) Vacancy  
**Qualifications:**  
• Must be an enrolled member  
of the Oneida Tribe  
• The entire combined mem-  
bership may not consist of  
more than two (2) members  
from any one division of the  
Oneida Tribe, nor less than  
seven (7) community mem-  
bers  
• Shall Serve a full term of 3  
Years  
**Purpose:**  
• The membership may not be  
such that a conflict of inter-  
est or nepotism is created as  
defined in these by-laws: A.  
Nepotism is created by the  
following relationships:  
father, mother, husband,  
wife, brother, sister, daugh-  
ter, son, father-in-law, moth-  
er-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 con-  
flict between the private  
interests and the official  
responsibilities of a person  
in a position of trust. A or  
any other recognized hear-  
ing body within the Oneida  
Tribe.  
**Deadline date of  
April 10, 2008**

## Board Vacancies

• All members shall reside in  
the Southeastern Wisconsin  
area for their term of three  
(3) years  
• Must attend all Tribal  
Council meetings, functions  
and other events as estab-  
lished by the SEOTS board  
office or the tribe.  
**Purpose:**  
• It shall the be the purpose of  
the SEOTS Advisory Board  
to set missions and goals for  
the deliver of services; to act  
as liaison between the  
Oneida Social Services  
Program serving  
Southeastern Wisconsin and  
the Oneida people residing  
therein; to review the pro-  
gram's administration; pro-  
vided guidance in all the  
functions of the SEOTS  
Board; and to adhere to the  
appropriate chain of com-  
mand in any and all relative  
communications.  
**Deadline date of  
April 10, 2008**

## Youth Employment

**Summer Youth Employment**  
Youth ages 14 – 18  
The Oneida Job Training  
Program is recruiting youth for  
summer employment. There are  
three funding categories: federal,  
tribal, and TANF  
**Federal Summer Youth  
Program** Requirements are:  
1. Enrollment in a federally-rec-  
ognized Tribe, and  
2. 14 – 18 years of age, and  
4. Attending school full-time and  
has not completed senior year,  
or have an approved plan to  
return to school full-time, and  
5. Meet federal household pover-  
ty-income family guidelines, or  
6. Medically-diagnosed cognitive,  
emotional or physical disability  
(documentation required). May  
include: ADD, ADHD, LD, and  
ED, or  
7. Youth living out-of-home  
through court-ordered place-  
ment.

**ONEIDA Tribal Summer Youth  
Program** Requirements are:  
1. Enrolled member of the Oneida  
Nation, or a youth who is a son  
or daughter of an enrolled  
Oneida member, and  
2. 14 - 18 years of age, and  
3. Attending school full-time or  
have an approved plan to return  
to school full-time.  
**ONEIDA TANF Summer Youth  
Program** Requirements are:  
1. Must be a member of a TANF-  
eligible family, and  
2. 14 – 18 years of age, and  
3. Attending school full-time or  
have an approved plan to return  
to school full-time.  
The Summer Youth Work  
Experience Program runs from  
June 16 - August 23, 2008. Youth  
will work 24 hours a week @  
\$5.90 per hour. Call Sandi  
Skenadore at 490-3789, or Patricia  
Summers at 490-3796 for an  
application; or pick one up at the  
Oneida Job Training Office,  
Center for Self-Sufficiency, 2640  
West Point Road, Green Bay.

**THE PRIORITY DEADLINE  
TO APPLY IS APRIL 2, 2008.  
INITIAL PARTICIPANTS  
WILL BE SELECTED BY  
LOTTERY ON APRIL 4, 2008**

## Bus Riders Wanted

The Oneida Head Start  
Program needs bus riders to  
be on the busses used to  
pick up (AM) the children  
and then to deliver them  
home (PM). Morning shift  
and afternoon shifts are  
available. For every two  
rides the volunteer will be  
given a \$10.00 gas card. If  
interested please call Valerie

**Send your email to  
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*Kalihwisaks*

**NEXT DEADLINE**

is...**Wednesday**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**  
**@4:30 p.m.**  
with a  
**PUBLISH DATE**  
of...**Thursday,**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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(4) Four Vacancies  
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Oneida Tribe  
• The Board shall consist of  
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### Anthony John Matson

Anthony John Matson was born on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 9:28 to proud parents Jayne Danforth and Travis Matson. He weighed 8lbs 8oz and was 20 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Joseph and Geraldine Danforth. His paternal grandmother is Eileen Matson. Siblings are Terrence and Desmond.

## From Page 2B/Mustangs

plants throughout the United States. That same year approximately 80,000 horses were shipped to Canadian slaughter plants. The same situation could happen again today, with 317 head of the Virginia Range Herd in immediate danger of being sold to slaughter.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Actually adopt a horse from the herd. Horses will go to qualified adopters.
- Become a member of ISPMB. ISPMB's quarterly publication "Wild Horse and Burro Diary" will keep you abreast of current happenings.
- Create fundraisers in your area to help us.
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## Congratulations

### Mattie Holtz

and the Ultimate Fusion Athletics Jr. Team on your "National Champion" win in Orlando  
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## Happy Birthday

**Dawn!!!**  
on March 29<sup>th</sup>  
*From the Kali Staff  
(Von, Steve & Nate)  
and Communications  
Staff  
(Bobbi, Deb & Phil)*

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## Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Happy Belated Birthday  
**Dante**



*Love Mom, Devonte, Pedro  
and family*

## Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Happy 'Golden' Birthday  
to our brother  
**Mario Lyons**  
26 on March 26th



*We'll celebrate when you  
get home ... Stay Safe!  
Love You Bro! Von & Family,  
your wife Josie & boys  
Mario Jr. & Anthony  
and the rest of your many  
Brothers & Sisters*

## Congratulations

### Iris Metoxen

and the UWO Cheer and Stunt team.  
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Championship 2008



*Very proud of you baby  
girl!!!  
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## Happy Birthday

Belated to my  
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nephew Talon,  
Mom, Gramma and  
Grampa*



*Taryn Evening Star Webster  
born March 5, 1975  
after the first star  
appeared  
under the toenail moon*

## Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Paige Kakkak

From this...

To this



*Love, Mom, Dad, Aaron, Kain, and Kaily*

## Reaching out to UW-Stevens Point Native American Alumni

Join us for a 10 AM Brunch Buffet on Saturday, May 3, 2008. All Upward Bounders, Graduates, AIRO members and faculty and staff.

This is a fundraiser to continue the Jack Messing Memorial Scholarship. Jack was our math teacher, Upward Bound Director and PRIDE Program Director. He was always very supportive and encouraging to native students.

The Brunch will be at the Ramada Inn (the former Holiday Inn) at 1502 Northpoint Drive, Stevens Point, WI. \$20 covers the cost of the meal and your contribution to the scholarship fund. Children pay just for the cost of the meal. Donations are welcome. You may pay at the door or checks should be made out to: **UWSP Foundation** and mailed to: Sharon Cloud, Director

UWSP – Native American Center  
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Stevens Point, WI 54481

It's also the **35th Annual**

**AIRO Pow Wow.** Grand Entry at the Berg Gym is 1 PM. It would be great to see everyone again so let's call it a **reunion** as well. Sponsored by: UWSP/AIRO

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

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

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

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

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## Saturday, May 3rd

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# Ohuntsya=k#kha Kanunya>sh&ha Iroquois Social Songs and Dances

Submitted by  
Kal<na>kehtskwas Brook

At a social dance gathering, people can visit with one another, but it is done quietly. Social dances are meant to be relaxing, fun and soothing. When a speaker stands to speak, everyone should immediately listen to his announcement. When the singers are singing, it is said that the people should be listening to their song and even try to sing along with them at least mentally.

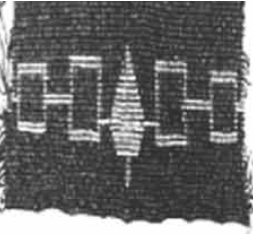
The traditional instruments that are used are the water drum and the cow horn rattles. The water drum is a gift from our Creator. Our Creator intended that the water drum give the people joy and entertainment. Our Creator also intended the water drum to be used for giving thanks to all living things. The beat of the drum is the symbol of the heartbeat of all human beings as well as all other living things. In a sense the drum also represents the world we live in.

We are taught that as long as we follow the Creator’s teachings human beings will have an everlasting life. The rattles are used to complement the water drum. There is a modern evolution of the rattles used today. The first rattles were made from hickory tree bark. Later in history the buffalo horn was used and now today, our people use the cow horns. These horn rattles are used for both social and ceremonial songs. We also have explanations for each of our social dances,

for example the Raccoon Dance originated from the Cayuga Nation, but all Iroquoian Communities share this dance a like. Both Oneida communities in Wisconsin and Canada have different dance steps then the other Iroquoian communities. The men sit in two rows and sing using both the cow horn rattles and water drum. Two men will get up to lead out the dance. They will face one another and kick their feet to the beat of the drum in a rhythmic motion. After a

verse or two, a pair of women will get up and join in by picking a set of male partners. This will then make it male, female, male, female. After the set of slower drum beat verses are complete, the male singers will then speed up the tempo and the dance steps will turn into an Old Moccasin Dance style. Each verse will continue until a dancers yells out to stop the singers from singing that verse. This dance is enjoyed by most. This oral tradition has been taught for several generations and all K-12th grade stu-

dents are taught this very old oral tradition of social dancing. By the time the students reach 9th grade, they are expected to travel near and far to share the original song and dance of the Iroquois. It is with the understanding that our ancestors fought to keep our culture and language alive for the future generations and therefore the students are being taught that it’s now there duty and responsibility to carry out what’s been passed down to them. Yaw<k% for taking the time to read this information.



## Spring Social Dance



**Come Celebrate Spring and help us sing!**

**For: 1-3rd Grades**

**Hosted By: ONHS Iroquois Music Class**

**Date: April 15, 2008**

**Time: 1:00-2:30pm**

**Place: Turtle School- Small Gym**

**Any questions feel free to contact Kana or Kalana at 920-869-1676**

*Students are encouraged to wear ribbon shirt/dress, an Ukwehuwe school sweatshirt, or a purple/white shirt*



## March is the time for tapping the maple trees, and making maple syrup

The following is a Tobacco Burning that is said before the trees are tapped.

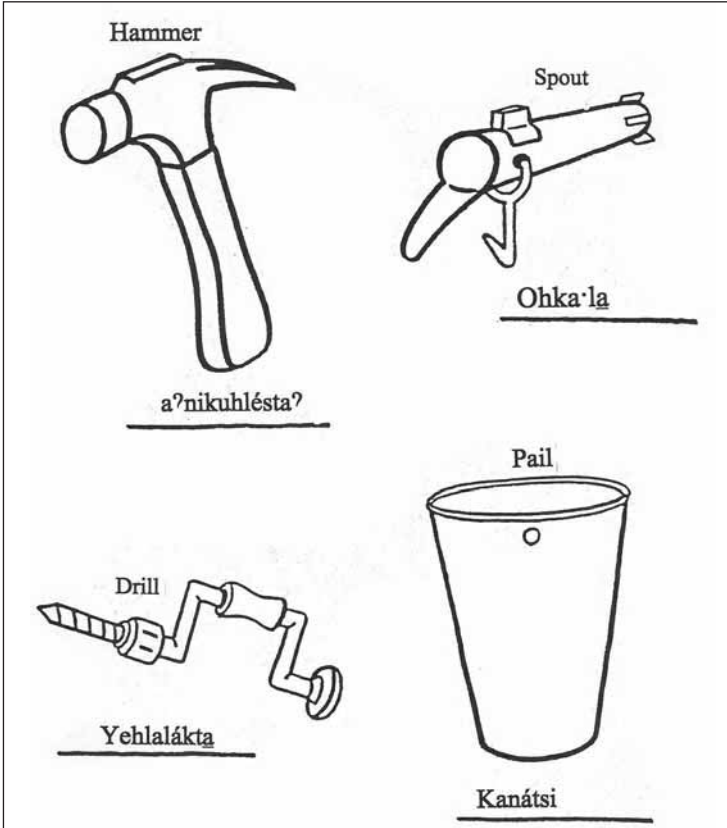
Ta= ona wakayukwalot< nen oykwa=uwe.  
Now the smoke has risen of the tobacco  
Ne=n kantho wanisla>te  
Here on this day  
waikwaya=talo>loke  
we have gathered  
tsi>nu ylhotu.  
Of where is the forest  
Ne=akawen\$ <twanehelatu ne=wahta nikalunto>t<.  
Now we can give thanks to the maple kinds of trees

Ona wakayukwalot< nen oyukwa=uwe  
Now the smoke has risen of the tobacco  
Ona wak@heweh <kanehkalikeh ne=n wahta.  
Now the time has come for the sap to flow the maple.  
Tho>nu <twalakko akakweni  
This is where we take from it can be  
<twatsyakehtuni  
We will make maple sugar  
Tsi>nahte skana <twanutuni  
Of what we are feeling  
Yukwa>watsilayantu.  
Our families.

Ona wakayukwalot< ne=n oyukwa=uwe  
Now the smoke has risen the tobacco.  
Ne=n watwaliwahne>k<se  
Now we are asking for  
tak<> huka aYakonulyake  
don't anyone get hurt  
kanyo> <hatiyote kalha>ku.  
when they work in the woods.

Ona wakayukwalot< ne=n oyukwa=uwe.  
Now the smoke has risen the tobacco.  
Ne=n wayethiliwane>k<se  
Now what we are asking for  
Kaye> niyukwetake khale Shukwayatishu  
Four messengers and the Creator  
<shakok<>lati  
To watch over them  
Tsyukwetatsu skana <hotinikulot<hake.  
Each one fine their minds shall be.

Ona wakayukwalot< ne=n oyukwa=uwe.  
Now the smoke has risen the tobacco.  
Ta= thonyole wakatkweni ne=n kayukuntho.  
Now this is as far I'm able the tobacco burning.  
Ta= thonyutuhak ne=n yukwanikula.  
Now this how it shall be our minds.



THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU NEED TO TAP A MAPLE TREE. CAN YOU NAME THEM ?



## Sports

# T-Hawk track and field off and running UND sorority put on probation for Indian garb party

By Nate Wisneski

Kalihiwisaks

Oneida track coach Dennis Danforth isn't sure what to expect from his young team this season but while this season's expectations may not be measurable, they do exist.

"As a team, I want to see continuous improvement in their performance (throughout the year). I want them to train and learn to be committed," said Danforth.

Danforth, in his second season as varsity track coach, has 14 kids available for events, which is more than double the amount from last year.

"We are a very young team and don't have a lot of experience," said Danforth. "We are looking at seniors for leadership and to do good things."

Two of those seniors are the Funmaker twins, Luanne and Reanne. "They have the most experience and are runners," he said.

Luanne best events are the open 400 meters and the 200 meters. Danforth also expects her to run the 100 yard dash if she feels well enough to do so.

While Luanne handles the sprints, Reanne has the distance races covered. She runs the mile and 3200.

Danforth expects positive

## Relay for Life

**May 1, 2008 will be Oneida Relay for Life Kick Off meeting at the Radisson.** The Relay for Life is a 16 hour walk around the track at Norbert Hill Center, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida, Wisconsin. You are welcome to come out and support the community in this



kali photo/Nate Wisneski

The T-Hawk track team prepare for the upcoming season in the small gym at the Turtle School.

results from Luanne. "She has a goal of getting to state, that would be good for the school and our track program," he said.

Danforth not only wants to mold better track athletes but better people as well. "I talk about commitment to themselves, families and schools. They are representatives of the school and community. The community looks to them to see how they are doing and I try to remind them of that," he said. "I give them encouragement and let them know we are going to be there to

support them. I let them know to be role models."

The Thunderhawks don't belong to a conference but face tough competition throughout the year. The team will face the likes of West De Pere, Denmark and Wrightstown. Danforth likes his team's ability to compete. "We started late last year. Our first meet wasn't until April. We got an earlier start this year and got our kids trained," he said.

Danforth was also pleased with the results from earlier meets this year. "The kids did

very well for their first track meet. Some of them never took part in a track meet. I was very pleased," said Danforth.

Coach Danforth is excited not only for this upcoming track season but also the youth in his feeder program. "I am trying to build a track program in Oneida and it starts with the feeder program in the schools. I think we have the right people in place to assist with making it work," he said.

## kick off meeting set for May 1 at Radisson


(jwebstel@oneidanation.org)  
• Doris Yelk-Wilberg, Little Bear (dyelk@oneidanation.org)  
• Lisa Behringer, Little Bear (lbehring@oneidanation.org)  
• Paula (Pogi) King Dessart, Norbert Hill Center

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• Laura Laitinen, Employee Services Building (llaitine@oneidanation.org)


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Skills Building for Construction and Trades Businesses: Estimating, Bidding, Bonding, Financing and Marketing.




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### American Indian Business Capacity Project

"Skills Building for Construction and Trades Businesses: Estimating, Bidding, Bonding, Financing and Marketing."

Sponsored by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, First American Capital Corporation, American Indian Construction & Trades Association, and the Great Lakes Indian Law Center.

AICCW and its partners hosted 7 training sessions across the state for Indian-owned construction and trades businesses. The first phase of training focused on the US Hwy 41 Project and getting Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) certified to do business with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT); over 75 individuals attended these trainings. The second phase of these trainings is focused on helping construction and trades related business owners build skills in the areas of estimating, bidding, bonding, financing and marketing. We hope you will join us!

### Estimating, Bidding, Bonding and Financing for Construction and Trades Businesses

Want to help your construction and trades business grow? This training focuses on helping business owners estimate the time and

resources necessary to complete a project, increasing their ability to successfully bid on WisDOT projects. Learn how bonding can help build the capacity of your business. In addition, learn more about financing options for construction related businesses. Sessions will be led by industry experts and business owners with a focus on helping established and new construction business owners gain valuable skills in these areas.

**Dates:**  
**Thursday, April 10th**  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay  
**Thursday, April 17th**  
Pine Hills Club House, Gresham

Who should attend:  
• Indian-owned businesses in the construction and trades industry  
• Tribal economic development staff

### Marketing to the Government and its Prime Contractors – for Small Construction Businesses

Why should the Wisconsin Department Why should the WisDOT or construction Prime contractors consider working with you? In this workshop, you will learn how the government works, what the government and its Primes are looking for in a contractor, how to

find opportunities, how to evaluate your strengths and weaknesses, and how to enter and succeed in the Government marketplace. This is a hands-on workshop developed to provide small construction businesses the necessary marketing skills and capabilities to compete successfully for Government work.

**Date:**  
**Tuesday, April 22nd**  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay

Who should attend:  
• Indian-owned businesses in the construction and trades industry  
• Tribal economic development staff

Continental breakfast and lunch provided to participants. Please send RSVP or requests for more information to Gary Mejchar at 414.604.2044 or gary.aiccw@gmail.com.

*The purpose of the American Indian Business Capacity Project is to assist Indian-owned businesses and economic development programs on and off the reservation to build capacity to become DBE certified. The project started in June 2006 and is administered by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin with support from the Great Lakes Indian Law Center.*

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) \_ A University of North Dakota sorority has been put on probation in the wake of a party last fall in which some people dressed up as American Indians.

The Gamma Phi Beta sorority was put on probation by both the sorority's central office in Centennial, Colo., and by the UND dean of students office. That office will investigate a discrimination complaint filed against the sorority by American Indian students.

Internet photos from the November party showed female students wearing Indian dresses and feather headdresses, and some male students wearing loincloths made from T-shirts. Some wore red makeup on their faces and bodies.

Students associated with UND's American Indian Student Services house say the party was offensive and racially insensitive.

The sorority president at the time of the party has said it was held off campus and billed as a cowboy-themed party, but that the sorority had no control over how people chose to dress.

Cassie Gerhardt, UND's Greek life coordinator, said that when her office approved the party, it was labeled as a "fun fall date party."

The party was held at the Grand Forks Country Club,

which the sorority rented for the occasion, said club manager Michael Delohery.

"We were contacted to rent the club for a fall dance, and we did," he said. "If you were to ask me if we'd ever have them back, I'd say 'no.'"

While on probation, Gamma Phi will not be allowed to host or participate in social activities with other sororities and fraternities or with other student groups, either on or off campus, said Lillian Elsinga, UND's dean of students.

UND President Charles Kupchella said in a statement that the investigation most likely will involve "several groups at several levels," and that "Appropriate action will be taken at the conclusion of the review."

Elsinga would not speculate on what type of penalty the sorority might face.

The portrayal of American Indians is a sensitive topic at UND because of the controversy surrounding the school's Fighting Sioux nickname and Indian head logo.

Under an agreement with the NCAA late last year that settled a lawsuit filed by UND, the university will retire the nickname and logo in three years if it cannot get the support of the Sioux tribes in North Dakota.



# Health

## Report Finds Progress in Decreasing Asthma Burden

A new state report shows progress in reducing the burden of asthma in Wisconsin, although some racial and ethnic groups are still disproportionately affected.

“The good news for Wisconsin is that despite an increase in asthma prevalence over the last several years, Wisconsin has made progress in decreasing the burden of asthma,” said Dr. Sheri Johnson, State Health Officer. “However, asthma remains an important, statewide public health issue.”

The report, Burden of Asthma in Wisconsin, 2007, summarizes a variety of data on asthma including prevalence, associated costs, disease management, emergency department visit and hospitalization rates, and information about the number of deaths due to asthma.

Highlights of the report include:

- Overall, Wisconsin’s asthma prevalence, hospitalization, emergency department and mortality rates are lower than national estimates.

- The prevalence of asthma has climbed to a high of 13

percent in Wisconsin adults and children, however statewide rates of hospitalizations, emergency department visits and death due to asthma have remained unchanged or have decreased slightly.

- Among African Americans in Wisconsin, both adults and public school children have asthma prevalence rates nearly twice as high as for whites. African Americans also have significantly higher rates for hospitalizations, emergency department visits and mortality due to asthma in comparison to whites. Milwaukee County, which has the highest proportion of African Americans in Wisconsin, has

the second-highest hospitalization rate and the highest emergency department visit rate for asthma.

- Menominee County, which is largely composed of Menominee Tribe members, has the third-highest hospitalization rate and the second-highest emergency department visit rate for asthma.

Limiting exposure to asthma triggers is an important part of managing asthma, and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke has been identified as both a cause of asthma in children and an asthma trigger. Wisconsin public school children who are continuously exposed to environ-

mental tobacco smoke report higher rates of asthma.

Individuals with asthma can take steps to help manage their asthma by doing the following:

- Avoiding exposure to environmental tobacco smoke,
- Seeing a primary care doctor regularly,
- Taking the medication they receive from their health care providers,
- Having a plan to deal with asthma emergencies and
- Receiving an annual flu shot

“While the health impacts of asthma are the primary motivation for public health action, poorly-managed asthma takes a financial toll as

well,” Johnson said. “In 2005, total cost for asthma-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits exceeded \$62.8 million. Better asthma management can help reduce these costs.”

A full copy of the recently released asthma surveillance report, The Burden of Asthma in Wisconsin, 2007 is available at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/eh/Asthma/index.htm>

## Health Topic



By Ravi Vir, MD, Internal Medicine & Medical Director

Dr. Vir did his residency in Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL/1992-1995.

He is a member of the American College of Physicians since 1995 and was published in the Annals of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology Volume 79, Number 3, September 1997 on sleep disturbances in clinically stable young asthmatic adults.

Dr. Vir is married to Meena and they have 3 sons, Deepak, Surya, & Dhruv. He enjoys spending time with family, camping, and reading.

If you don’t know what “blastomycosis” is, make plans now to attend the next health topic session Tuesday evening April 8, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in the Main Conference Room at the Oneida Community Health Center. Refreshments will be served.

## What is Blastomycosis?

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 5:00 P.M.

Main Conference Rm.

The Oneida Community Health Center will sponsor their second “Health Topic” for 2008. On Tuesday, April 8th, Dr. Ravi Vir, Medical Director, will talk about “blastomycosis.” Session will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room at the Oneida Community Health Center.

Dr. Ravi Vir is a native of India & has lived in Wisconsin for 14 years. His education includes a M.B., B.S. from the Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India/1983-1988 and from the University of Delhi, Clinical Research Center, India/1990-1992.

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## Alzheimer’s Association to Host “A Kaleidoscope of Memories”

Green Bay – The Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Wisconsin will hold their 2nd Annual “Kaleidoscope of Memories” event on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the National Railroad Museum, 2285 South Broadway, in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

This unique event will offer a nostalgic full-museum experience at one of the most renowned Railroad Museums in the United States.

The evening will feature...

- Honorary Co-Chairs, Ryan and Jennifer Pickett (Green Bay Packer)
- Emcee, Lisa Malak, WFRV-TV
- An spectacular “Station Dinner” catered by Chives Restaurant

- A delightful evening of music
- An opportunity to explore the five trains in the Lenfesty Center
- A train ride on “The Josephine”
- An extraordinary Silent Auction, including original “Memories In the Making” watercolors
- A commemorative photo opportunity

Throughout the evening attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction and bid on a variety of fine art and other sought after items, in addition to viewing a collection of artwork from the Alzheimer’s Association’s Memories In The Making® watercolor expression program.

Raffle tickets are currently being sold for the following

prizes: A two-day golf outing in Door County, donated by Jamie Keiler & Horseshoe Bay Golf Course; an exquisite designer bracelet, donated by Rummele’s; and a Door County fine arts getaway package, donated by Stan & Jan Lillich, the Door County Community Auditorium, and Al Johnson’s Restaurant. The raffle ticket sales will close on May 30th, with the raffle drawing taking place at noon on that day.

Tickets are available for “Kaleidoscope of Memories” by calling the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Wisconsin. Make your reservations early by calling the Chapter office at 920.469.2110 or toll-free at 800-272-3900. Reservations are also being taken for tables of eight in memory or honor of a named beneficiary, or corporations may choose to sponsor a table. In either case, a table tent with the name will be provided. Seating is limited to 200, so make your reservations early! The reservation deadline for this event is Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

To learn more about this event or other programs and services offered through the Alzheimer’s Association, please call the numbers above or visit our website at [www.alz.org/gwwi](http://www.alz.org/gwwi).

## Oneida Health Center New Immunization Clinic Hours

Submitted by Jenny Jorgensen, RN, BSN

Community Health Department

Effective March 1, 2008, the walk-in immunization clinics held at the Oneida Health Center will change its hours. To better serve our clients, we will no longer hold walk-in clinics and are taking appointments only.

The immunization clinics will be booking appointments on the following dates and times:

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 1:00PM – 3:00PM
- 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 8:30AM – 10:30AM

The immunization clinics are moving to an appointment-based system for the following reasons:

- To allow greater flexibility in appointment times for clients/parents.
- To reduce the long wait times associated with walk-in clinics.
- To reduce overall time away from class, activities and work.
- To improve customer service by allowing for longer appointment duration and time spent with each client to answer any questions as needed.
- To ensure adequate vaccine supply.

To book an appointment, please call the Community Health Department at 869-4840.

- 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 • April 18<sup>d</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 American Red Cross

Coordinated by the Employee Health Dept.



## 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.

**After Hour Services for OCHC Medical Clinic**  
WHO – Oneida Community Health Center. Registered Nurses are the staff that supply After Hour’s coverage.

\* This staff also works up to 40 hrs/week at the clinic.

WHAT – Staff is available to help determine need for home care or urgent care.  
\* They DO NOT determine Contract Health eligibility.

WHERE – Staff are on call at home.  
\* They do not have access to computer information and/or the medical record.

WHEN – Staff is on call all hours that the Oneida Health Center is closed.  
For adult patients (18 and older) the adult doctors will not prescribe narcotics after hours.

## CONTRACT HEALTH ISSUES

If an emergency occurs and you need to access an Emergency facility – you have 72 hours to notify the clinic of this event. Please notify clinic staff during open hours. If other services are needed before the next open day – please contact the on call staff.

\* **Emergency** – Chest pain, difficulty breathing, a laceration that won’t quit active bleeding after 30-40 minutes, any injury that requires IMMEDIATE attention (following a motor vehicle accident, obvious broken bone, head injury with signs of a concussion are examples).

Contract Health DOES NOT cover medication refill payment after hours. Final eligibility is determined by Contract Health staff during open clinic hours.

**National Public Health Week**  
April 7-13, 2008  
[www.nphw.org](http://www.nphw.org)

April 9th  
4:30-6:30 pm  
Turtle School Gym

**Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance**

## Come to Our Spring Fling!

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Thunder Moon

April 2008

## Elders and Everyone... DRUMS Contact

**From the desk of:** Linda Douglas

I am with Elderly Services and will be the main contact for the DRUMS Across Oneida newsletter. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, concerns, complaints, etc. Thank you for your attention. My phone number: **920-869-2448 email [ldouglas@oneidana-tion.org](mailto:ldouglas@oneidana-tion.org)**

## Elder law in Indian Country

A conference for tribal elders and the people who care about them.

April 23-24 2008  
Lodge at Cedar Creek  
805 Creske Ave  
Rothschild, WI 54474

**Hosted by Wisconsin Judicare's  
Indian Law Office, Wausau, WI**

### April 23, 2008

**7:30-9:00 a.m.**

*Breakfast*

**9:00-12 p.m.**

*Seminars*

**12:00-1:30 p.m.**

*Lunch & Speaker*

**1:30-4:00 p.m.**

*Seminars*

**6-9 p.m.**

*Dinner/Music*

### April 24, 2008

**7:30-9:00 a.m.**

*Breakfast*

**9:00-12 p.m.**

*Seminars*

**12-2:00 p.m.**

*Lunch & Speaker*

**2 p.m.**

*Closing*

**Topics/Agencies Include:** Divorce, Kinship Care, Family Care, Social Security, Medicare, Badger Care Plus, Wills, Power of Attorney for Health Care, Disability Rights-WI, Veteran Benefits, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The conference is free but limited to 200 registrants. Registration closes after first 200 registrants or on April 14th whichever comes first. Register by calling Mary Jo at Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638.

Note: On-site hotel rooms are available and will be provided free on a first come first served basis for tribal elders who register for the conference. Nine rooms per tribe will be allocated. Additional hotel rooms may be available at reduced rates once free rooms are taken or for other conference attendees. The Lodge is offering an upgrade package if tribal elders wish to bring their families. If interested ask for details when you register.

To register and/or request a hotel room CALL Mary Jo at Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638. The deadline for room requests is April 3, 2008.

Judicare's Indian Law Office's Native American Elders Outreach Project, has sponsored this conference with financial assistance, in whole, through a grant from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Federal Medicare Agency.



## FYI - For our elder consumers

Starting February 2009 television broadcasting will be changed from analog to digital. This is supposed to provide better viewing and help emergency responders protect the community. In order for this change to not affect your television viewing a TV converter box must be purchased and connected to your television. Most converter boxes will be priced from \$50 to

\$70. Any televisions connected to cable, satellite, or services of the sort do not need a converter box to receive broadcasting.

Since new equipment must be purchased to accomodate the broadcasting change the government is offering a program to help lower the cost for consumers. You can apply for a \$40 coupon via telephone, online, mail in, or by fax. There is a

limit of two coupons per household. The remaining balance of the converter will be the consumer's out of pocket cost.

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

## GLNAEA

### Great Lakes Native American Elders Association

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

#### **Agenda Items:**

- *Continental Breakfast*
- *Speakers and Presentations on Elderly Issues*

#### **Entertainment:**

*Thursday evening from 7 - 10 pm.*

*Raffles, Door Prizes, Vendors and Other Activities*

- **Please Remember to bring our tribal enrollment card •**

#### Future 2008 Meetings

**June 5 & 6** - Forrest Co. Potawatomi

**August 7 & 8** - Stockbridge-Munsee

**October 2 & 3** - Lac Vieux Desert

**December 4 & 5** - Mole Lake Ojibwe

# Come Get Away, To Mackinac Island!

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

We are looking for 30 to 40 lucky people to join the fun!

The trip includes:

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

We'll be gone from:

June 16 through the 20th

The Deposit Due: \$75.00 by April 11, 2008

Payment Due In Full by May 2, 2008!!

The Total Cost: \$475.00

If we don't meet the minimum of 30 People, the trip will be canceled and money refunded!!!!

# A Get Away You Been Waiting For!